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Each year 17 June is marked as the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought. Commemorating this day provides an occasion to underline the seriousness of global land degradation. Although this World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought has a tradition of the oundelateuoFJna

evident and we pay tribute to those who have actively participated in focusing the world's attention on environmental issues.