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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. . . . . . 2nd meeting . . . . . Plenary Hall

1. UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework . . . . . [item 2]

(c) Follow-up on the midterm evaluation of the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework (ICCD/COP(15)/2, ICCD/COP(15)/21)

*Introduction and discussion*

2. Policy frameworks and thematic issues . . . . . [item 4]

- Migration  
(ICCD/COP(15)/18, ICCD/COP(15)/21)

- Gender  
(ICCD/COP(15)/17, ICCD/COP(15)/21)

- Sand and dust storms  
(ICCD/COP(15)/16, ICCD/COP(15)/21)

- Land tenure  
(ICCD/COP(15)/19, ICCD/COP(15)/21)

*Introduction and discussion*

### COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

\* p.m. . . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Main Committee Room

1. 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;

*Action on draft decision ICCD/COP(15)/CST/L.1*

- (b) Evidence on the approaches for the assessment and monitoring of the resilience of vulnerable populations and ecosystems to drought;

*Action on draft decision ICCD/COP(15)/CST/L.2*

- (c) Coordination activities of the Science-Policy Interface with other intergovernmental scientific panels and bodies.

*Action on draft decision*

2. Interfacing science and policy, and sharing knowledge: . . . . . [item 3]

- (a) The Science-Policy Interface, the dissemination and accessibility of best practices, and the UNCCD Knowledge Hub;

*Action on draft decision*

- (b) Work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2022–2023;

*Action on draft decision*

- (c) Information on modalities for reporting on the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework.

3. Procedural matters: Programme of work for the sixteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology . . . . . [item 4]

*Action on draft decision*

4. Adoption of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology). . . . . [item 5]

5. Organizational matters . . . . . [item 1]

- (b) Election of officers other than the Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology

*Closure of the session*

## CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

\* p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting. . . . . Plenary Hall

1. Organizational matters . . . . . [item 1]

- (c) Election of officers other than the President:

- (i) Election of Vice-Presidents;

- (d) Credentials of delegations (ICCD/COP(15)/22)

2. UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework. . . . . [item 2]
  - (d) Review of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology and its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties

*Action on draft decisions*

\* To follow immediately after the adjournment of the CST

## FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL MEETINGS

**Monday, 16 May 2022**

### COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. . . . . 2nd meeting . . . . . Plenary Hall

1. 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 (continued) (ICCD/COP(15)/CST/7-ICCD/CRIC(20)/8, ICCD/CRIC(20)/9, ICCD/CRIC(20)/INF.1, ICCD/CRIC(20)/10). . . . . [item 3]
2. Integration of Sustainable Development Goal 15 and related target 15.3 into the implementation of the Convention and land degradation neutrality (ICCD/CRIC(20)/7, ICCD/CRIC(20)/10) . . . . . [item 2 (d)]

3 – 6 p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting. . . . . Plenary Hall

1. Development and promotion of activities for targeted capacity-building to further the implementation of the Convention (ICCD/CRIC(20)/6, ICCD/CRIC(20)/10) . . . . . [item 2 (e)]

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

3 – 6 p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting. . . . . Plenary Hall

1. UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework. . . . . [item 2]
  - (b) Review of progress in the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification communication plan and the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (2010–2020) (ICCD/COP(15)/3, ICCD/COP(15)/21)
2. Promotion and strengthening relationships with other relevant conventions and international organizations, institutions and agencies (ICCD/COP(15)/4, ICCD/COP(15)/21) . . . . . [item 3]

**MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES**

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9 – 10 a.m.	<b>UNITED STATES OPEN LISTENING SESSION WITH CSOS AND PRIVATE SECTOR</b> <i>Open meeting</i>	MET-15
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**OTHER MEETINGS**

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8:30 – 10 a.m.	<b>Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Africa (Annex I)</b> <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-20
9:15 – 10 a.m.	<b>Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Asia (Annex II)</b> <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-19
9 – 10 a.m.	<b>Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Latin America and the Caribbean (Annex III)</b> <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-18
8 – 10 a.m.	<b>Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Central and Eastern Europe (Annex V)</b> <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-03

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10:15 a.m. – 3 p.m.	CST Contact Group <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-20
1 – 2:30 p.m.	COW Contact Group on Budget <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-09
Beginning at 6 p.m.	COW Contact Group on other matters <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-19
6 – 7 p.m.	Friends of the Chair <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-03
8 – 10 a.m.	CSO Consultations	MET-08
1 – 3 p.m.	Gender Caucus – session 2	MET-19

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**SIDE EVENTS**


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8 – 10 a.m.	Empowering grassroots communities to combat land degradation in Africa's drylands (SOS Sahel International)	MET-11
8 – 10 a.m.	Multi-stakeholder action for scaling soil health globally through evidence-based public and private investment (CIFOR)	MET-12
8 – 10 a.m.	Valuing natural capital accounting serving land restoration and its ecosystem services in Africa (OSS)	MET-13
8 – 10 a.m.	The Great Green Investment Opportunity. The Great Green Wall: an overview of current progress and the key investment opportunities for green jobs, women's livelihoods, climate resilience, and Integrated Ecosystem Management (UNEP/PAGGW)	MET-14
1 – 3 p.m.	Strategic knowledges alliances for actions and innovations for the Great Green Wall success by 2030 (Agropolis International)	MET-08
1 – 3 p.m.	Against all odds. The winding path from multidimensional fragility to drought resilience in drylands (FAO)	MET-11
1 – 3 p.m.	Agroecology, a way to achieve prosperity by 2030? (CARI)	MET-12
1 – 3 p.m.	Evidence-based decision making for Life on Land - Scenarios for Integrated Land Use Planning (GIZ)	MET-13
1 – 3 p.m.	Scaling up clean energy and climate action on the ground (IRENA)	MET-14
6 – 8 p.m.	Shaping enabling conditions for sustainable interventions (Cote d'Ivoire)	MET-08
6 – 8 p.m.	Greening the Desert; creating resiliency through Agave Agroforestry, and other regenerative initiatives (Regeneration International)	MET-11
6 – 8 p.m.	Climate Smart agriculture and women (GGGI)	MET-12
6 – 8 p.m.	Advancing Regenerative Food Systems for People and Planet	MET-13
6 – 8 p.m.	How to develop the next generation scientists in desertification (DesertNet)	MET-14
6 – 8 p.m.	Lancement de l'application mobile Tervie, innovations pour la promotion des solutions fondées sur la nature pour freiner la désertification et restaurer les écosystèmes (Francophonie)	MET-15

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## SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

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**Thursday, 12 May 2022**

### COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

1st meeting..... Mr. Andrew Bishop (Guyana), the CRIC 20 Chair opened the twentieth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and made an introductory statement.

#### *Opening Statements*

A statement was made by Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

Statements were made by the representatives of Angola (on behalf of the African group), France (on behalf of the European Union and its Member States), Pakistan (on behalf of the Asia-Pacific group), Belize (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), Turkey (on behalf of the Regional Implementation Annex for Northern Mediterranean (Annex IV)), Georgia (on behalf of the Regional Implementation Annex for Central and Eastern Europe (Annex V)) and Saudi Arabia (on behalf of the Arab Group).

A statement was also made by a representative of civil society.

#### *Organizational matters..... [1]*

##### *(a) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work*

The Committee began its consideration of the item and adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document ICCD/CRIC(20)/1.

The UNCCD secretariat made a statement.

The Committee approved the tentative schedule of work as contained in the annex to document ICCD/CRIC(20)/1 as orally revised.

##### *(b) Election of officers other than the Chair of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention*

The Committee began its consideration of the sub item [1 (b)].

Ms. Saliha Fortas of Algeria was elected by the Committee as Acting Rapporteur for the meeting in the absence of the elected Rapporteur.

*Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional levels ..... [2]*

*(a) Review of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on its nineteenth session*

The Committee began its consideration of the sub item [2 (a)].

The Acting Rapporteur introduced the report of the CRIC19.

*(b) Multi-year workplans of the Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies*

*(c) Performance of the Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies*

The Committee began its consideration of the sub items [2 (b)] and [2 (c)].

The UNCCD secretariat made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by France (on behalf of the European Union and its Member States), Brazil and Saudi Arabia.

The representatives of the UNCCD secretariat responded to comments made and questions raised from the floor.

The Committee concluded general discussion on agenda item 2, sub-items (a) (b) and (c).

*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 as contained in document ICCD/COP(15)/CST/7-ICCD/CRIC(20)/8..... [3]*

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 3.

The UNCCD secretariat made a statement.

Statements were made by Mexico, China and France (on behalf of the European Union and its Member States).

The UNCCD secretariat responded to comments made and questions raised from the floor.

Further Statements were made by Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Argentina and Ecuador.

The UNCCD secretariat responded to comments made and questions raised from the floor.



The Committee concluded general discussion on agenda item 3.

*Establishment of Contact Groups and Appointment of Facilitators*

The Committee decided to establish one Joint CRIC and CST Contact Group on matters relating to “Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and formats of reports to be submitted to the COP and appointed a facilitator, Mr. Julius Smith from Trinidad and Tobago.

The meeting was adjourned.

**COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

2nd meeting ..... *Items resulting from the work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2020–2021* ..... [2]

*(c) Coordination activities of the Science-Policy Interface with other intergovernmental scientific panels and bodies*

The Committee continued its consideration of the item. The UNCCD secretariat introduced the agenda sub-item. Members of the Science-Policy Interface (SPI) delivered their presentations.

Comments were made by representatives of the United States of America, the Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Switzerland, Niger, China, Morocco, the State of Palestine, Mongolia, Japan, Israel, Bhutan, Sudan, France (on behalf of the European Union and its Member States), Cambodia and Saudi Arabia.

A representative of civil society organizations also made a statement.

The UNCCD secretariat and a SPI member responded to questions from the floor.

*Interfacing science and policy, and sharing knowledge* ..... [3]

*(a) The Science-Policy Interface, the dissemination and accessibility of best practices, and the UNCCD Knowledge Hub*

The Committee initiated its consideration of the item. The UNCCD secretariat introduced the agenda sub-item.

Comments were made by representatives of Switzerland, the United States of America, South Sudan, Niger, China, Japan, Brazil and Eswatini.

The UNCCD secretariat responded to questions from the floor.

*(b) Work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2022–2023*

The Committee continued its consideration of the item. The UNCCD secretariat introduced the agenda sub-item.

Comments were made by representatives of the United States of America, Switzerland, France (on behalf of the European Union and its Member States), China, Mongolia, Niger, Morocco, Egypt, Gabon and Niger (on behalf of the Group of African States).

The UNCCD secretariat responded to questions from the floor.

The meeting was adjourned.

3rd meeting.....*Interfacing science and policy, and sharing knowledge* ..... [3]

*(c) Information on modalities for reporting on the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework*

The Committee continued its consideration of the item. The UNCCD secretariat introduced the agenda sub-item.

Comments were made by the representative of the United States of America.

*Procedural matters: Programme of work for the sixteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology* ..... [4]

The Committee initiated its consideration of the item. The CRIC Chair introduced the agenda item.

Comments were made by the representative of the United States of America.

*Establishment of Contact Groups and appointment of Facilitators*

The Committee appointed Mr. Julius Smith of Trinidad and Tobago as facilitator of the joint CRIC and CST contact group.

The UNCCD secretariat made an announcement.

The meeting was adjourned.

## CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

2nd meeting ..... H.E. Mr. Alain Donwahi called to order the second meeting of the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

### *Opening Statements*

A statement was made by Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

### *Organizational matters..... [1]*

- *Inclusion of activities of non-governmental organizations within the official programme of work of the Conference of the Parties: open dialogue session*

The moderator of the Open Dialogue Session, Ms. Sabina Gasimova from IDEA, an NGO from Azerbaijan, made some opening remarks.

Presentations under Session I: Honoring the memory of land heroes were made by Mr. Patrice Burger (CARI, France), Ms. Nahid Naghizadeh (CENESTA, Iran) and Mr. Dharmendeer Nadimetla (GBS, India).

Presentations under *Session II: "Lands we use, lands we protect, lands we own - Opportunities and solutions to equity and equality"* were made by Mr. Ismael Bizo Allahi (AJEEC, Niger) representing African CSOs, Mr. Hemantha Whitanage (Centre for Environmental Justice, Sri Lanka) representing Asian CSOs, Ms. Ruth Spenser (Zero Waste, Antigua) on behalf of CSOs from Latin America and the Caribbean, Ms. Beth Roberts (Landesa, USA) representing WEOG CSOs and Mr. Oscar Soria (Avaaz) representing international NGOs.

Statements and comments were made by representatives of Argentina, Ecuador, India and the International Labour Organization (ILO).

Panelists responded to comments made and questions raised from the floor.

The meeting was adjourned.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COVID REGULATIONS AND PCR TESTING

Participants are advised to consider the health guide available at <[https://unccd-cop15.org/guide\\_sanitaire](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.

To assist with antigen testing, the Health Commission is on-site in the Pullman, Movenpick, Novotel and Sofitel hotels to carry out tests every evening from 6 to 10 p.m. Signs are up in these hotels and hotel staff are generally aware of the testing.

The Health Commission urges delegates to get tested. This is not an option but a responsibility to yourself and others.

Thank you for your understanding.

### 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>
13 – 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 (in room 440; phone: +225-0707025046) as soon as possible.

### FUNDING FOR ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

The payment of daily subsistence allowances will continue to distribute on 12 May 2022 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at ground floor, SALLE ABOISSO in local currency (CFA Franc - XOF).

### COP 15 ECOVILLAGE OPENS TODAY

The COP 15 Ecovillage is now open and the place to go for experiencing the culture and cuisine of Côte d'Ivoire. Open from 11 a.m. to midnight, it offers food from all regions of Côte d'Ivoire and traditional crafts at affordable prices.

To reach the ecovillage, exit the COP 15 conference venue, pass the mall and turn right in the direction of the lagoon. It is just 10 minutes by foot. Buses to the ecovillage will be departing from the bicycle park located at the front entrance of the COP 15 venue.

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**RIO CONVENTIONS PAVILION**

*9 a.m. – 12 p.m. GEF morning session: Land degradation neutrality: listening from experiences*

The GEF day aims to give the floor to different stakeholders who have been involved in advancing the land degradation neutrality agenda including experiences of mainstreaming gender. Discussion will also involve key cross-cutting project issues that can ultimately affect the success and durability of the LDN targets countries have set.

- Session 1: Land Degradation Neutrality: Listening to the voices on the ground
- Session 2: Gender in LDN and landscape restoration
- Session 3: LDN: Where we go from here?

*1:15 – 6 p.m. Land for Life afternoon session*

The event aims to raise the awareness of the COP 15 participants on how compelling sustainable land management is in addressing global issues such as poverty, food insecurity, water scarcity, climate change and human security. The winner of the Land for Life Award will share their success case.

- Opening of the Land for Life Day
- Interactive dialogue with Land Ambassadors: Their role in communicating for the SDGs
- Discussion: Youth engagement and role in communications
- Land restoration and the role of stakeholder engagement
- How do we take action: Young voices and women

*6 – 8:30 p.m. Special event: Celebrating 10th anniversary of the Changwon Initiative and the UNCCD Land for Life Award*

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!

**THE UNCCD CONFERENCE APP**

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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.



**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	

**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](mailto: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.

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