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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m. – * 3rd meeting Plenary Hall

1. 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: implications for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification [Item 2]

(c) *Implementation of the comprehensive communication strategy and the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (2010–2020) (ICCD/COP(13)/4)*

Introduction and discussion

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

(d) *Promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and international organizations, institutions and agencies (ICCD/COP(13)/6)*

Introduction and discussion

3. Procedural matters [Item 7]

(a) *Participation and involvement of civil society organizations in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (ICCD/COP(13)/15)*

(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 (ICCD/COP(13)/16)*

Introduction and discussion

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

* – 1 p.m. 4th meeting Plenary Hall

Procedural matters [Item 4]

*Programme of work for the seventeenth session of the Committee for the
Review of the Implementation of the Convention*

Introduction and discussion

3 – 6 p.m. 5th meeting Plenary Hall

1. Effective implementation of the Convention at 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*

Action on draft decision ICCD/CRIC(16)/L.2

(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*

Action on draft decision ICCD/CRIC(16)/L.1

(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*

Action on draft decision ICCD/CRIC(16)/L.4

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: 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 [Item 3]

Action on draft decision ICCD/CRIC(16)/L.3

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

Action on draft decisions ICCD/CRIC(16)/L. and ICCD/CRIC(16)/L.

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

5. Organizational matters [Item 1]
 - (b) *Election of officers other than the Chair of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention*

FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL MEETINGS

Thursday, 14 September 2017

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

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
11 a.m. – 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. and 6 – 10 p.m.	COW Contact Group on other Matters <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-10
10 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. onwards	COW Contact Group on the Budget <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-17
1 – 1.30 p.m.	CRIC Contact Group <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-19

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.	How could the “4 per 1000 Initiative” contribute to the objective of Land Degradation Neutrality, from a scientific and a practical – in the field – perspectives? (“4 per 1000 “ Initiative)	MET-06
8 – 10 a.m.	Community-Based Approaches to Combat Desertification (RARE)	MET-20
8 – 10 a.m.	Listening to our land: stories of resilience (Namibia/UNDP)	MET-21
1 – 3 p.m.	South African Government’s response to Land Degradation and mitigating desertification in priority areas Department of Environmental Affairs, South Africa	MET-05
1 – 3 p.m.	Monitoring the impacts of the SLM actions, sharing best practices and creating a strong community to implement the GGWISS vision (OSS/CILSS/UICN)	MET-06
1 – 3 p.m.	Land Degradation Neutrality; Sustainable land management and restoration; SDG 15.3 (UNDP)	MET-13
1 – 3 p.m.	An Agrobiodiversity Index: improving landscape management and human and environmental health (Bioersivity International)	MET-16
1 – 3 p.m.	Investment into landscape restoration for food security, resilience and climate action – key element on the way forward to Land Degradation Neutrality (European Commission DG DEVCO)	MET-20
1 – 3 p.m.	Financing of the Convention – GEF support to SLM and LDN implementation (GEF)	MET-21
6 – 8 p.m.	Fighting Land Degradation at the Landscape Level (World Bank Group)	MET-05
6 – 8 p.m.	UN Strategic Plan for Forests: promoting action for sustainable forest and land management (UN Forum on Forests Secretariat)	MET-06
6 – 8 p.m.	Training session "How to access Green Climate Fund financing for land-based projects?" (GM and GCF)	MET-13
6 – 8 p.m.	The Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Soil Management: a tool for achieving a land degradation neutral world (Thailand and FAO)	MET-16

6 – 8 p.m.	Oasis Ecosystems contribution in Achieving Land Degradation Neutrality in the Circum-Saharan: Challenges and opportunities (OSS/CARI)	MET-20
6 – 8 p.m.	Achieving Land Degradation Neutrality in Europe – meeting the challenge (European Commission DG ENV)	MET-21

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 12 September 2017

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

8th meeting H.E. Mr. Zhang JIANLONG, President of the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and Minister of State Forestry Administration, of the People's Republic of China, called to order the eighth meeting of the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

H.E. Mr. Sydney Alexander Samuels Milson, Minister of Environment and Natural Resource of Guatemala and Chair of the High-Level Round Table 1, presented the summary of the round table to the Plenary;

H.E. Sheikh Abdullah Ahmad Al-Humoud Al -Sabah, Chairman of the Board-General Director of the General Authority for the Environment of Kuwait and Chair of the High-Level Round Table 2, presented the summary of the round table to the Plenary;

H.E. Ms. Ndahimananjara Bénédicte Johanita, Minister of Environment, Ecology, and Forestry, Republic of Madagascar and Chair of the High-Level Round Table 3, presented the summary of the round table to the Plenary;

Mr. Bhawani Shanker Kusum, from India member of the UNCCD CSO panel representing Asia presented the declaration resulting from the interactive dialogue on the civil society;

H. E Mr. Aziz Ahmed Diallo, Mayor of Dori and Member of Parliament of Burkina Faso, presented the summary of the interactive dialogue with the local government representatives;

Mr. Yong Zhao, Vice President of the Elion Resources Group, presented the declaration resulting from the interactive dialogue with the private sector.

A statement was made by Canada.

H.E. Mr. Zhang JIANLONG, President of the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties, made a statement.

The UNCCD Executive Secretary made a statement and presented the special award to H. E. Minister Zhang Jianlong, President of the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties.

H.E. Mr. Zhang JIANLONG, President of the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties, delivered concluding remarks.

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>
13 – 15 September 2017	Wednesday – 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 – Synergies Day

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8:00 – 10:00	Reversing Land Degradation in Drylands using China's Afforestation Programs as an example (UNU-FLORES)
10:15 – 10:45	Book Launch: Multifunctional land-use systems for managing the Nexus of environmental resources (UNU-FLORES)
11:20 – 12:50	Fighting Land Degradation at the Landscape Level (World Bank)
13:00 – 14:30	Side event: Land-based Transformative Projects: Delivering land, climate and biodiversity benefits at scale (UNCCD Global Mechanism)
17:30 – 19:00	Planet Sands film

CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING SESSIONS

Capacity building workshop on How to access Green Climate Fund financing for land-based projects
6 – 8 p.m. in MET-13

The workshop will comprise general information, key success factors of eligible projects, latest development on land use issues as well as examples of successful projects from the GCF portfolio. The meeting is organized in partnership with the Green Climate Fund Secretariat, the Global Mechanism of the UNCCD and SLA. More information at <http://knowledge.unccd.int>.

BEAUTIFUL VOICES FROM AFRICA AT THE UNCCD TECH FAIR AND EXHIBITION

Community involvement is the cornerstone of Eritrea's approach to the implementation of the UNCCD. In this country, actions ranging from awareness-raising to planting trees are carried out with the involvement of the entire community at all levels. They have brought this beautiful story to COP 13 to share with you, the participants. So, please visit the UNCCD Tech Fair and Exhibition and hear the Eritrean exhibitors tell this interesting tale and the lessons they have learned using this approach.

You have certainly heard of Agenda 2030, but what about Agenda 2063? What does it have to do with the UNCCD process? Who are involved and why? You will find the answers to these questions by visiting the booth of Action Sans Frontières from Madagascar. And, you will come to appreciate the valuable role many civil society organizations are playing in the fight against desertification/land degradation and drought, particularly in Africa.

And speaking of Africa, what is happening with TerrAfrica? Is it moving forward? Well, the World Bank and NEPAD are at the UNCCD Tech Fair and Exhibition to tell all you want to know about this. So make sure and visit today the tent in front of Venue C. This is where it is all happening!

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).
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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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