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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Plenary Hall

High-level opening ceremony

Interactive dialogue 1: Land reGeneration: The role of youth in shaping the sustainable land agenda

Interactive dialogue 2: Future-proofing land use: Shifting patterns in production and consumption

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Main Committee Room

High-level opening ceremony

Formal statements session

List of speakers:

Panama

Honduras

Iceland

Brazil

3 – 6 p.m.

High-level opening ceremony

Parallel ministerial/high-level round tables:

- *Round table 1: Rights, rewards and responsibilities: the future of land stewardship* MET-20

- *Round table 2: Land restoration: A path to sustainable post-pandemic recovery* MET-19
- *Round table 3: The Big Dry: From disaster to drought resilience* MET-18

FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL MEETINGS

Wednesday, 11 May 2022

OPENING OF THE SESSION

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 1st meeting. Plenary Hall

1. Opening of the session by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth session
2. Election of the President of the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties [item 1 (a)]
3. Statement by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth session
4. Statement by Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
5. Statement by His Excellency, Mr Alassane Ouattara, President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
6. Statements by representatives of the United Nations, its specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, representatives of regional and interest groups and a representative of non-governmental organizations
7. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work, including the sessions of the subsidiary bodies (ICCD/COP(15)/1) [items 1 (b) and 1 (f)]
8. Election of officers other than the President. [item 1 (c)]
 - (i) Election of Vice-Presidents
9. Accreditation of intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations and representatives from the private sector (ICCD/COP(15)/14 and ICCD/COP(15)/14/Add.1) [item 1 (e)]

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

3 – 6 p.m. 1st meeting. Plenary Hall

1. Procedural matters: [item 7]
 - (c) Programme of work for the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties
Introduction and discussion
2. Programme and budget. [item 6]
 - (a) Programme and budget for the biennium 2022–2023 (ICCD/COP(15)/5, ICCD/COP(15)/6-ICCD/CRIC(20)/2, ICCD/COP(15)/21)
 - (b) Financial performance for the Convention trust funds (ICCD/COP(15)/7, ICCD/CRIC(20)/3, ICCD/COP(15)/8, ICCD/COP(15)/9, ICCD/COP(15)/10)
 - (c) Report of the Evaluation Office (ICCD/COP(15)/11, ICCD/COP(15)/21)
Introduction and discussion
3. Policy frameworks and thematic issues [item 4]
 - Drought (ICCD/COP(15)/15, ICCD/COP(15)/20 and ICCD/COP(15)/21)
Introduction and discussion

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

3 – 6 p.m. 1st meeting. Main Committee Room

1. Opening of the session by the Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology
2. Statement by Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
3. Statements by representatives of the regional and interest groups and a representative of non-governmental organizations
4. Organizational matters [item 1]
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (ICCD/COP(15)/CST/1)
 - (b) Election of officers other than the Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology
5. Items resulting from the work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2020–2021 [item 2]
 - (a) Evidence on the potential contribution of integrated land use planning and integrated landscape management to positive transformative change, achieving land degradation neutrality and addressing desertification/land degradation and drought issues (ICCD/COP(15)/CST/2, ICCD/COP(15)/CST/8)

- (b) Evidence on the approaches for the assessment and monitoring of the resilience of vulnerable populations and ecosystems to drought (ICCD/COP(15)/CST/3, ICCD/COP(15)/CST/8)

Introduction and discussion

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.

2 – 4 p.m.	JUSCANZ <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-15
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OTHER MEETINGS

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.

9 – 10 a.m.	Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Asia (Annex II) <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-19
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9 – 10 a.m.	Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Latin America and the Caribbean (Annex III) <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-18
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8 – 10 a.m.	CSO Informal Consultations <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-08
9 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. and 2 – 5:30 p.m.	Business Forum <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-02
10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 2 – 6 p.m.	SPI meeting <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGH-LEVEL OPENING CEREMONY: UNCCD MINISTERIAL ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS AND INTERACTIVE DIALOGUES

For the interactive dialogues no registration is necessary.

For the ministerial round-table discussions (10 May, 3–6 p.m.), 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 high-level opening ceremony sessions is limited. Countries that have informed the UNCCD secretariat about their preferred round table will be given priority. Delegates who wish to register for a specific round table or dialogue session are invited to contact the persons listed below.

Ministerial/VIP level interventions will be given priority.

Participants are encouraged to actively engage in the discussions and debate rather than delivering a prepared speech or statement.

For further information on the respective sessions, delegates are kindly requested to contact:

- **For interactive dialogue 1: Land reGeneration: The role of youth in shaping the sustainable land agenda**
Mr. Marcos Montoiro <mmontoiro@unccd.int>
- **For interactive dialogue 2: Future-proofing land use: Shifting patterns in production and consumption**
Ms. Daniele Gelz <dgelz@unccd.int>
- **For round table 1: Rights, rewards and responsibilities: The future of land stewardship**
Ms. Enni Kallio <ekallio@unccd.int>
- **For round table 2: Land restoration: A path to sustainable post-pandemic recovery**
Mr. Sasha Alexander <salexander@unccd.int>
- **For round table 3: The Big Dry: From disaster to drought resilience**
Mr. Daniel Tsegai <dtsegai@unccd.int>

COVID REGULATIONS AND PCR TESTING

Participants are advised to consider the health guide available at <https://unccd-cop15.org/guide_sanitaire>.

Given the evolution of the pandemic in Côte d’Ivoire and the new regulations in the host country, vaccination is no longer mandatory but highly recommended for all participants entering the COP15 venue. Participants that do not have proof of vaccination will need to do an antigenic test in the area located outside of the blue zone. Antigenic tests are free of charge. The use of face masks covering mouth and nose is compulsory indoors.

All participants required to take a PCR test prior to returning to their home are invited to go to the COVID antenna of the Hôtel Ivoire opposite the Grand Chancellery with a copy of their passport or proof of online payment (<https://deplacement-aerien.gouv.ci/#/home#procedure>). PCR tests are carried out every day from 8 to 11 a.m. at a cost of 25,000 CFA francs (€38.11). The results will be available the following day at 6 a.m.

SHUTTLES BETWEEN THE CONFERENCE VENUE AND THE HOTELS

The Government of Côte d'Ivoire is offering shuttle services to and from the conference venue.

In the mornings, from 6:30 to 10:30 a.m., shuttles to the conference venue will be provided every 30 minutes. In the evening, buses will return participants to their hotels starting from 5 to 8:30 p.m. every 30 minutes.

The following hotels are included in this service:

ANNEKAN	IBIS HOTEL MARCORY
BELLE VUE HOTEL	IBIS HOTEL PLATEAU
BERGE MADY HOTEL	IVOTEL
BETHANIE PALACE	LA VIDA HOTEL
BLUE BAY	LORENZO HOTEL
BNB RESIDENCES	MOVENPICK
BNB RESSORT HOTELS	N'GALEMA RESORT
DETENTE	PULLMAN
GOLDEN HOTEL	RADISSON BLU
GRAND HOTEL	RESIDENCE ACHENBACH
HEDEN GOLF HOTEL	RESIDENCE EBURNEA
HOTEL BELLE-COTE	RESIDENCE SUITE APPARTS
HOTEL DES JARDINS	RESIDENCES BERTILLE
HOTEL LA GRACE	ROSE BLANCHE
HOTEL LE PARTICULIER	SEEN HOTEL
HOTEL LES 3 PONTS	TOURISTE HOTEL
HOTEL NOVOTEL	VILLA YADDIS
HOTEL PALM CLUB	WHITE HOUSE
HOTEL TIAMA	

More information will be provided in forthcoming Journals as it becomes available.

REGISTRATION FOR DELEGATES

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>
10 – 20 May 2022	Every day	8 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 – 6.30 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. Mahamadou Tari Bako (phone: +225-0707025046) as soon as possible.

FUNDING FOR ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

The payment of daily subsistence allowance will start on 10 May 2022 and take place from 12 to 5 p.m. at SALLE ABOISSO (ground floor) in Local Currency (XAF).

THE UNCCD CONFERENCE APP

The UNCCD conference app is an easy tool for participants of official UNCCD events to have access to the latest conference schedules, all official documents and other relevant information related to the UNCCD process and conference logistics.

The UNCCD conference app is relevant for all delegates and other participants of all sessions of the UNCCD Conference of Parties (COP), the Committee of Science and Technology (CST) and the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC).

Please use the QR code on the right to easily download the app.

**RIO CONVENTIONS PAVILION HIGH-LEVEL OPENING**

At this kickoff event for the Rio Conventions Pavilion, held in the evening of 10 May, the UNCCD COP 15 President together with high level representatives from China, Egypt, and the United Kingdom and the secretariats of the three Rio Conventions, will explore synergies in global efforts to combat land degradation, climate change and biodiversity loss, with specific focus on UNCCD COP 15, CBD COP 15 and UNFCCC COP 27, and will outline their ambitions and expectations about how the coordinated actions of the three Conventions contribute to preserve nature's legacy for the generations to come.

MET-07 – 18:30 – 19:30 with a cocktail reception.

The detailed programme is available here: <http://www.riopavilion.org/unccd-cop15/>

THE EXHIBITION AREA

Ready, set, go! We are expecting you at the UNCCD area located in the COP 15 exhibition space. It is definitely worth the detour! You can check out 21 booths from different organizations sharing their knowledge and experience in land degradation, drought, desertification issues. Visit us daily to discuss with us, learn more about UNCCD. Come, see, meet and spread the word!

STATEMENTS OF DELEGATIONS

By its latest legislation, namely General Assembly resolution 76/237 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.

It is proposed that a five-minute time limit be set for these statements.

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 Kayhan Ul (kul@unccd.int; phone: +225-0707019281) by 3 p.m. of the previous day, at the latest.

ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SERVICE

Delegations are advised that official information on COP 15 can be found on the UNCCD website at <<http://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	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
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Registration of Participants	In front of the Hotel	Ms. Vera-Lynn Watson Phone: +225-0707056571
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