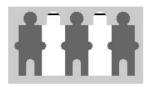
## International Symposium on Drylands Ecology and Human Security (ISDEHS)



Perspectives, Policy Responses and Sustainable Development in the Arab Region - Challenges and Opportunities

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Dear Conference Participants,
Please note once again that we will only issue
the "Official Letters of Invitation", upon
receiving and confirming your registration fees.
The conference will be booked out and
consequently there will
be no on-site registration.

In fact not now and not for future ISDEHS events! We will establish a platform for dialogue and some participants will travel half way around the world to meet with you, therefore we will make sure that the program will be "as promised" and will in addition come up with a fierce "no show policy".

So for those that are not serious about science, think that submitting an abstract is enough to have something in your CV and believe that "shopping" is more interesting than trying to find applicable solutions for millions of affected people in drylands — a simple warning:

ISDEHS will not be your type of event!

For those of you that are from a developing / transforming economy and serious, will attend the event and will be available for discussions, networking and the urgently needed cross-cultural interaction - we have actually already decided to give you a 50% deduction voucher for ISDEHS 2007 (most likely in Doha with already an expected participation of over 350 scientists) In other words, first you will make an effort and later you will get something back – in return to excellent networking opportunities!

In addition be advised that a multitude of bad experiences in the past, in addition to strict entry visa regulations will make on—site registration in general less available for international events.

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For those that use our **e-payment option and pay with a credit card**, there will be a 100% refund, if we receive a cancellation email before the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2006. Therefore we strongly advice to look for a person that has a credit card, reimburse the cash amount and ask the person to make the transfer on your behalf. It is fast, efficient and safe, besides you have the guarantee to receive your money back in case something will prevent you from attending.

These are the details you need for a bank transfer:

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Thanks for your cooperation – your registration fees will be used to establish a long term sustainable research and implementation initiative for the Gulf region, with good publications, etc. – in other words in will not be lost to bureaucracy and prestigious nonsense. That is our NDRD promise!

PS: Please remember that there is now an open call for candidates for the new NDRD Council – make use of your choice! Nominate whom you want to vote! (NDRD website)