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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### 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*

### 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)

*Introduction and discussion*

- (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*

**FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL MEETINGS**

**Wednesday, 18 May 2022**

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

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. . . . . 5th meeting. . . . . Main Committee Room

- 1. Securing of additional investments and relations with financial mechanisms  
(continued) . . . . . [item 4]
- (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)

*Discussion*

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

- 1. Adoption of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of  
the Convention (ICCD/CRIC(19)/6, ICCD/CRIC(20)/10)

*Closure of the session*



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

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9 – 10 a.m.	<b>JUSCANZ COORDINATION MEETING</b> <i>Closed 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 – 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 – 1:30 p.m.	COP Bureau meeting <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-02
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	CRIC Bureau meeting <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-04
1 – 3 p.m.	COW Contact Group on budget <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-10
10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 3 – 9:30 p.m.	COW Contact Group on other matters <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-19
6 – 8:30 p.m.	CRIC Contact Group <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-06
1:30 – 4 p.m.	Friends of the Chair <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-02
8 – 10 a.m.	CSO Consultations	MET-08
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Peace Forest Initiative	MET-12

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**SIDE EVENTS**


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8 – 10 a.m.	Quelles solutions pour le retour des forêts et la restauration des sols en Côte d'Ivoire ? Reforestation, Régénération naturelle, Agroforesterie... 1/2 (France)	MET-11
8 – 10 a.m.	Coastal erosion the other side of land degradation in West African coastal states: WACA ResIP's response (IUCN)	MET-12
8 – 10 a.m.	Bamboo for Ecosystems Restoration and Green Growth (INBAR)	MET-13
8 – 10 a.m.	Les perspectives de restauration forestière dans le domaine rural face à la problématique de mobilisation des semences et plants (Boix tropicaux Afrique)	MET-14
1 – 3 p.m.	Landscape Management in Ghana (Rainforest Alliance)	MET-08
1 – 3 p.m.	Enabling Activities: Innovations in the UNCCD reporting process (GEF)	MET-11
1 – 3 p.m.	Sustainable mining activities as a tool against desertification in West Africa? (IRD)	MET-13
1 – 3 p.m.	Legacy of natural living for a healthy planet: land care, resilient communities and compassionate leadership. (Brahma Kumaris)	MET-14
1 – 3 p.m.	Promoting land restoration and resilience to climate risks in mountains. Building a legacy for people and the planet (Nepal)	MET-15
6 – 8 p.m.	La place des planteurs villageois dans la protection des forêts (CIERAD)	MET-08
6 – 8 p.m.	Quelles solutions pour le retour des forêts et la restauration des sols en Côte d'Ivoire ? Reforestation, Regeneration naturelle, Agroforesterie... 2/2: le forum (France)	MET-11
6 – 8 p.m.	The Saudi Green Initiative (Saudi Arabia)	MET-13
6 – 8 p.m.	Valorization of neem tree (Youth in Action for Sustainable Development)	MET-14
6 – 8 p.m.	Enhancing Access to Finance for Sustainable Land Management through the Adaptation Fund to tackle climate change induced land degradation (Adaptation Fund)	MET-15

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**SUMMARY OF MEETINGS**

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**Monday, 16 May 2022**

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

2nd meeting ..... *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.....[3]*

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

The UNCCD secretariat introduced the agenda item.

A presentation was delivered by a representative of Conservation International.

Statements were made by representatives of the United States of America, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, India, Jordan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Angola, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Lebanon, Cuba, Tunisia, Côte D'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Peru, Fiji, Ecuador, Bangladesh, the Seychelles, Belarus and the Dominican Republic.

A representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) also made a statement.

The UNCCD secretariat and representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and of Conservation International responded to questions from the floor.

The Committee concluded the general discussion of sub- item 3

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

*(d) Integration of Sustainable Development Goal 15 and related target 15.3 into the implementation of the Convention and land degradation neutrality*

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

The UNCCD secretariat introduced the agenda item.

Statements were made by representatives of Sierra Leone, the United States of America, France (on behalf of the European Union and its Member States), China, Bangladesh, Côte D'Ivoire, India, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Niger,

Bangladesh, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, the United Republic of Tanzania, Mauritania and the Republic of The Gambia.

The Global Mechanism responded to questions from the floor.

The Committee concluded the general discussion of sub-item 2 (d).

The meeting was adjourned.

3rd meeting ..... *Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional levels* .....[2]

*(e) Development and promotion of activities for targeted capacity-building to further the implementation of the Convention*

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

The UNCCD secretariat introduced the agenda item.

Panelists of the Dominican Republic, Turkey, the Republic of Korea, Canada, Ghana, Bosnia and Herzegovina and a CSO representative delivered presentations.

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

Statements were also made by CSO representatives.

The secretariat made a summary of the panel discussion.

The Committee concluded the general discussion of sub-item 2 (e).

The meeting was adjourned.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

3rd meeting ..... *UNCCD 2018-2030 Strategic Framework* .....[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)*

The representative of the UNCCD secretariat introduced the document under this sub-item.

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

The Committee concluded the general discussion of sub-item 2 (b).

*Procedural matters..... [7]*

*(a) Participation and involvement of civil society organizations in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification*

The representative of the UNCCD secretariat introduced the document under this sub-item.

Ms. Manon Albagnac, the Chair of the Civil Society Organizations Panel, presented a summary of the CSO report.

A statement was made by the representative of France (on behalf of the European Union and its Member States).

The Committee concluded the general discussion of sub-item 7 (a).

*(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*

The representative of the UNCCD secretariat introduced the document under this sub-item.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and its Member States), Oman and South Sudan.

A representative of the CSO made a statement.

Representatives of the UNCCD secretariat and the Global Mechanism responded to the questions and comments from the floor.

The Committee concluded the general discussion on agenda item 7, sub-item (b) and agenda item 7 as a whole.

*Promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and international organizations, institutions and agencies ..... [3]*

The representative of the UNCCD secretariat introduced the document under this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, the United Kingdom, Japan, France (on behalf of the European Union and its Member States), India and Kenya.

A representative of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) made a statement.

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

The Committee concluded the general discussion of agenda item 3.

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>
17 – 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 17 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

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.

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## **RIO CONVENTIONS PAVILION**

The Rio Conventions Pavilion at UNCCD COP 15 (located in MET-07) will focus on addressing the interlinked challenges of land degradation, climate change and biodiversity loss. The Rio Conventions Pavilion is a collaborative platform that promotes synergies among the Rio conventions at the implementation level and showcases activities that link biodiversity conservation and sustainable use, sustainable land management and efforts to combat desertification, and climate change mitigation and adaptation. The Rio Conventions Pavilion will operate daily from 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. until 18 May.

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.



## **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.

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**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	

**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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