

The United Nations Climate Change Conference in Poznan, 1-12 December 2008

Information note: Use of biochar (charcoal) to replenish soil carbon pools, restore soil fertility and sequester CO₂

Submission by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

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Our biochar proposal submitted to COP-14 in Poland (UN Climate Change Conference) was accepted by the UNFCCC for the dialogue for the post 2012 climate regime. This is an important step towards UN certified emissions reductions (CER) and clean development mechanism (CDM) projects.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) AfricaViewPoint encourage that African countries negotiate the inclusion of biochar techniques as approved methodologies in the CDM.