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Agenda item 2 (a)

Effective implementation of the Convention at the national, subregional and regional levels

Trends in implementation of the Convention, including review of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on its thirteenth session

Assessment of financial flows for the implementation of the Convention

Draft decision submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 6 of the Convention,

Also recalling decision 14/COP.11,

Noting with concern the increasing challenges of desertification/land degradation and drought (DLDD) issues, the limited resources to meet those challenges, and that integrated and strategic approaches to this problem are necessary,

Recognizing that there has been progress made in establishing integrated investment frameworks (IIFs) and the continuing need for both technical and financial support in this regard,

Also recognizing that additional financial resources are required to support activities such as restoring degraded lands, implementing sustainable land management (SLM) practices, establishing baselines, identifying priority areas, setting targets, promoting technology transfer, building capacity for implementing activities that achieve the objectives of this Convention, monitoring land degradation, sharing best practices, and promoting regional cooperation,

Noting that establishing and implementing the IIFs/integrated financing strategy requires further human and financial resources, as well as strategic partnerships and the engagement of development partners,

Also noting that there is a need to increase access to diversified funding from additional sources beyond the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to address DLDD,

Stressing the importance of technology transfer to improve implementation on the ground, rather than being limited to monitoring and reporting systems,

Noting that technology innovation must be further incorporated into countries' implementation of the Convention; that all progress achieved by countries in technology transfer should be recognized; that technology transfer should take place in circumstances conducive to innovation; and that countries should be able to own these technologies on mutually agreed terms and adapt them as appropriate,

Also noting the need to strengthen synergies among the Rio conventions and other related conventions or institutions at national, subregional, regional and international levels, and the importance of developing multipurpose projects and scaling up finance to implement them,

Recognizing the importance of public-private partnerships and the need to further mobilize resources, including from innovative funding sources and mechanisms, to support the implementation of the Convention,

Operational objective 5: financing and technology transfer

a. Integrated investment frameworks

1. *Urges* affected country Parties, where appropriate, to increase their efforts in establishing, maintaining and improving the efficiency of their IIFs with a view to mobilizing substantial resources for restoring degraded lands and implementing SLM and other objectives of the Convention, including through engagement with development partners, where appropriate;

2. *Invites* developed country Parties and multilateral financial institutions to increase their efforts to support the establishment of IIFs at national, subregional and regional levels, as appropriate, or other mechanisms where IIFs may not be appropriate because of national circumstances;

3. *Also invites* relevant stakeholders, including financing institutions, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector, to support the establishment and implementation of IIFs, as appropriate;

4. *Encourages* Parties eligible to access the Green Climate Fund and other climate funds to develop project proposals that harness national-level synergies between addressing DLDD and climate change mitigation and adaptation;

b. Adequacy, timeliness and predictability of financial resources

5. *Invites* developed country Parties and multilateral institutions to increase the adequacy, timeliness and predictability of the resources provided to affected country Parties and relevant organizations responsible for the implementation of national, subregional and regional action programmes;

6. *Also invites* Parties affected by DLDD to scale up their efforts in using available internal and external resources for the implementation of their national action programmes, as appropriate;

c. *Number of proposals related to DLDD*

7. *Further invites* affected country Parties to step up their efforts in submitting project proposals 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 GEF and its System for Transparent Allocation of Resources;

d. *Access to technology*

8. *Invites* Parties to continue their ongoing efforts to facilitate access to technology transfer;

9. *Also invites* Parties and multilateral institutions, particularly the GEF, as appropriate, to support South–South, North–South and Triangular initiatives at national, subregional, regional and interregional levels to improve cooperation on technology;

10. *Encourages* developed country Parties to undertake, as mutually agreed to promote, finance and/or facilitate of financing transfer, and the acquisition, adaptation and development of technologies for affected country Parties, and to facilitate access to these on favourable terms, including on concessional and preferential terms, and taking into account the need to protect intellectual property rights;

11. *Invites* Parties and relevant technical and financial organizations, including from the private sector, to support and cooperate with affected country Parties to implement SLM practices, mitigate the effects of drought, and establish and maintain national monitoring systems;

Review of financial support for the implementation of the Convention

12. *Urges* developed country Parties to increase their efforts to report on financial support as an obligation under the Convention;

13. *Invites* developed country Parties to increase their financial commitments to financing the implementation of SLM activities by affected country Parties and other initiatives related to DLDD, and *further invites* voluntary support from donors, including governments and the private sector in particular, to reverse land degradation and reduce its negative impacts;

14. *Encourages* Parties requesting assistance to include requests for support for DLDD as a priority in discussions with bilateral, multilateral and other donors based on their relevant national plans or strategies;

15. *Invites* multilateral agencies to strengthen their efforts in providing substantial financial resources and other forms of support to assist affected country Parties in implementing their national actions plans and other initiatives related to DLDD;

16. *Requests* the Executive Secretary and the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism to report to the Committee for the Review of the Implementation at its next intersessional session on the implementation of this decision.
