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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

1. 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: implications for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification . . . . . [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 United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification*

*Action on draft decisions ICCD/COP(13)/L.7*

(b) *The future strategic framework of the Convention*

*Action on draft decision ICCD/COP(13)/L.18*

(c) *Implementation of the comprehensive communication strategy and the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (2010–2020)*

*Action on draft decision*

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

(b) *Additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention – Terms of reference of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention*

*Action on draft decision ICCD/COP(13)/L.17*

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

*Action on draft decisions ICCD/COP(13)/L.20, ICCD/COP(13)/L.21*

- (e) *Securing of additional investments and the relations with financial mechanisms*
  - (i) *Memorandum of Understanding between the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the Global Environment Facility*

*Action on draft decision ICCD/COP(13)/L.11*

4. Programme and budget . . . . . [Item 6]

- (a) *Programme and budget for the biennium 2018–2019*

*Action on draft decisions*

5. Procedural matters . . . . . [Item 7]

- (a) *Participation and involvement of civil society organizations in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification*

*Action on draft decision ICCD/COP(13)/L.10*

- (b) *Participation and involvement of the private sector in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the business engagement strategy*

*Action on draft decision ICCD/COP(13)/L.8*

*Any other matters deemed to be appropriate*

*Action on draft decision ICCD/COP(13)/L.16*

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p.m. (tbc) . . . . . 10th meeting . . . . . Plenary Hall

1. *Consideration of the report of the Committee of the Whole*

2. Organizational matters . . . . . [Item 1]

- (a) *Credentials of delegations*

*Action on draft decision ICCD/COP(13)/L.3*

3. Special segment ..... [Item 5]  
*Action on draft decisions ICCD/COP(13)/L.1 and ICCD/COP(13)/L.14*
  - (b) *Gender and land rights (a dialogue with civil society)*  
*Action on draft decisions ICCD/COP(13)/L.12 and ICCD/COP(13)/L.13*
  - (c) *How can local governments help address the challenges of land degradation? (a dialogue with elected and local government representatives)*  
*Action on draft decision ICCD/COP(13)/L.9*
  
5. Programme and budget ..... [Item 6]  
*Action on draft decision ICCD/COP(13)/L.6*
  - (a) *Programme and budget for the biennium 2018–2019*  
*Action on draft decisions*
  
6. Procedural matters ..... [Item 7]
  - (c) *Programme of work for the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties*  
*Action on draft decisions ICCD/COP(13)/L.2 and ICCD/COP(13)/L.4*
  
7. Report on the session ..... [Item 8]  
*Action on draft decisions ICCD/COP(13)/L.15 and ICCD/COP(13)/L.19*

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


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

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**OTHER MEETINGS**


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1 – 2 p.m..	<hr/> <b>Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for the Northern Mediterranean (Annex IV)</b> <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-02
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Tba	COP 13 Press Conference	MET-01
1.30 – 2.30 p.m.	COP 13 Bureau Meeting (closed meeting)	MET-07
8.30 – 10 a.m.	COW Contact Group on other Matters (closed meeting)	MET-07
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	COW Contact Group on the Budget (closed meeting)	MET-17
2 – 3 p.m.	Caribbean Group - Working Meeting with GM (closed meeting)	MET-03

### SIDE EVENTS

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8 – 10 a.m.	FEEDING AFRICA AND ACHIEVING GOAL 2 OF THE UNSDGs AGENDA 2030 (FEEDAR)	MET-20
8 – 10 a.m.	Desertification in Northern Nigeria: Causes and Implications for National Food Security – The Way Forward  (United Nations of Youth Network Nigeria (UNOY) and Global Alert for Defence of Youth and the Less Privileged (GADYLP))	MET-21
1 – 3 p.m.	The Legend of the Desert Man  Video presentation	MET-05
1 – 3 p.m.	The development and application technology of characteristic desert eco- industry such as cistanche, cynomorium, and renewable energy  (Professional Committee for Desert Industry, China Society of Territorial Economists)	MET-20
1 – 3 p.m.	Introduction of China forestry ecosystem monitoring and assessment system and potential use of high resolution remote sensing data of Chinese satellite in the forestry, agriculture and ecosystem with the countries of “the Road and Belt”  (China National Academy of Forestry and Planning, State Forestry Administration, P.R.China)	MET-21

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## SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

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**Thursday, 14 September 2017**

### CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

9th meeting ..... Ms. JIA Xiaoxia, Division Director of the State Forestry Administration and national focal point of the UNCCD, called to order the ninth meeting of the Thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 13) on behalf of H.E. Zhang JIANLONG, President of the COP 13 and Minister of State Forestry Administration of China.

*Credentials of delegations* ..... [1(d)]

The Conference considered agenda item 1 sub-item (d) and approved the report contained in document ICCD/COP/ (13)/20 “*Credentials of Delegations. Report of the Bureau to the Conference of the Parties*”, and adopted the draft proposal contained in document ICCD/COP (13)/L.3 as presented.

*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*” ..... [4]

The Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology, Mr. Hamid Custovic (Bosnia Herzegovina), presented the report of the Committee.

The Conference adopted the draft proposals contained in documents ICCD/COP13/CST/L.1 (as amended), ICCD/COP13/CST/L.2 (took note of the factual comments), ICCD/COP13/CST/L.3, ICCD/COP13/CST/L.4, ICCD/COP13/CST/L.5 and ICCD/COP13/CST/L.6, adopted as presented and concluded action on the recommendations of the thirteenth session of the CST.

*Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional level – Report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties*” ..... [3(a)]

The Chair of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC), Mr. Aliyu Bananda (Nigeria), presented the report of the CRIC.

The CRIC Chair further informed the Conference that the nominated Vice-Chair from Namibia for the seventeenth and eighteenth sessions of the CRIC is Mr. Teofilus NGHITILA.

The Conference adopted the draft proposals contained in documents ICCD/CRIC16/L.1 to L.6 as presented and concluded action on the recommendations of the sixteenth session of the CRIC

The ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties was adjourned.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFERENCE INFORMATION KITS

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### 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>Time</i>
15 September 2017	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.

### 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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