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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 9th meeting Plenary Hall

- 1. Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional level [Item 2]

(c) *Report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties*

Action on draft decisions

- 2. Linking scientific knowledge with decision-making: review of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology and its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties [Item 4]

Action on draft decisions

- 3. Organizational matters [Item 4]

(d) *Credentials of delegations*

Action on draft decisions

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

p.m. (tbc) 4th meeting Plenary Hall

Action on draft decisions

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

The designations employed do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

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

Following the conclusion of the Plenary	COW Contact Group on other Matters <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-19
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	<hr/> COW Contact Group on the Budget <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-17
2 – 3 p.m.	<hr/> Steering Committee Meeting of the Greening Drylands Partnership <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-02

SIDE EVENTS

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8 – 10 a.m.	Empowering youth and women through investment in land and natural resources (SOS Sahel/UNDP)	MET-05
8 – 10 a.m.	The Nexus between Land and Wildlife (UNEP and Kenya)	MET-06
8 – 10 a.m.	Small is beautiful - small grants for sustainable actions by local land users to prevent and overcome desertification, land degradation and drought (Both ENDS)	MET-20
8 – 10 a.m.	Nature-based Solutions for Sustainable Land Management (SLM) for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation (The Nature Conservancy)	MET-21
1 – 3 p.m.	Communication and knowledge management as drivers of a culture of change in SLM initiatives” (African Union Commission)	MET-05
1 – 3 p.m.	The Drylands Advantage (IFAD)	MET-13
1 – 3 p.m.	Diversified agro-ecological practices in degraded mountains contributing to better nutrition and rural livelihoods (IFOAM – Organics International)	MET-16
1 – 3 p.m.	Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) Approach and Turkey’s experiences (Republic of Turkey, Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs)	MET-20
1 – 3 p.m.	Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) in Africa’s Circum-Saharan Region – From Commitments to Implementation (OSS)	MET-21
1 – 3 p.m.	Private sector investment in land-based projects: The LDN Fund example (Global Mechanism-Mirova)	SLA Training Room/Exhibition Area
6 – 8 p.m.	Lessons learned and scientific challenges on Land Degradation Neutrality (IRD)	MET-05
6 – 8 p.m.	Enabling Activity Support and Access to Finance for LDN Implementation (Global Environment Facility)	MET-20
6 – 8 p.m.	Introducing AfriOCAT for an improved knowledge on Sustainable Land and Water Management in Africa (NEPAD)	MET-21

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 13 September 2017

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

3rd meeting The Chair called to order the third 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.

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: implications for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification: ICCD/COP (13)/4 [2(c)]

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.

A statement was made the representative of Saudi Arabia.

Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional level: sub-item (d) Promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and international organizations, institutions and agencies: ICCD/COP (13)/6 [3(d)]

The secretariat introduced the document under the agenda sub-item.

A statement was made by a representative of the European Union and its Members States.

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

Procedural matters: sub-item (a) Participation and involvement of civil society organizations in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification: ICCD/COP(13)/15 [7(a)]

The secretariat introduced the document under the agenda sub-item. Ms. Sofico Acovatze Chair of the UNCCD CSO panel and Mr. Baris Carapinar introduced the report of the panel.

Statements were made by representatives of the European Union and its Member States, Eritrea, Switzerland, Kyrgyzstan and Namibia.

Participation and involvement of the private sector in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the business engagement strategy: ICCD/COP(13)/16.....[7(b)]

The secretariat presented the progress report under the agenda sub-item.

A statement was made by a representative of civil society.

The COW Chair made concluding remarks.

The meeting was adjourned.

COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

4th meetingThe Chair called to order the fourth meeting of the Sixteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention Sixteenth session (CRIC 16)

Programme of work for the seventeenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention”, and including the date and venue of the session”[4]

The Committee considered the agenda item.

A statement was made by a representative of Switzerland.

The Chair made a closing remark and adjourned the meeting.

5th meetingThe CRIC Chair called to order the fifth meeting of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention Sixteenth session (CRIC 16).

Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional levels – sub- item (a) Review of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on its fifteenth session..... [2(a)]

The Committee resumed consideration of the agenda item 2 sub-item a) and took action on the following draft proposal: **“Mobilization of resources for the implementation of the Convention ” (ICCD/CRIC(16)/L.2).**

The Committee adopted the draft proposal as contained in document **ICCD/CRIC(16)/L.2** as presented and concluded its consideration of agenda item 2, sub-item a).

Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional levels – sub-items (b) and (c).....[2(b) and (c)]

Item 2: sub-item (b) Multi-year workplan for Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies and sub-item 2 (c) Performance of Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies.

The Committee resumed consideration of the agenda item 2 sub-items b) and c).

The CRIC Chair made a statement.

The Committee concluded consideration on agenda item 2 sub-items b) and c).

Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional levels – sub- item (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 [2(d)]

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 2 sub-item d) and took action on the following draft proposal: **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/CRIC(16)/L.1).**

A statement was made by a representative of Saudi Arabia.

The Secretariat responded.

The Committee adopted the draft proposal as contained in document **ICCD/CRIC(16)/L.1** as presented and concluded its consideration of agenda item 2, sub-item d).

Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional levels – sub- item (e) 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 Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 2 sub-item e) and took action on the following draft proposal: ***“Collaboration with the Global Environment Facility” (ICCD/CRIC(16)/L.4).***

The Committee adopted the draft proposal as contained in document ***ICCD/CRIC(16)/L.4*** as presented and concluded its consideration of agenda item 2, sub-item e).

The UNCCD reporting and review process in view of the integration of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets into the implementation of the UNCCD.....[3]

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 3 and took action on the following draft proposal: ***“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” (ICCD/CRIC(16)/L.3).***

The Committee adopted the draft proposal as contained in document ***ICCD/CRIC(16)/L.3*** as presented and concluded its consideration of agenda item 3.

Procedural matters: Programme of work for the seventeenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention[4]

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 4 and took action on the following draft proposals:***Programme of work for the seventeenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (ICCD/CRIC(16)/L.6) and “Date and venue of the seventeenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention ” (ICCD/CRIC(16)/L.5).***

A statement was made by the representative of Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group).

The Committee adopted the draft proposals as contained in documents: ***ICCD/CRIC(16)/L.5 and ICCD/CRIC(16)/L.6*** as presented and concluded its consideration of agenda item 4.

Adoption of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention.....[5]

Mr. Raymond Baptiste of Grenada, Vice- Chair and Rapporteur of the Committee provided a brief summary of the outcomes of the CRIC session.

The Committee approved the draft report as presented on the understanding that the Rapporteur would complete it with the assistance of the secretariat.

Election of officers other than the Chair of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention [1(b)]

The Committee elected the following four candidates as Vice-Chairs of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention for its seventeenth and eighteenth sessions:

Ms. Nino CHIKOVANI (Georgia), Ms. Anna LUISE (Italy), Mr. Jorge Luis GARCIA RODRIGUEZ (Mexico) and a representative of NAMIBIA (name to be confirmed);

The Chair shared his reflections and declared closed the sixteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention.

The meeting was adjourned.

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.

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>
14 – 15 September 2017	Thursday – 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.

RIO CONVENTIONS 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 <www.riopavilion.org/unccd-cop-13-ordos-china/>.

Programme throughout the day – IUCN Landscape Restoration Day

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9:00 – 9:45	Welcome and introduction
10:00 – 11:30	Session 1: The Great green wall: Conserving biodiversity and mitigating climate change through landscape restoration (IUCN, WB)
11:45 – 13:15	Session 2: Implementing the SADC sub programme to combat desertification (IUCN)
13:30 – 15:00	Session 3: Land restoration for peace and profit (ICRAF)
15:15 – 16:45	Session 4: Guardians of Rangelands: Combating desertification in the rangeland through sustainable pastoralism (FAO)
17:00 – 18:00	Session 5: Landscape restoration and Land Degradation Neutrality: opportunities and recommendations (IUCN)

CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING SESSIONS

Capacity building workshop on Increasing private sector investment in transformative land use projects: The LDN Fund example, 1 – 3 p.m., in the outside Exhibition Area

The session will include general information, target groups, investment criteria, business models, key success factors of eligible projects, guidance on how to mobilize private investors.

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

GET YOUR UNCCD SUPPLIES AT THE TECH FAIR AND EXHIBITION

Whether you want bookmarks or brochures, stickers and pamphlets, a copy of the first edition of the Global Land Outlook or a children's comic book that tells the story of the importance of the UNCCD in simple form, you can get them all at the UNCCD booth, located at the Tech Fair and Exhibition in the tent opposite Venue C. You can also get posters, pins and other memorabilia, all brought here just for you.

While visiting the booth you are invited to use the interactive screens to learn more about the UNCCD process and about the work of the various bodies and institutions. And while doing this do not forget to register to take part in the UNCCD Capacity Building Marketplace video competition. You can win fantastic prizes in each of the three categories.

So on this penultimate day of COP 13, make sure you stop by the UNCCD booth - and to stock up on your supplies to take back home. You can use them in your awareness campaigns in the fight against desertification and land degradation. We will make sure you get a very nice and useful package!

STATEMENTS OF DELEGATIONS

By its latest legislation, namely General Assembly resolution 71/262 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.

CREDENTIALS

Delegations are advised to contact Mr. Gerardo Gúnera-Lazzaroni, Legal Officer in 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.

ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SERVICE

Delegations are advised that official information on COP 13 can be found on the UNCCD website at <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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