

## **Geological Aspects of Deserts and Desertification**

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Dr. Onn Crouvi, Geological Survey of Israel, *“Sand dunes and the downwind accretion of desert loess.”*

Dr. Rivka Amit, Geological Survey of Israel, *“Pedogenesis in response to Quaternary-scale aridification of the Negev desert, Israel.”*

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