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12 – 23 October 2015

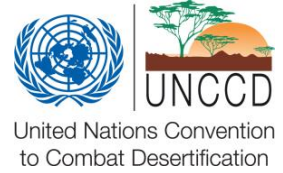
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Media Accreditation

To cover the proceedings, journalists must be accredited through their media organizations. The following documentation is needed to facilitate the accreditation of each journalist:

- A letter of introduction of the journalist(s) from the bureau chief (original copies on official company letter head. Several journalists can be listed on the same letter).
- A passport for foreigners or identification card with a photograph for local journalists
- A **valid** press card
- A completed request form for the accreditation of the journalist.

The accreditation form is available at: <http://www.unccd.int/en/media-center/Pages/mediahome.aspx>

Onsite registration starts on Friday, 9 October at 09:00 and will continue throughout the session's working days from 08:00 to 13:30 and from 14:30 to 17:00.

Journalists travelling to cover COP12 are also required to obtain a visa from the Government of Turkey through their local Embassy. Information is available on Official Conference website of Turkey: <http://www.unccdcop12.gov.tr/en/Home/Index>

Press Centre

The Press Working Area (PWA) is located on the 2nd floor of the Congressium next to room 206. Two interview rooms, sound-proofed and suitable for the installation of lights and electronic equipment are available for use by the journalists. To make a reservation, please write your name on the booking sheets posted on the PWA wall. A first-come-first-served system will be used. A working room equipped with a printer and scanner are also available. All Press Conferences will take place in the Press Conference Room (MET-09).

Internet and Computers

Free wireless Internet will be available throughout the conference venue. The agenda of the meetings are available via the links included in this document. A table summarizing each day's programme is annexed to the COP 12, CST 12 and the CRIC 14 provisional agenda.

Press Releases

The Secretariat will issue press releases after each of the official press conferences. They will be distributed electronically to the media registered with the UNCCD. If you are covering the event remotely and wish to be on the list, please contact press@unccd.int and copy wwischnewski@unccd.int.



Press releases will also be posted on: <http://www.unccd.int/en/media-center/MediaNews/Pages/default.aspx>.

High Resolution Photographs

Anadolu News Agency is the official photographer for the duration of the Conference. Media organizations may contact the agency to access close-captioned pictures of the conference for free via an ftp link.

Daily Journal

To find out what is happening every day, consult the *Daily Journal* which will be issued electronically. To access it, follow this [link](#).

http://www.unccd.int/en/about-the-convention/the-bodies/the-cop/COP_12/Pages/Daily-Journal.aspx

There will be no document or list issued about the Side Events at COP12. Instead, the events taking place each day will be announced in the *Daily Journal*.

COP12 Documents

Provisional agenda: <http://www.unccd.int/Lists/OfficialDocuments/cop12/1eng.pdf>

All Official Documents:

[http://www.unccd.int/en/about-the-convention/official-documents/Pages/SessionDisplay.aspx?k=COP\(12\)](http://www.unccd.int/en/about-the-convention/official-documents/Pages/SessionDisplay.aspx?k=COP(12))

Look out for a background document on the **High Level Segment**, which will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, 20-21 October. A summary of the High Level Segment is provided in Annex 2 below.

CRIC 14 Documents

CRIC, the Committee that reviews the progress being made in implementing the Convention, will meet starting on Tuesday afternoon, 13 October, until Friday morning, 16 October. They will resume and close their session on Thursday afternoon, 22 October.

Provisional agenda: <http://www.unccd.int/Lists/OfficialDocuments/cric14/1eng.pdf>

Official documents can be downloaded here: <http://www.unccd.int/en/about-the-convention/official-documents/Pages/SessionDisplay.aspx?k=CRIC%2814%29>

CST 12 Documents

The Committee that provides scientific guidance and advice to the Parties will meet from Tuesday afternoon, 13 October until Friday, 16 October, and will close their session at the end of that day.

Provisional agenda: <http://www.unccd.int/Lists/OfficialDocuments/cop12/cst1rev1eng.pdf>



The official documents of the CST12 session are accessible here:

<http://www.unccd.int/en/about-the-convention/official-documents/Pages/SessionDisplay.aspx?k=COP%2812%29/CST>

Draft Decisions

Based on the COP12 reports, draft decisions to facilitate the negotiations have been prepared, and are available here:

http://www.unccd.int/en/about-the-convention/the-bodies/the-cop/COP_12/Pages/Draft-decisions.aspx

Press Conferences

Several press conferences are scheduled at COP12. They will take place in the Press Conference Room, MET-09. The entire list of the scheduled press conferences is provided in Annex 1 below. **Please check the [Daily Journal](#) for the most up to-date information.** All the press conferences will be webcast live. The weblink will be posted on the UNCCD website once available.

The official press conferences organized by the UNCCD and the host country, Turkey, for an exclusive exchange of views with the journalists are below. Journalists wishing to interview the COP12 President and/or UNCCD Executive Secretary are encouraged to attend these events.

Monday, 12 October or Tuesday, 13 October (TBC) (TBC)

To share the Expected Outcomes of COP12

UNCCD Executive Secretary Monique Barbut and Prof. Dr. Veysel Eroglu, Minister of Forestry and Water, Turkey.

Tuesday, 20 October

1:15-1:45 pm

High Level Segment

UNCCD Executive Secretary Monique Barbut and Prof. Dr. Veysel Eroglu, Minister of Forestry and Water, Turkey.

Friday, 23 October

1:15 – 1:45 pm

Achievements of COP12

UNCCD Executive Secretary Monique Barbut and Prof. Dr. Veysel Eroglu, Minister of Forestry and Water, Turkey.

Media Briefings

Media Briefings with experts attending the conference will be every morning from 09:00-09:50 am, except on the first day of the opening of COP12 (Monday, 12 October) and the opening of the High Level Segment (Tuesday, 20 October). The scheduled briefings are



below.

Date (9:00-09:50am)	Subject	Speaker(s)
Tuesday, 13 Oct	Land Degradation Neutrality	Mr. Melchiade Bukuru, Chief, UNCCD New York Liaison Office
Wednesday, 14 Oct	Land for Life Day Gender Day Soil Leadership Academy	Ms. Jenny Choo (UNCCD) Mr. Elie Kodsi (UNDP) Ms. Anna Leacock (UNCCD)
Thursday, 15 Oct	Climate change and Desertification: The Links	Dr. Annette Cowie , University of New England, Australia (Member, UNCCD Science Policy Interface and STAP-IPBES)
Friday, 16 Oct	Land Restoration and Sustainable Land Management Initiatives Globally	Dr. Dennis Garrity (World Agroforestry Organization)
Monday, 19 Oct	Migration and Climate Change	Mr. Grammenos Mastrojeni, National Focal Point of Italy to the UNCCD and to the UNFCCC (Fragility Nexus)
Wednesday, 21 Oct	Great Green Wall and the Land Degradation Neutrality Fund	Ms. Camilla Nordheim-Larsen and Mr. Simone Quatrini, Senior Programme Officers, Global Mechanism of the UNCCD
Thursday, 22 Oct	The UNCCD Capacity Building Marketplace: A market open to the whole world	Dr. Richard Byron-Cox, UNCCD, Capacity Building Officer

Rio Conventions Pavilion

The Rio Conventions Pavilion will take place on the 4th Floor Terrace. For the agenda and to learn more about the events go to: <http://www.riopavilion.org/>

Social Media

Engage in the virtual conversation, get an overview of discussions and/or monitor and participate in conversations on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube via:

<https://www.facebook.com/UNCCD>

<https://twitter.com/UNCCD>

<https://www.facebook.com/unccd.cso>



<https://twitter.com/UNCCDcso>
<https://www.facebook.com/UNCCD.Marketplace>
<https://twitter.com/UNCCDcbm>
<http://www.youtube.com/theunccd>

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Annex 1: Summary of the Press Conferences

Date	Subject	Speakers/Organizer
Monday, 12 October or Tuesday, 13 October (TBC)	Hosts share the Expected Outcomes of COP12	UNCCD Executive Secretary, Monique Barbut and Prof. Dr. Veysel Eroglu, Minister of Forestry and Water, Turkey.
Monday, 19 Oct 1:15-1:45 pm	Soil Leadership Academy	Business (TBD)
2:00-2:45 pm	Soil Principles – UN Global Compact	Business (TBD)
Tuesday, 20 October 1:15-1:45 pm	Hosts provide an overview of the Expected Outcomes of the High Level Segment	UNCCD Executive Secretary, Monique Barbut and Prof. Dr. Veysel Eroglu, Minister of Forestry and Water, Turkey.
Wednesday, 21 Oct 1:15-1:45 pm	Business Forum	World Business Council for Sustainable Development and Marcos Montoiro
Thursday, 22 Oct 1:15-1:45 pm	Land for Life Day	Land for Life Winners
Friday, 23 Oct 1:15 – 1:45	Hosts present the Achievements of COP12	UNCCD Executive Secretary, Monique Barbut and Prof. Dr. Veysel Eroglu, Minister of Forestry and Water, Turkey.

High Level Segment

Tuesday, 20 October 2015		
P L E N A R Y	10:00-11:00 LOCATION	Title: Opening of the High Level Segment
	11:00-13:00 LOCATION	Special Statements at Ministerial level on behalf of regional and interest groups
	15:00-18:00 LOCATION	<p>Parallel Round Table Discussions</p> <p>Round Table 1 Title: From global to local: translating Land Degradation Neutrality into action</p> <p>Objective: Determine actions for countries and communities to follow in order to achieve the land degradation neutrality target</p> <p>Round Table 2 Title: Drought adaptation: mainstreaming drought management policy in national agendas and mitigating the effects of drought</p> <p>Objective: Discuss possible solutions to maintaining water security and curbing negative effects of drought</p> <p>Round Table 3 Title: Land-based adaptation to climate change: resilience through sustainable land management</p> <p>Objective: Identify key messages to send to the UNFCCC's COP21 in December to represent DLDD issues within climate change negotiations</p>
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Wednesday, 21 October 2015		
	10:00-11:30 LOCATION	<p>Special Segment I Title: Interactive dialogue session with civil society organizations</p> <p>Objective: Addressing issues related to land ownership and decision-making and discussing the inclusion of FAO's guidelines into UNCCD projects</p>



P L E N A R Y	11:30-13:00 LOCATION	<p>Special Segment II</p> <p>Title: Interactive dialogue session with the private sector</p> <p>Objective: Discuss incentives for private sector investment in sustainable development and its role in combatting desertification, drought and land degradation</p>
	15:00-16:30 LOCATION	<p>Special Segment III</p> <p>Title: Interactive dialogue session with members of parliament</p> <p>Objective: Identify the importance of legislative action in the global effort to reclaim degraded land, promote sustainable land management and prevent further destruction</p>
	16:30-18:00 LOCATION	<p>Title: Closing Ceremony of the Twelfth Session of the Conference of the Parties High Level Segment</p> <p>Objective: Summary of both the round table discussions and interactive dialogue sessions</p>