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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

- 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. . . . . 2nd meeting . . . . . Plenary Hall
1. Election of officers other than the President . . . . . [Item 1 (c)]
    - (i) Election of Vice-Presidents
  2. Inclusion of activities of civil society organizations within the official programme of work of the Conference of the Parties: open dialogue session

### COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- 3 – 6 p.m\*.. . . . . 7th meeting . . . . . Main Committee Room
1. Adoption of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology . . . . . [Item 5]
  2. Organizational matters . . . . . [Item 1]
    - (b) Election of officers other than the Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology

*Closure of the session*

\* Tentative scheduling: Please check the electronic boards for updates.

**FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL MEETINGS**

**Monday, 11 September 2017**

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Plenary Hall

Special segment . . . . . [Item 5]

*Opening of the High-Level Segment*

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Plenary Hall

Special segment . . . . . [Item 5]

*Round table 1: Land degradation: a challenge to development, prosperity and peace*

*Round table 2: Drought and sand and dust storms: early warning and beyond*

*Round table 3: Land degradation neutrality: “From targets to action...what will it take?”*

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**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 CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES</b> <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-04
9 – 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>JUSCANZ</b> <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-13

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9 – 10 a.m.	Civil Society Organizations – Consultations	MET-16
1.30. – 2.30 p.m.	Group of friends of the Chair on the Ordos Declaration <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-07
10 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 3 – 5 p.m.	COW Contact Group on the Budget <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-19 (a.m.) MET-17 (p.m.)
1 – 3 p.m.	COW Contact Group on other Matters <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-11
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	CST Contact Group <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-10
10.15 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 3 – 6 p.m.	CRIC Contact Group <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-18

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**SIDE EVENTS**


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8 – 10 a.m.	Youth Open Table “Action for Combating desertification” (Green Asia Network)	MET-06
8 – 10 a.m.	A Unique Opportunity to meet the Bonn Challenge throughout the Global South (International Bamboo and Rattan Organisation/Ethiopia Bamboo for Landscape Restoration)	MET-20
1 – 3 p.m.	Creative workshop - Online communication for on-land impact (UNCCD)	MET-05
1 – 3 p.m.	From land degradation to land rehabilitation: Innovative thinking around the migration cycle (International Organization for Migration)	MET-06
1 – 3 p.m.	Integrated approaches for multifunctional landscapes: connecting LDN, biodiversity and climate change (IUCN)	MET-16
1 – 3 p.m.	Cooperative efforts by Japan and partners (Ministry of the Environment, JAPAN)	MET-20
1 – 3 p.m.	CENTRAL ASIAN DESERT - unique, vulnerable (Michael Succow Foundation)	MET-21
6 – 8 p.m.	Actions taken by CSOs to combat desertification (China Green Foundation)	MET-06
6 – 8 p.m.	Elucidate necessary technical items for combatting aeolian desertification through discussion by scientists on aeolian desertification, dust emission and sustainable land management together with audience (Arid Land Research Center, Tottori University)	MET-13
6 – 8 p.m.	Predict – Plan – Prepare: Stop Drought Becoming Famine (Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the FAO)	MET-20
6 – 8 p.m.	Supporting developing countries in applying Juncao technology to advance sustainable agriculture and to combat desertification (UN-DESA and Chinese Government)	MET-21

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## SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

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**Friday, 8 September 2017**

### COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

4th meeting ..... *Review of the Science-Policy Interface and its achievements* ..... [3(a)]

The Committee began the consideration of the agenda sub-item. The secretariat introduced the documentation under the agenda sub-item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, Nigeria, the United States of America, Argentina, Japan, the European Union and its Member States, Mexico, Jordan, Switzerland, Georgia, Norway, Colombia, Kyrgyzstan, Iraq, the Federated State of Micronesia, Algeria, Bangladesh, Israel and Saudi Arabia.

A statement was made by a representative of ICARDA.

A statement was made also by a representative of the civil society.

The secretariat and the SPI Co-Chair responded.

The Committee concluded the general discussion on the agenda sub-item.

*Work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2018–2019* ..... [3(b)]

The Committee began the consideration of the agenda sub-item. The secretariat introduced the documentation under the agenda sub-item.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa, Switzerland, Saudi Arabia, the European Union and its Member States, Mexico, Japan, the United States of America, El Salvador, Kuwait, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep. of) and Namibia.

A representative of the civil society made a statement.

The secretariat and the SPI Co-Chair responded.

The Committee concluded the general discussion on the agenda sub-item.

*Promoting the analysis, dissemination and accessibility of best practices and the UNCCD Knowledge Hub..... [3(c)]*

The Committee began the consideration of the agenda sub-item. The secretariat introduced the documentation under the agenda sub-item and made a presentation.

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, South Africa, the United States of America, Kenya, Switzerland, Japan, Pakistan and China.

The secretariat responded.

The Committee concluded the general discussion on the agenda sub-item

*Procedural matters ..... [4]*

*Programme of work for the fourteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology*

The Committee considered the agenda sub-item. No statements were made.

The Committee concluded the general discussion on the agenda sub-item

The meeting was adjourned.

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

The Chair called to order the third meeting of the Sixteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention Sixteenth session (CRIC 16)

*Securing of additional investments and relations with financial mechanisms: report by the Global Environment Facility on its strategies, programmes and projects for financing the agreed incremental costs of activities concerning desertification ..... [2(e)]*

The Secretariat introduced the sub-item

The representative of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) presented its report

Statements were made by representatives of Equatorial Guinea, the European Union and its Members States, Saudi Arabia, Zambia, Armenia, Egypt, Costa Rica, Iraq, Côte d'Ivoire, Eritrea, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Argentina, Jordan, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Guinea, Bolivia and Iran.

A GEF representative responded to the questions raised

The Committee concluded the general discussion on the agenda sub-item.

*The UNCCD reporting and review process in view of the integration of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets into the implementation of the UNCCD: Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and formats of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties.....[3]*

The Secretariat introduced the documentation under the agenda item.

Presentations were made by a representative of the Global Mechanism.

Mr. David OSWALD (Environmental Specialist) made a presentation.

Statements were made by representatives of St. Lucia, Ukraine, the Dominican Republic, Saudi Arabia, Colombia, Kiribati, Jordan, Antigua and Barbuda, Zambia, Eritrea, Armenia, Bangladesh, Venezuela, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Philippines, Haiti and Bosnia and Herzegovina

The secretariat and the representatives of Global Mechanism responded.

The Committee agreed to the Chair's proposal that the CRIC contact group established and facilitated by Mr. Trevor Benn, from Guyana continues work on the items considered in this meeting.

The Committee concluded the general discussion on the agenda item.

The meeting was adjourned.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

2nd meeting .....The Chair called to order the second meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

*Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional level ..... [3(b)]*

The Committee began the consideration of the agenda sub-item. Following a statement by the COW Chair the secretariat introduced the documentation under the agenda sub-item.

Statements were made by representatives of Ukraine and the European Union and its Member States.

The Committee concluded the general discussion under the agenda sub-item.

*Promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and international organizations, institutions and agencies ..... [3(d)]*

The secretariat introduced the document under the agenda sub-item

Statements were made by representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), the European Union and its Member States, Canada, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Togo, Zimbabwe, Egypt, Lebanon, Bolivia, Mexico, Niger, Japan, Equatorial Guinea, Colombia, Venezuela, Bosnia and Herzegovina , Cuba and the United States of America.

Statements were also made by representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Women and World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

The Committee concluded the general discussion under the agenda sub-item.

*Procedural matters – Any other matters deemed to be appropriate ..... [7]*

Draft proposals for further discussion were made by the European Union, Senegal and Guyana.

Statements were made by representatives of Brazil, Egypt, Burkina Faso, Saint Lucia, Grenada, South Africa, Dominica, Haiti, France, Somalia, Italy, Niger, Argentina, Gambia, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Germany,



Sudan, Peru, Cape Verde, Uruguay, Venezuela, Iraq, Australia, Switzerland, the United States of America, Turkey, Canada and Bolivia.

The COW Chair made concluding remarks and adjourned the meeting.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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.

### 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>
9 September 2017	Saturday	7.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
10 September 2017	Sunday	1 – 6.30 p.m.
11 – 15 September 2017	Monday – Friday	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.

### 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 Mr. Kayhan Ul (kul@unccd.int) in office 401 (Phone: +8615598835032) by 3 p.m. of the previous day, at the latest.

**FUNDING FOR ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS**

Formalities relating to funding for eligible participants will be carried out again in the DSA payment office in room 114 from 9.30 a.m. until 5.30 p.m on Monday, 11 September 2017.

**HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT: UNCCD MINISTERIAL ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS**

At the COP 13 high-level segment, ministers and other heads of delegation will hold discussions in the form of three parallel ministerial round tables. Heads of delegation and UN organizations and IGOs may also participate.

*Registration*

On the day of the ministerial round-table discussions (11 September 2017) delegates are kindly requested to register between 2.30 and 3 p.m. at the “registration desk” at the entrance of the respective meeting room and collect their country name plates.

30 seats per round table are exclusively reserved for participants at ministerial/VIP level. These will be distributed on a first-come first-serve basis.

Attendance at the round table is limited. **Countries that have informed the UNCCCD secretariat about their preferred round table will be given priority.** Delegates who wish to register for a specific round table are invited to contact Ms. Corinna Voigt (cvoigt@unccd.int)

*Round table discussions*

Ministerial/VIP level interventions will be given priority.

Participants are encouraged to actively engage in the discussion and debate rather than delivering a prepared speech or statement.

For further information on the respective round tables delegates are kindly requested to contact:

- For round table 1) Ms. Barbara Bendandi, e-mail: [bbendandi@unccd.int](mailto:bbendandi@unccd.int)
- For round table 2) Mr. Daniel Tsegai and Utchang Kang, e-mail: [dtsegai@unccd.int](mailto:dtsegai@unccd.int) and [ukang@unccd.int](mailto:ukang@unccd.int)
- For round table 3) Ms. Lorena Santamaria, e-mail: [lsantamaria@unccd.int](mailto:lsantamaria@unccd.int)

**TRAVEL DATES FOR MINISTERS 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](mailto:teixeira2@un.org)) at least 72 hours prior to the arrival.

**TRAINING SESSIONS AT THE CAPACITY BUILDING AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE CENTRE**

The training centre and knowledge hub can be found at the exhibition, next to the UNCCD stand. More information at <http://knowledge.unccd.int>

In today’s session you can learn about: Status update of LDN TSP: Main achievements, LDN TSP - the way forward, LDN transformative projects/programmes

- LDN Target Setting Program Open House at capacity building and knowledge exchange Centre, 1 – 3 p.m.
  - In the same venue, we will have an Overview of the first week of events in the Capacity Building and Knowledge Exchange Centre, 3 – 4 p.m.
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## **RIO CONVENTION PAVILION**

The Rio Conventions Pavilion is a platform for raising awareness about the latest practices and scientific findings on the benefits of the coordinated implementation of the UNCCD, the United Nations Framework Convention to Combat Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The Rio Conventions Pavilion events will be held in MET-01.

The detailed Pavilion event programme from 7–14 September is available at <http://www.riopavilion.org/unccd-cop-13-ordos-china/>

Programme throughout the day – GEF Day-Partnership in Action

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*Sat 9 Sep*

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8:20 – 9:50	Separate Side event: Developing a platform for the indicators of the Rio Conventions Mr. David Oswald
10:00 – 11:30	GEF-Country ownership and empowerment in sustainable land management (UNDP)
11:40 – 13:10	GEF - African countries' experience and emerging priorities under the TerrAfrica partnership to promote interventions at scale against land degradation (World Bank)
13:20 – 14:50	GEF-Financing synergy: Land and climate actions
15:00 – 16:30	GEF-Innovation, science & technology
16:40 – 18:10	GEF-Dialogue between the CSO and the GEF
18:20 – 19:50	GEF reception

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## **SO MUCH TO LEARN AT THE TECH FAIR AND EXHIBITION**

Have you heard of the Sahara and Sahel Observatory? Do you know what it does? Or COMIFAC: do you know about its work in Cameroon? Oh, and there is the French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development and the International Centre for Environmental Education and Community Development. You may not have heard of these important institutions, and even if you have, you may not know what they do or how valuable their work is to the UNCCD process.

The UNCCD Tech Fair and Exhibition hosted in the tent in front of Venue C provides you with an excellent opportunity to learn about the organizations listed above and many more. There are 25 stalls at the Tech Fair and Exhibition to browse at your leisure. There are interactive touch screens at some of the booths, and visitors are more than encouraged to ask the friendly exhibitors questions!

Starting next Monday, some exhibitors will give special presentations, and the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD is scheduled to speak at one of the events. And there are always goodies of one kind or another to be had, so make sure to stop by!

## **LAUNCHING OF THE GLOBAL LAND OUTLOOK**

The Global Land Outlook will be launched in all 6 UN languages on Tuesday, 12 September at 1 p.m. in the Exhibition Area.

A short video and opening remarks by the UNCCD Executive Secretary will open the launch event. All are welcome to attend.

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**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 <[www.unccd.int](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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OFFICE/FUNCTION	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Documents	Document distribution counter (between the Plenary Hall and the Main Committee Room)	
Registration of Participants	At the entrance of the conference venue	Ms. Katheryn Jimenez Phone: +8615598835075
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