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Signature of the project document « Support to the implementation of the regional action plans that target the fight against desertification In the region of El Brek- Governorate of Kasserine 2nd phase »

Tunis, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007- The UNDP Resident Representative and the Tunisian Ministre of Environment and sustainable development signed yesterday 27th of December 2007 a project document « Support to the implementation of the regional action plans that target the fight against desertification in the region of El Brek- Governorate of Kasserine”, which constitutes the second phase of regional programme to fight desertification.

This project is funded in parallel by the Finnish Government within the regional programme of the UNDP Arid Zone Development Centre based in Beirut with 125.000US\$ and the Tunisian Government by 175.000 US\$. It targets the consolidation of the benefits of the first phase of the support process in the implementation of the national action plan to fight desertification in Tunisia and this through two major interventions:

- Support to the strengthening of the institutional mechanisms and of the local and regional stakeholders;
- Support to the implementation of the regional action plan to fight desertification of the Kasserine governorate via priority actions to the marginalized population for the sustainable natural resources' management in the zone of El Brek

This project is a direct contribution to the United Nations Development Assistance Framework strategic result on addressing regional disparities.

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