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Alignment of action programmes with the Strategy

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Outline

- General provisions of the Convention as regards NAPs, SRAPs and RAPs
- Progress made in the NAP process
- The 10-year Strategy
- Alignment in conformity with the Strategy
- Recommendations of CRIC 7 regarding action programmes alignment
- Elaboration of guidelines for the alignment of action programmes



Provisions of the Convention: Article 9

Basic approach:

- Participation, consultation, partnership
- Build upon existing relevant successful plans and programmes, and sub regional and regional action programmes
- Update action programmes through a continuing participatory process on the basis of lessons from field action, as well as the results of research



Provisions of the Convention: Article 10

General Principles:

- Incorporate long-term strategies
- Integrated with national policies for sustainable development
- Allow for modifications
- Give attention to preventive measures
- Enhance capacities for drought management
- Promote policies and institutional frameworks which develop cooperation and coordination
- Provide for effective participation
- Require regular review of their implementation



Provisions of the Convention: Article 10

Measures to prepare for and mitigate the effects of drought:

- Establishment early warning systems;
- Strengthening of drought preparedness and management;
- Establishment of food security systems;
- Establishment of alternative livelihood projects;
- Development of sustainable irrigation programmes.



Status of NAP development

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Countries	Countries with NAP	% completed NAP
Africa	16	3	9	0	2	2	5	0	53	37	70
Asia	8	2	5	2	5	4	2	0	63	28	44
Latin America and The Caribbean	4	2	1	3	9	2	2	2	38	25	66
Northern Mediterranean	2	1					1	1	17	5	29
Central Eastern Europe	2		1	1					17	4	24

The Strategy: operational objectives

1. Advocacy, awareness raising and education

To actively influence relevant international, national and local processes and actors in adequately addressing desertification/land degradation and drought-related issues

2. Policy frameworks

To support the creation of enabling environments for promoting solutions to combat desertification/land degradation and mitigate the effects of drought

3. Science, technology and knowledge

To become a global authority on scientific and technical knowledge pertaining to desertification/land degradation and mitigation of the effects of drought

4. Capacity building

To identify and address capacity-building needs to prevent and reverse desertification/land degradation and mitigate the effects of drought

5. Financing and technology transfer

To mobilize and improve the targeting and coordination of national, bilateral and multilateral financial and technological resources in order to increase their impact and effectiveness

Decision 3/COP.8, paragraph 5

Request developing country Parties, any other affected country Party within the framework of its regional implementation annex:

- to align their action programmes and other relevant implementation activities relating to the Convention with the Strategy by, inter alia,
- addressing the outcomes under the five operational objectives



The Strategy, Outcomes 2.2 and 2.3

- Affected country parties revise their national action programmes into strategic documents: supported by biophysical and socio-economic baseline information, and include them in integrated investment frameworks
- Affected country Parties integrate their action programmes and sustainable land management and land degradation issues into development planning and relevant sectoral and investment plans and policies



CRIC 7 recommendations, paragraph 21

Emphasize the need to integrate action programmes into overarching development plans such as Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers

CRIC 7 recommendations, paragraph 86

Alignment of action programme should facilitate the implementation, monitoring and application of the new reporting guidelines:

- Clear linkages between the revised action programmes and the indicators for reporting should be established
- NAPs should set targets
- Set out baseline information
- Identify a timeframe
- Specify the range of activities envisaged to reach such targets, and
- Identify indicators to measure progress with achieving these targets



CRIC 7 recommendations, paragraph 70

Parties recommend enhancing the alignment of the implementation of the action programmes, and request joint financial and technical support from the Secretariat and the Global Mechanism, depending on their respective mandates, to undertake the necessary activities



Preparation of guidelines for alignment

1. Preparation of draft guidelines
2. Adjustment of the guidelines at subregional workshops
3. Presentation and discussion of guidelines at COP 9
4. Testing the guidelines



Subregional workshops

	Region	Date
Africa	Workshop for Eastern and Southern Africa countries, in Kampala, Uganda	1-2 June
	Workshop for West-African countries in Ouagadougou (back to back with GM workshop on integrated investment frameworks)	20-26 June
	Workshop for North-African Countries in Tunis (back to back with regional meeting prep COP 9)	20-24 July
Latin America and The Caribbean	LAC workshop for Caribbean Countries in Kingston	17-18 June
	LAC workshop for Latin-American Countries in Montevideo (back to back with regional meeting prep COP 9)	6-7 July
Central and Eastern Europe	Workshop in Rome for CEE (back to back with regional meeting prep COP 9)	
Asia/Pacific region	Asia workshop in Bangkok (back-to-back with the regional prep COP 9)	11-12 July



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