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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 4th meeting Main Committee Room

1. Interfacing science and policy, and sharing knowledge [Item 3]
 - (a) Review of the Science-Policy Interface and its achievements
(ICCD/COP(13)/CST/6)
 - (b) Work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2018–
2019 (ICCD/COP(13)/CST/7 and ICCD/COP(13)/CST/INF.2)

Introduction and discussion

3 – 6 p.m. 5th meeting Main Committee Room

1. Interfacing science and policy, and sharing knowledge [Item 3]
 - (c) Promoting the analysis, dissemination and accessibility of best practices and
the UNCCD Knowledge Hub (ICCD/COP(13)/CST/8)

Introduction and discussion

COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

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

1. Effective implementation of the Convention at the national, subregional and
regional levels [item 2]
 - (e) Securing of additional investment 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 (ICCD/CRIC(16)/4)

Introduction and discussion

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

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)/5 and ICCD/CRIC(16)/INF.1)

Introduction and discussion

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

3 – 6 p.m. 2nd meeting Plenary Hall

1. 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 (ICCD/COP(13)/5)

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

- *Draft advocacy policy frameworks: Gender, Drought, and Sand and Dust Storms* (ICCD/COP(13)/19, ICCD/COP(13)/CRP.1 and ICCD/COP(13)/CRP.2)

Introduction and discussion

2. Procedural matters- Any other matters deemed to be appropriate [Item 7]

Introduction and discussion

FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL MEETINGS

Saturday, 9 September 2017

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 2nd meeting Plenary Hall

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

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 6th meeting Main Committee Room

1. Procedural matters [Item 4]

Programme of work for the fourteenth session of the 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

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

9 – 10 a.m.	Civil Society Organizations – Consultations	MET-16
2 – 3 p.m.	COW Contact Group on the Budget <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-17
6.30 – 9 p.m.	CoW Contact Group on other Matters <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-20
6.30 – 9 p.m.	CST Contact Group <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-10

SIDE EVENTS

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

8 – 10 a.m.	International Land degradation neutrality, some perspective for action (DesertNet)	MET-05
8 – 10 a.m.	The Great Green Wall for the Sahara and the Sahel Initiative: Key results and Perspective (African Union Commission)	MET-06
8 – 10 a.m.	What is the impact of the Great Green Wall initiative for the Sahara and the Sahel in the territories? (Association CARI)	MET-21
1 – 3 p.m.	“African Initiative for Combating Desertification to Strengthen Resilience to Climate Change in the Sahel and Horn of Africa (AICD): Towards Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals” (Kenya/Senegal/JICA/UNCCD)	MET-05
1 – 3 p.m.	“Do numbers tell the tale?” about operationalisation SDG 15.3, LDN and local initiatives (BothEnds)	MET-06
1 – 3 p.m.	Territorial planning: leverage to combat desertification? (Association CARI)	MET-13
1 – 3 p.m.	LandPKS Mobile Apps for Optimizing LDN Investments (USAID and USDA-ARS)	MET-16
1 – 3 p.m.	Abating land degradation through Appropriate Practices and Innovations: CSO’s contributions to Land Degradation Neutrality (UNDP/GEF Small Grants Programme)	MET-20
1 – 3 p.m.	The next Phase of the Changwon Initiative towards achieving LDN (Korea Forest Service)	MET-21
6 – 8 p.m.	Botswana National Action Programme (2018 – 2030) (Department of Forestry and Range Resources of Botswana)	MET-05
6 – 8 p.m.	Targeted Poverty Alleviation and Combating Desertification in China (China National Sand Control and Desert)	MET-06
6 – 8 p.m.	Evidence based decision making for up-scaling sustainable land management (WOCAT; Centre for Development and Environment (CDE), University of Bern, Switzerland)	MET-13
6 – 8 p.m.	Investing in Land Degradation Neutrality: Making the Case (Global Mechanism of the UNCCD)	MET-20
6 – 8 p.m.	Afforestation in a changing Environment: Israel’s challenges and achievements concerning forestry under the threat of desertification and a changing climate (Jewish National Fund)	MET-21

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 7 September 2017

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

2nd meeting*Items resulting from the work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2016–2017: The scientific conceptual framework for land degradation neutrality*..... [2(a)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the agenda sub-item. Statements were made by the representatives of: Mongolia, Bhutan, Kenya, Venezuela, Nepal, China, Saint Kitts and Nevis, European Union, Bangladesh.

The panelists responded to comments.

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

Sustainable land management for addressing desertification/land degradation and drought, climate change mitigation and adaptation [2(b)]

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

A presentation was made by the first panelist, the Science-Policy Interface (SPI) representative.

Comments were made by the representatives of Unites States of America, Kyrgyzstan, Argentina and Switzerland.

The members of the panel and the secretariat responded.

A presentation was made by the second panelist, the Chair of the Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils (ITPS).

Comments were made by the representatives of Nigeria, Indonesia, South Africa, Venezuela, Jordan and Bangladesh.

The members of the panel responded.

A presentation was made by the third panelist, the SPI Co-Chair.

Comments were made by the representatives of Nigeria, Argentina, Iraq and Morocco

The members of the panel responded.

The CST Chair made concluding remarks.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

3rd meeting.....*Items resulting from the work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2016–2017; Rehabilitation, restoration and reclamation measures and practices in degraded lands* [2(c)]

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

Presentations were made by two panelists: the Executive Secretary of the IPBES and one IPBES representative.

Comments were made by the representatives of Norway, Nigeria, Colombia, Guinea-Bissau, Japan and Saudi Arabia.

The members of the panel responded.

A presentation was made by the third panelist, a representative of the USA, in his capacity as soil scientist.

Comments were made by the representatives of Switzerland, Brazil, Argentina, Serbia and the Federated State of Micronesia.

The members of the panel responded.

A presentation was made by the fourth panelist, a representative of the SPI.

Comments were made by the representatives of the European Union and its Member States, and Papua New Guinea.

The members of the panel responded.

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**

1st meetingThe Chair called to order the first meeting of the Sixteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention Sixteenth session (CRIC 16).

Opening Statements

A statement was made by Ms. Monique Barbut, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

Statements were made by Nigeria (as representative of the Regional Implementation Annex for Africa (Annex I)) and Peru (as representative of the Regional Implementation Annex for Latin America and the Caribbean (Annex III)).

Statements were made by the representative of the European Union and its Member States and the representative of CNIRD (Grenada)

The Chair delivered a statement

Organizational matters: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work [1(a)]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and adopted its provisional agenda and schedule of work

Establishment of Contact Groups and Appointment of Facilitators

The Committee agreed to the proposal by the Bureau for Mr. Trevor Benn from Guyana to act as the Facilitator for the CRIC Contact Group.

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

The CRIC Vice-Chair, Mr. Raymond Baptiste of Grenada, was appointed Rapporteur of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention.

Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional levels; Multi-year workplan for Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies” and Performance of Convention Institutions and subsidiary bodies..... [2(b)]

The secretariat introduced the documents under the agenda sub-items 2 (b) and 2 (c)

Statements were made by the representatives of Jordan, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Saudi Arabia, the European Union and its Member States and South Africa.

A representative of the civil society also delivered a statement.

The secretariat responded to comments raised

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

The secretariat introduced the document under the agenda sub-item 2 (a). No statements were made.

The meeting was adjourned.

2nd meeting The Chair called to order the second meeting of the Sixteenth session 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

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 Managing Director of the Global Mechanism introduced the agenda sub-item.

The secretariat made a presentation.

Presentations were made by representatives of Guyana, Madagascar, Lebanon and Belarus.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Saudi Arabia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Armenia, Benin, Grenada, Antigua and Barbuda, Republic of Iraq, Philippines, Brazil and Peru.

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

The panelists responded to comments.

The Managing Director of the GM presented a wrap up of the discussions.

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

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.

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>
8 – 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.

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 in the DSA payment office in room 114 from 9.30 a.m. until 5.00 p.m on Friday, 8 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
- For round table 2) Mr. Daniel Tsegai and Utchang Kang, e-mail: dtsegai@unccd.int and ukang@unccd.int
- For round table 3) Ms. Lorena Santamaria, e-mail: 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) at least 72 hours prior to the arrival.

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 – Gender Day-UN WOMEN, UNCCD and UNDP GC-RED

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13:15 – 14:45	Gender mainstreaming in the implementation of the Convention: “Echo event” and Dialogue with Gender and Technical Experts
15:00 – 16:30	Showcasing gender-responsive actions in the implementation of the Convention
16:40 – 18:00	Gender-responsive financing for the implementation of the UNCCD
18:00 – 19:50	Networking event with light refreshments

SOMETHING INTERESTING IS ALWAYS HAPPENING AT THE TECH FAIR AND EXHIBITION

Have you visited the UNCCD Tech Fair and Exhibition yet? If not, then do so today! There is much to see and indeed learn. For example, have you heard about GELEAU and how it can be used to save up to 95% of the water we now use for irrigation? You can learn more about this interesting technology and how it works by visiting the Tech Fair and Exhibition. And have you heard of China’s “Belt and Road Initiative”? If not, well here is your chance to learn about it by visiting the Chinese Academy of Forest Inventory and Planning booth at the Exhibition.

At 14:00 today, the Tech Fair and Exhibition is offering something special. There will be a presentation of the Vallerani System, which shows how a mechanized water harvesting system helps with soil regeneration. Come and hear how this technology works and see in living colour some of the successes this technology has achieved thus far. You will learn how it has changed people’s lives for the better.

There is also a very interesting exhibition put on by the Department of Environmental Affairs of South Africa. There you can see the work being done in that country to ensure the implementation of the Convention. And do you want to learn about the various uses of bamboo and rattan? Then why not visit the display put on by the International Bamboo and Rattan Organization. All these and much more await you at the Tech Fair and Exhibition located in the tent in front of Venue C. The exhibitors are waiting to warmly welcome you.

SPECIAL EXHIBITION

Participants are invited to visit the “Save the Earth” Green Corps Exhibition, ‘Planting for Hope, Land for Life’. Artworks of renowned artists from different countries are displayed in multiple video screens. The exhibition is located in the main building of the Conference Center, in the foyer of the third floor.

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>.

Today’s training sessions:

- Transforming Sustainable Land and Water Management (SLWM) projects into LDN relevant initiatives (WOCAT), 1 – 3 p.m.
 - Scaling-up SLM projects: ICARDA tool, 6 – 8 p.m.
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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.

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>. The electronic versions of the daily Journal, the provisional list of participants, press releases and other information will be made available on the website.

DIRECTORY

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
Meeting Room Reservations and Side Events	Room 401	Mr. Kayhan Ul Phone: +8615598835032
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