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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

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

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. . . . . 2nd meeting . . . . . Main Committee Room

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/CRIC(20)/9, ICCD/CRIC(20)/INF.1, ICCD/CRIC(20)/10) . . . . . [item 3]

*Introduction and discussion*

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

- (d) 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)

*Introduction and discussion*

3 – 6 p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Main Committee Room

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

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

*Introduction and discussion*

**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)

*Introduction and discussion*

- 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]

*Introduction and discussion*

- 3. Procedural matters . . . . . [item 7]
  - (a) Participation and involvement of civil society organizations in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (ICCD/COP(15)/12, ICCD/COP(15)/21)
  - (b) Participation and involvement of the private sector in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the business engagement strategy (ICCD/COP(15)/13, ICCD/COP(15)/21)

*Introduction and discussion*

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**FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL MEETINGS**

**Tuesday, 17 May 2022**

**COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION**

3 – 6 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting. . . . . Main Committee Room

- 1. Securing of additional investments and relations with financial mechanisms.[item 4]
  - (a) Report by the Global Environment Facility on the financing of programmes and projects concerning desertification/land degradation and drought (ICCD/CRIC(20)/4, ICCD/CRIC(20)/10)

- (b) Report by the Global Mechanism on progress made in the mobilization of resources for the implementation of the Convention (ICCD/CRIC(20)/5, ICCD/CRIC(20)/10)

*Introduction and discussion*

### CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

10 a.m – 1 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting. . . . . Plenary Hall

- 1. Inclusion of activities of civil society organizations within the official programme of work of the Conference of the Parties

*Open dialogue session*

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### 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.*

9 – 10 a.m.

**JUSCANZ COORDINATION MEETING**  
*Closed meeting*

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 – 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
9 – 10 a.m.	<b>Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Central and Eastern Europe (Annex V)</b> <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-03

1 – 3 p.m.	COW Contact Group on Budget <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-10
6 – 8 p.m.	COW Contact Group on other matters <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-19
6:15 – 8:30 p.m.	CRIC Contact Group <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-06
1 – 3 p.m.	Friends of the Chair <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-02
8 – 10 a.m.	CSO Consultations	MET-08
8 – 9:30 a.m.	Gender Caucus – session 3	MET-12
6 – 7:30 p.m.	Land Tenure and Gender workshop-session 3	MET-20

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**SIDE EVENTS**


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8 – 10 a.m.	Side event (CICR)	MET-11
8 – 10 a.m.	“Solar Empowers Land and People-from Scarcity to Prosperity” - Integrated Solutions for Water, Food, and Ecosystems Restoration	MET-13
8 – 10 a.m.	Post Harvest Management and Storage in Drought Prone Areas (Grameena)	MET-14
1 – 3 p.m.	Agroécologie et agroforesterie, alternatives durables à la gestion durable des terres au sahel (SPONG)	MET-08
1 – 3 p.m.	Establishing the SLM Progress Calculator as a recognized LDN monitoring tool to measure systemic progress along an SLM trajectory (South Africa)	MET-11
1 – 3 p.m.	Securing Land Tenure Rights to Achieve Land Degradation Neutrality, Land-based Adaptation, and Responses to Drought (GIZ)	MET-12
1 – 3 p.m.	Funding agroecology as a pathway to achieve Land Degradation Neutrality – How funders can best support agroecological initiatives by local communities in drylands (BothEnds)	MET-13
1 – 3 p.m.	Launch of the new UNCCD-WOCAT gender-responsive SLM tool and discussions with its developers and users. (University of Bern, WOCAT)	MET-14
6 – 8 p.m.	Connect for life: Ecological connectivity at the heart of healthy lands (IUCN, WWF)	MET-11
6 – 8 p.m.	Enhancing nature-based solutions to boost gender equality (African Development Bank)	MET-12
6 – 8 p.m.	Nature-based Solutions for restoration in Latin America. Lessons learnt from the EUROCLIMA+ programme (Euroclima +)	MET-13
6 – 8 p.m.	Supporting countries in their reporting system to achieve land degradation neutrality : potential of geospatial tools (OSS)	MET-14
6 – 8 p.m.	Agro-écologie et Approches territoriales: au-delà des mots, des méthodes et des outils pour agir (Agrisud International)	MET-15

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## SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

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**Friday, 13 May 2022**

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

2nd meeting ..... *UNCCD 2018-2030 Strategic Framework* .....[2]

*(c) Follow-up on the midterm evaluation of the UNCCD 2018-2030 Strategic Framework*

The Chair (Guatemala) made a statement.

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item.

The representative of the UNCCD Secretariat introduced the document

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

The representative of the UNCCD secretariat responded to the comments and questions from the floor.

*Policy frameworks and thematic issues* ..... [4]

*Migration*

The Committee began its consideration of the issue.

The representative of the UNCCD secretariat introduced the document.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and its Member States), China, Argentina, Mexico, India, Oman, Ecuador and Bangladesh.

A statement was also made on behalf of civil society organizations.

*Gender*

The representative of the UNCCD secretariat introduced the document.

Statements were made by the representatives of Peru, France (on behalf of the European Union and its Member States), Canada, Benin (on behalf of the African Group), Bangladesh, Argentina, the United Kingdom, China, India, Ecuador,

Nicaragua, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Madagascar and Switzerland.

A statement was made by the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

A statement was also made on behalf of civil society organizations.

The representative of the UNCCD secretariat responded to the comments and questions from the floor.

*Sand and dust storms*

The representative of the UNCCD secretariat introduced the document.

Statements were made by the representatives of Iraq, Algeria (on behalf of the African Group), the Republic of Korea, the Syrian Arab Republic, India, France (on behalf of the European Union and its Member States), China, Mexico, Saudi Arabia and the State of Palestine.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the UN Coalition to Combat Sand and Dust Storms (SDS).

A statement was also made on behalf of Civil Society Organizations.

*Land tenure*

The representative of the UNCCD secretariat introduced the document.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Dominican Republic, Ghana (on behalf of the African Group), Argentina, Kenya, France (on behalf of the European Union and its Member States), Mexico, Switzerland, Nepal, Madagascar and China.

A statement was made by the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

A statement was also made on behalf of civil society organizations.

The representative of the UNCCD secretariat responded to the comments and questions from the floor.

The meeting was adjourned.

## CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

3rd meeting ..... *Organizational matters*.....[1]

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

(i) *Election of Vice-Presidents*

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

The Conference elected Ms. Narine Hakobyan of Armenia to serve as the Rapporteur of the COP 15.

(d) *Credentials of delegations*

The Conference considered agenda item 1 sub-item (d) and approved the report contained in document ICCD/COP(15)/22: *Credentials of Delegations. Report of the Bureau to the Conference of the Parties.*

*UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework*..... [2]

d) *Review of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology and its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties*

The Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology, Mr. Bongani Masuku (Eswatini), presented the report of the Committee.

The Conference adopted the draft proposals contained in documents ICCD/COP(15)/CST/L.1, ICCD/COP (15)/CST/L.2, ICCD/COP(15)/CST/L.3, ICCD/COP(15)/CST/L.4, ICCD/COP(15)/CST/L.5 (as orally corrected), and ICCD/COP(15)/CST/L.6, and concluded action on the recommendations of the fifteenth session of the CST.

The meeting was adjourned.

## COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

4th meeting ..... *Items resulting from the work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2020–2021*..... [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*



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

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

The Committee resumed consideration of the agenda item 2, sub-items (a), (b) and (c).

*Action on draft decisions: “Policy recommendations resulting from the work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2020–2021: Objective 1” (ICCD/COP(15)/CST/L.1), “Policy recommendations resulting from the work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2020–2021: Objective 2” (ICCD/COP(15)/CST/L.2) and “Policy-oriented recommendations resulting from the cooperation with other intergovernmental scientific panels and bodies” (ICCD/COP (15)/CST/L.3).*

A statement was made by the representative of Morocco.

The secretariat responded to questions from the floor.

The Committee adopted the draft decisions and recommended them to the Conference of the Parties for adoption.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 2.

*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*

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

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

The Committee resumed consideration of the agenda item 3, sub-items (a) and (b),

*Action on draft decisions: “Interfacing science and policy: The Science-Policy Interface, the dissemination and accessibility of best practices, and the UNCCD Knowledge Hub” (ICCD/COP(15)/CST/L.4) and “Work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the triennium 2022–2024” (ICCD/COP(15)/CST/L.5).*

Statements were made by the representatives of Switzerland and the United States of America.

The secretariat responded to questions from the floor.

The Committee adopted the draft decisions *ICCD/COP(15)/CST/L.4 and ICCD/COP(15)/CST/L.5 as orally amended*, and recommended them to the Conference of the Parties for adoption.

In connection with agenda item 3, sub-item (c), the CST Chair informed the Committee that relevant CST matters were agreed in the joint CRIC/CST Contact group and further integrated in a final draft proposal to be submitted for adoption under the CRIC.

The committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 3.

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

The Committee resumed consideration of the agenda item.

*Action on draft decision entitled: "Programme of work for the sixteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology" (ICCD/COP(15)/CST/L.6).*

The Committee adopted the draft decision and recommended it to the Conference of the Parties for adoption.

The Committee concluded its consideration of agenda item 4.

A statement was made by the representative of Mexico (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States).

*Adoption of the Report of the Committee on Science and Technology* ..... [5]

Ms. Anna Luise of Italy, Vice-Chair and Rapporteur of the Committee, made a summary of the outcomes of the fifteenth session of the CST.

The Committee approved the draft report of the session as presented on the understanding that the Rapporteur would complete it with the assistance of the secretariat.

The Committee concluded its consideration of agenda item 5.

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

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

The Committee elected Mr. Ahmed Abdelati of Egypt, Mr. Abdul Hamid of Bangladesh, Mr. Hamid Kustovic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Mr. Jeffrey Herrick of United States of America as Vice-Chairs of the sixteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology.

The Committee concluded its consideration of agenda item 1.

The CST Chair made concluding remarks and declared closed the fifteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST 15).

## 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>
16 – 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 16 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. Once you reach the end of that street, turn right again and you will see it on your left after some more walking. 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.

## **RIO CONVENTIONS PAVILION**

The Sand and Dust Storm (SDS) Day at the Rio Pavilion at UNCCD COP 15 will serve as a platform to raise awareness about SDS, providing an opportunity for knowledge sharing and capacity development among stakeholders and partners involved in SDS related issues. They include representatives from affected countries involved in policy and decision making, implementation, science, field practitioners and local communities, as well as Coalition members. The outcomes of discussions will ultimately input to COP deliberations on SDS and other related fora. Led by FAO and UNCCD, the United Nations Coalition on Combating Sand and Dust Storms will organize the SDS Day in the Rio Conventions Pavilion.

*8:00-12:30 Sharing knowledge on SDS management (including presentations on the following topics:*

- Adaptation and Mitigation
- Forecasting and Early Warning
- Health and Safety
- Policy and Governance
- Regional Collaboration

*13:00-15:00 - High level interactive dialogue*

- Opening remarks (Lifeng Li, Director Land and Water, FAO)
- Welcome remarks (Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary, UNCCD)
- Country statements (45 mins)
- International Responses (15 mins)
- UNCCD SDS Compendium (Miriam Medel, UNCCD)
- A concept note on Combating SDS to enhance food security and achieve land degradation neutrality + video to begin (Feras Ziadat/Nick Middleton, FAO)
- Panel discussion (35 mins)

*15:15-18:00 - Building Resilience: SDS training*

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**

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.



**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.

**DIRECTORY**

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