



Intergovernmental Working Group on Drought
6th Meeting (Virtual) Report
05 October 2020

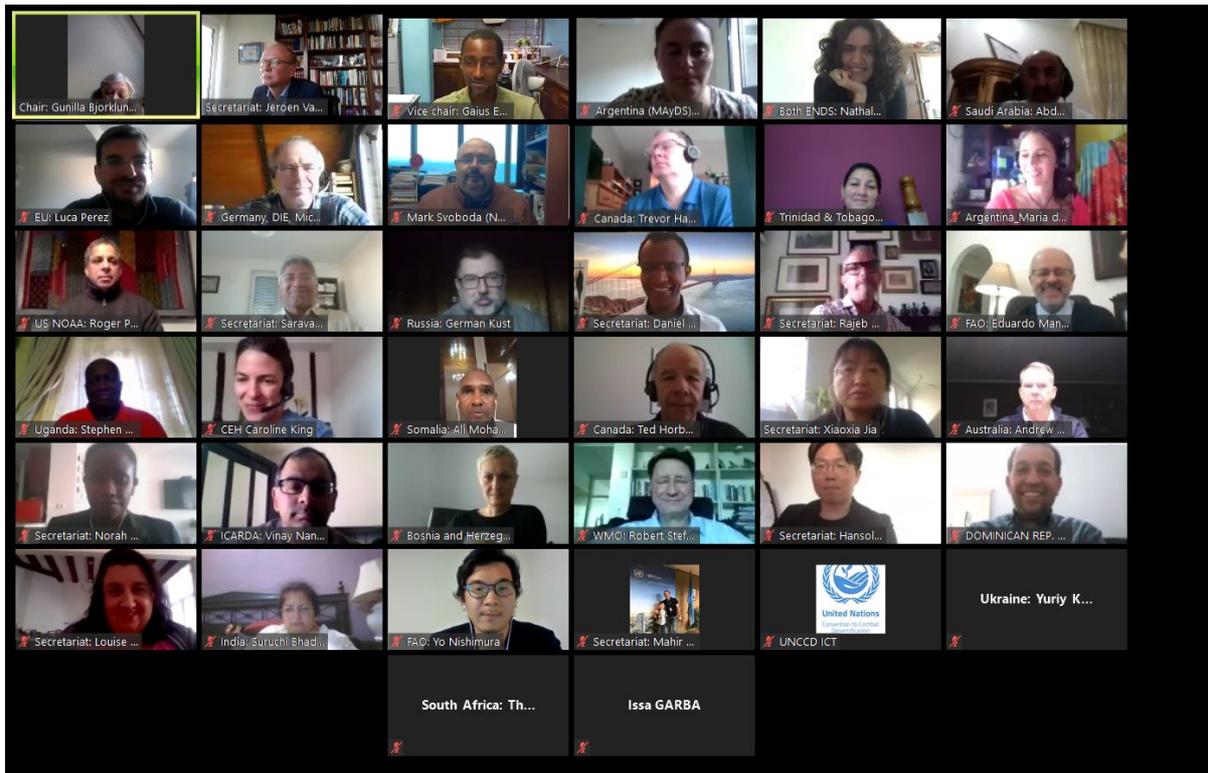


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I. Welcoming Remarks **Error! Bookmark not defined.**

1. **Gunilla Björklund** (IWG Chair) welcomed the members to the 3rd IWG. She outlined the agenda for the meeting. She mentioned that the meeting will begin with the presentation on `what's happened` in the COP Bureau last week, which was attended by The Chair and Vice-Chair of the IWG. This will be followed with status of the interim report, CRIC Milestones and the `the way forward`. She invited Daniel to make a brief presentation from the COP Bureau meeting and their reflections on the IWG.

2. **Daniel Tsegai** (UNCCD) highlighted the IWG presented the Terms of Reference, the approach adopted the three pillar approach by the IWG, explained the process of aligning the task groups along with the three pillars, working modalities of the IWG (structure), and the progress made so far by the IWG. A detailed presentation on the progress made by each of the task group was shared with the COP bureau, the support provided by the UNCCD and other UN organizations to the IWG, and **on the ongoing activities** for the IWG.

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1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Reflections from the COP Bureau Meeting
3. The Interim Report
 - Feedback from Task Group leaders
 - Facilitated discussion of the IWG Members
 - Presentation of flow diagrams/charts
4. CRIC 19¹ and milestones (Feb 2021)
 - 15 October - Interim report circulated for non-objection approval
 - 31st October - Interim report goes for translation (six UN languages)
 - At CRIC, presentation of findings to Parties – IWG Chair/Co-chair

¹ 19th Session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

- IWG Panel Discussion (by the four group leaders?)
5. The Way Forward (Towards the final report)
 - Revisiting the Task Groups (lessons learnt), Other changes/needs?
 - Regional Consultations/Task Group Seminars/Webinars
 - Updated Timeline
 6. Any other business

Dear IWG Members,

Thank you all for a very productive meeting today.

Going forward, the IWG agreed to continue provide comments on the interim report (attached) until **latest 09 October COB (Bonn time)**.

The comments will then be integrated by the writing team (in consultation with the Chair & vice Chair). Interim report will be circulated for **non-objection approval by 20th October**.

The report will be published and goes for translation on **31st October**.

We will share the summary of today's meeting soon.

NB: Also find attached the graphics presented by Caroline & Bob (on behalf of the Graphics group). Feel free to send your feedback to Caroline and/or me