Universal Versatile Society (UVS)

UNCCD COP14: Civil Society Policy Engagement

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Universal Versatile Society (UVS) participated in the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD COP14). The conference brought together governments, civil society and other stakeholders to advance action on desertification, land degradation and drought.

UVS delegation

The official UNCCD participant list, ICCD/COP(14)/INF.5, page 58, names four representatives under Universal Versatile Society:

- Swarnima Mudgal
- Aakriti Singh
- Narayan Solanke
- Dnyaneshwari Solanke

Civil society policy consultations

UVS's organisational contribution record states that the Society contributed to policy drafting in civil society organisation meetings associated with COP14. The official participant list confirms the delegation; it does not specify the policy text or recommendations drafted by individual UVS representatives.

At the conference level, civil society engagement included open dialogues on inclusive land tenure in the context of land degradation neutrality, and intergenerational cooperation for land restoration, including land tenure security, green jobs and migration. These were collective COP14 themes, rather than individually attributed UVS proposals.

Formal recognition of civil society contributions

Through Decision 29/COP.14, adopted on 12 September 2019, the Conference of the Parties took note with appreciation of the Civil Society Organisations' Declaration and decided to include it as an annex to the conference report. This records the formal recognition of the collective civil society contribution.

Sources and further reading

Official UNCCD participant list - UVS delegation on page 58

Decision 29/COP.14 - Civil Society Organisations' Declaration

Official COP14 overview

UVS source: Contribution to UN.pdf, page 1. Its August 2019 date is superseded here by the official conference dates. No separate public record of UVS-authored policy wording was identified in the sources reviewed. Prepared 23 October 2026.