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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### OPENING OF THE SESSION

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting. . . . . Plenary Hall

1. Opening of the Conference by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth session
2. Election of the President of the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties . . . . [item 1 (a)]
3. Statement by the President of the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties
4. Statement on behalf of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region
5. Statement by Ms. Monique Barbut, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
6. Statements by representatives of the United Nations system, its specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, representatives of regional and interest groups and a representative of non-governmental organizations
7. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work, including the sessions of the subsidiary bodies (ICCD/COP(13)/1). . . . . [items 1 (b) and 1 (f)]
8. Election of officers other than the President . . . . . [item 1 (c)]
  - (i) Election of Vice-Presidents
9. Accreditation of intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations and representatives from the private sector (ICCD/COP(13)/17). . . . . [item 1 (e)]

*Introduction and discussion*

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

3 – 6 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting. . . . . Plenary Hall

1. Programme and budget . . . . . [item 6]

- (a) Programme and budget for the biennium 2018–2019 (ICCD/COP(13)/7 and ICCD/COP(13)/8-ICCD/CRIC(16)/2)
- (b) Financial performance for the Convention trust funds (ICCD/COP(13)/9)
  - (i) Audited financial statements for the Convention trust funds (ICCD/COP(13)/10, ICCD/COP(13)/11 and ICCD/COP(13)/12)
  - (ii) Report on the status of contributions to the Convention trust funds (2016–2017) (ICCD/COP(13)/13)
- (c) Report of the Evaluation Office (ICCD/COP(13)/14)

*Introduction and discussion*

2. 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: implications for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) . . . . . [item 2]

- (a) Integration of Sustainable Development Goal 15 and related target 15.3 which states: “to combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world”, into the implementation of the UNCCD (ICCD/COP(13)/2)
- (b) The future strategic framework of the Convention (ICCD/COP(13)/3)

*Introduction and discussion*

3. Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional level . . . . . [item 3]

- (c) Addressing particular regional and national conditions (ICCD/COP(13)/2 and ICCD/COP(13)/3)
- (d) Securing of additional investments and relations with financial mechanisms
  - (i) Memorandum of Understanding between the UNCCD and the Global Environment Facility (ICCD/COP(13)/18)
  - (ii) Report of the Global Mechanism (ICCD/COP(13)/8-ICCD/CRIC(16)/2 and ICCD/COP(13)/9)

*Introduction and discussion*

**COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

3 – 6 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Main Committee Room

1. Opening of the thirteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) by the Chair of the CST
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (ICCD/COP(13)/CST/1) . . . . . [item 1 (a)]
3. Election of officers other than the Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology Appointment of the Rapporteur of the Committee . . . . . [Item 2 (b)]
4. Items resulting from the work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2016–2017 . . . . . [Item 2]
  - (a) The scientific conceptual framework for land degradation neutrality (ICCD/COP(13)/CST/2)

*Introduction and discussion*

**FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL MEETINGS**

**Thursday, 7 September 2017**

**COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. . . . . 2nd meeting . . . . . Main Committee Room

1. Items resulting from the work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2016–2017 . . . . . [Item 2]
  - (b) Sustainable land management for addressing desertification/land degradation and drought, climate change mitigation and adaptation (ICCD/COP(13)/CST/3 and ICCD/COP(13)/CST/5)

3 – 6 p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Main Committee Room

1. Items resulting from the work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2016–2017 . . . . . [Item 2]
  - (c) Rehabilitation, restoration and reclamation measures and practices in degraded lands (ICCD/COP(13)/CST/4, ICCD/COP(13)/CST/5 and ICCD/COP(13)/CST/INF.1)

**COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION**

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting. . . . . Plenary Hall

1. Opening of the session by the Chairperson of the Committee
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (ICCD/CRIC(16)/1) . . . . . [item 1 (a)]
3. Effective implementation of the Convention at the national, subregional and regional levels . . . . . [item 2]
  - (b) Multi-year workplan for Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies (ICCD/COP(13)/8-ICCD/CRIC(16)/2)
  - (c) Performance of the Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies (ICCD/CRIC(16)/3)

*Introduction and discussion*

3 – 6 p.m. . . . . 2nd meeting . . . . . Plenary Hall

1. Effective implementation of the Convention at the national, subregional and regional levels . . . . . [item 2]
  - (a) Review of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on its fifteenth session (ICCD/CRIC(15)/7)
  - (d) Development and implementation of strategies through national action programmes to achieve the objectives of the Convention in light of target 15.3 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (ICCD/COP(13)/2)

**MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES**

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8.30 – 10 a.m.	<b>GROUP OF AFRICAN STATES</b> <i>Closed meeting</i>	Main Committee Room
1 – 3 p.m.	<b>GROUP OF ARAB STATES</b> <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-12
9 – 10 a.m.	<b>GROUP OF ASIAN STATES</b> <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-19
9 – 10 a.m.	<b>GROUP OF EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES</b> <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-04
8 – 10 a.m.	<b>GROUP OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN STATES</b> <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-18
9 – 9.45 a.m.	<b>WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP</b> <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-13

9 – 10 a.m.	Civil Society Organizations – Consultations	MET-16
1.30 – 2 p.m.	Press Conference: Expected Outcomes of COP 13 <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-01

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**SIDE EVENTS**


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8 – 10 a.m.	Presentation of a training module to strengthen capacities of local authorities for sustainable land management (Association CARI)	MET-05
8 – 10 a.m.	Desertification prevention through collaboration and comprehensive, community-based prevention initiatives (SEE)	MET-06
8 – 10 a.m.	Environmental Health Diagnosis by Remote Sensing—Vegetation and Desertification (National Bureau to Combat Desertification, State Forestry Administration of China)	MET-20
8 – 10 a.m.	Just, accountable and responsible land governance – implementing the VGGTs in the UNCCD strategic framework 2018–2030 (BothEnds)	MET-21
1 – 3 p.m.	Land resources planning as an effective tool for landscape restoration and achieving LDN (Uzbekistan)	MET-05
1 – 3 p.m.	Towards a comprehensive Preparedness System: Where are we? (World Meteorological Organization and Namibia)	MET-16
1 – 3 p.m.	Environmental Health Diagnosis by Remote Sensing—Combating Desertification (Chinese Academy of Sciences)	MET-20
1 – 3 p.m.	Global Combating Desertification and Communication of Culture, Art and Social Responsibility Theme Forum (China Green Foundation)	MET-21
6 – 8 p.m.	Environmental Health Diagnosis by Remote Sensing—Epidemic Disease in Desertification Area (Chinese Academy of Sciences)	MET-20

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**CONFERENCE INFORMATION KITS**

Official delegations to COP 13 are kindly reminded to collect the conference information kits at the Information Desk on the second floor of the Convention Centre. Coupons to collect the kits are available at the registration area at the counters for Countries P-S and T-Z.

**RECEPTION**

A reception on the occasion of the opening of the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties will be held following the conclusion of the afternoon session. Further information will be provided in the course of the day.

**FIELD TRIP TO THE KUBUQI DESERT**

Delegates are invited to a field trip to the Kubuqi desert that will be organized on Sunday, 10 September. The registration desk for the field trip is located immediately after the security check.

**REGISTRATION**

Registration for delegations of country Parties, United Nations organizations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and media, as well as for participants in side events will take place as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>
6 – 15 September 2017	Every day	8 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. and 2 – 5 p.m.

Any changes to the opening hours of the registration desk will be communicated in the Official Journal of the session.

Identity badges will be issued at the time of registration, and participants are requested to wear them at all times, as they will not be allowed access to the session venue without presenting them.

**CREDENTIALS**

Delegations are advised to contact Mr. Gerardo Gúnera-Lazzaroni, Legal Officer, Office 116 (1st Floor). Telephone: +8615598835126.

**FUNDING FOR ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS**

The payment of daily subsistence allowances will begin this week, the details of which will be provided in the course of Wednesday, 6 September 2017.

**TRAVEL DATES FOR HEADS OF DELEGATIONS ATTENDING THE HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT**

In order to facilitate a smooth arrival and departure of Ministers attending the High-Level Segment of COP 13, delegations are kindly requested to communicate their flight details as well as hotel accommodation to Mrs. Frederika Teixeira (e-mail: teixeira2@un.org) at least 72 hours prior to the arrival.

**WORKING HOURS**

Official meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. Meetings of regional and interest groups, as well as side events, may be held only outside these hours.

**MEETING ROOMS FOR REGIONAL AND INTEREST GROUPS**

Requests for inclusion in the schedule of meetings of regional and interest groups should be communicated to Kayhan Ul (kul@unccd.int) in office 401 (Phone: +8615598835032) by 3 p.m. of the previous day, at the latest.

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**INVITATION TO TECH FAIR AND EXHIBITION**

The UNCCD is organizing its first ever “Technology for Sustainable Land Management Fair (TF)” at COP 13. The aim of the TF is to demonstrate a variety of innovative, unique, efficient and effective technologies that can be used to ensure sustainable land management (SLM). It will offer COP 13 attendees an opportunity to see the latest and most effective technology and innovation in action. And it will facilitate contact and interaction among land users, policy makers, academic/research institutions and the private sector on available SLM technologies.

All participants are invited to visit the Exhibition and TF area where stands from various organizations working on SLM are set up. These stands offer documentation, other reading materials and hand-outs. Visitors will be able to engage the exhibitors. Apart from the physical exhibition displays, there will be presentations in the exhibition booths facilitated by electronic displays.

In the exhibition area visitors will find the UNCCD secretariat stand with the UNCCD knowledge products, featuring the Capacity Building Marketplace, the UNCCD Knowledge Hub, and the UNCCD Library. You can try out these products at the stand, pick up promotion material, engage with UNCCD staff and leave your feedback at the end.

Today’s training sessions, featured by the UNCCD Knowledge Hub:

- Data management in the LDN TSP process (Peer Learning workshop, 1–3 p.m.)

The Fair is designed to be a meeting space to promote the best SLM technologies and will reinforce the importance of developing and disseminating appropriate technology for the implementation of the UNCCD. It will help create a new entry point for greater and stronger partnerships in the area of SLM technologies, in particular with private sector enterprises. It will help lead to a dynamic new agenda that should allow technology and its transfer to play more substantive roles in the UNCCD implementation process.

In addition, a Technology Fair Spot is established as a central location from where exhibitors may present and demonstrate their innovations, brief guests, and participate in panel discussions and in one-on-one interviews. A schedule for presentations will be established in consultation with confirmed exhibitors.

The Exhibition and Technology Fair is located in front of Venue C.

**STATEMENTS OF DELEGATIONS**

By its latest legislation, namely General Assembly resolution 69/250 on the Pattern of Conferences, the General Assembly reiterates its request to ensure the provision of high quality conference services to member States and other participants in official United Nations meetings.

In the interest of the smooth running of the meetings, participants need to maintain a normal speed whenever delivering speeches or making statements, so that the provision of the required high quality simultaneous interpretation services can be achieved to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

Delegations are requested to provide 20 copies of their statements to the Conference Officers in the Plenary Hall. It is proposed that a five-minute time limit be set for these statements.

**ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SERVICE**

Delegations are advised that official information on COP 13 can be found on the UNCCD website at <<http://www.unccd.int>>. The electronic versions of the Daily Journal, the provisional list of participants, press releases and other information will be made available on the website.

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**DIRECTORY**


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