

Decision 14/COP.11

Assessment of financial flows for the implementation of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 3/COP. 8 adopting the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (The Strategy), which contains a strategic objective entitled “to mobilize resources to support implementation of the Convention through building effective partnerships between national and international actors”, and an operational objective on finance and technology transfer entitled “to mobilize and improve the targeting and coordination of national, bilateral and multilateral financial and technological resources in order to increase their impact and effectiveness”,

Noting with concern that financial resources remain a major constraint in the implementation of the Convention and that access to predictable, timely and adequate funding and capacity is a major constraint for optimum participation in national reporting on strategic objective 4, operational objective 5 and financial flows for the implementation of the Convention,

Recalling annex III of decision 1/COP.10,

Recognizing the experiences which demonstrate the potential for scaling up investment in combating desertification through public-private partnerships,

1. *Invites* affected country Parties to step up their efforts in submitting project proposals, including those that promote synergistic implementation of the Rio conventions at the national, subregional and regional levels, to multilateral financial institutions, facilities and funds, and to take advantage of support provided for this purpose, particularly (but not limited to) the resources allocated under the Global Environment Facility;
2. *Urges* affected country Parties, with the assistance of the Global Mechanism, to increase their efforts in establishing integrated investment frameworks with the aim of achieving the target of 50 per cent by 2014, pursuant to decision 13/COP.9;
3. *Invites* affected country Parties to step up their efforts to commit resources from their public budgets and also encourage private investment for the implementation of national action programmes;
4. *Also invites* affected country Parties to adopt a integrated financial strategy as a tool to increase financing of sustainable land management through: a participatory approach to operational planning; identification of resource mobilization opportunities; outlining of challenges, such as gaps in technical and human capacity; and a systematic approach to the realization of synergies between the Rio conventions at national, subregional and regional levels;
5. *Further invites* developed country Parties and multilateral institutions to increase the adequacy, timeliness and predictability of the resources provided to affected country Parties and relevant subregional organizations responsible for implementation of subregional action programmes;
6. *Invites* developed country Parties to increase their efforts in providing support to

affected country Parties for Convention-related objectives, including as reported under the consolidated performance indicator CONS-O-15;

7. *Also invites* developed country Parties and multilateral financial institutions to increase their efforts in supporting the establishment of integrated investment frameworks at national, subregional and regional levels, as appropriate;

8. *Further invites* developed country Parties to further prioritize investments on activities that target desertification/land degradation in affected country Parties as a principal objective and/or that directly support the implementation of United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) objectives, including through additional support for the implementation of action programmes, alignment and/or operationalization through the development of integrated investment frameworks for sustainable land management, as appropriate;

9. *Encourages* all country Parties to support the efforts of the Global Mechanism and Convention bodies in engaging the business sector in relevant inter-agency committees, platforms, and public-private partnerships for UNCCD-related activities, as appropriate;

10. *Invites* all country Parties, within the framework of integrated investment frameworks for UNCCD implementation, to explore and develop opportunities to forge public-private partnerships for UNCCD-related activities and mobilize resources from innovative sources of financing, in particular foundations, businesses, the financial industry and civil society organizations;

11. *Also invites* all country Parties, in the context of public-private partnerships, to support private sector investment in sustainable land management in drylands, taking into account national policies;

12. *Encourages* all country Parties to further allocate financial resources within their national and/or public budgets towards Convention-related activities;

13. *Also encourages* country Parties to integrate their national action programmes into national and local development plans in order to increase domestic public and private financial flows and investments;

14. *Further encourages* country Parties to improve the all potential cooperation, in particular South-South and triangular cooperation, in order to explore opportunities to increase financial flows and in creating investment opportunities, exchanging experiences on resource mobilisation, transferring technologies and know-how for UNCCD-related activities, and *requests* that this type of cooperation is reflected in future national reporting on strategic objective 4, operational objective 5 and financial flows;

15. *Requests* the Global Mechanism to provide support to affected countries in assessing their financial needs for capacity building and integrating them into an integrated investment frameworks, and *requests* the Committee for the Review of Implementation of the Convention to increase focus on these need assessments;

16. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary, the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism and all country Parties to:

(a) Reduce the number of indicators for strategic objective 4 and operational objective 5, consistent with decision 16/COP.11 on the iterative process relating to the assessment of implementation, including performance and progress indicators, methodology and reporting procedures;

(b) Explore the possibility of capturing the financial flows and investments made by innovative funding sources, such as foundations, businesses, the financial industry and civil society organizations, given the difficulties encountered by reporting entities, and present the proposal at the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth session;

17. *Further requests* the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism to:

(a) Increase efforts at attracting private sector investments for sustainable land management in drylands and mobilizing resources from innovative sources, such as foundations, businesses, the financial industry and civil society organizations, including through the identification of compelling economic arguments, incentives, new financial instruments, market-based mechanisms, public-private partnerships and triangular cooperation partnerships;

(b) Report to the Committee for the Review of Implementation of the Convention at its thirteenth session on the progress in relation to subparagraph (a);

18. *Also requests* the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism to continue assisting affected country Parties and subregions in developing their integrated investment frameworks and to identify domestic, foreign and innovative sources of funding, as appropriate, for their implementation;

19. *Decides* to include a review and assessment of progress of the implementation of this decision in the programme of work of the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth session;

20. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to include an agenda item on this matter on the programme of work of the Conference of the Parties for its consideration during its twelfth session;

21. *Also requests* the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism to prepare a report on the progress of the implementation of this decision for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth session.

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