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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

* p.m. 5th meeting. Main Committee Room

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

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

Action on draft decision ICCD/CRIC(20)/L.1

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

Action on draft decision ICCD/CRIC(20)/L.2

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

Action on draft decision ICCD/CRIC(20)/L.3

2. 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 . . . [item 3]

Action on draft decision

3. 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

Action on draft decision

(b) Report by the Global Mechanism on progress made in the mobilization of resources for the implementation of the Convention

Action on draft decision

4. Procedural matters: Programme of work for the twenty-first session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention [item 5]

Action on draft decisions

5. Adoption of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention
6. Organizational matters [1]
 - (b) Election of officers other than the Chair of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention.

Closure of the session

FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL MEETINGS

Thursday, 19 May 2022

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 5th meeting. Plenary Hall

1. UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework [item 2]
 - (d) Report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties

Action on draft decisions

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

3 – 6 p.m. 5th meeting. Plenary Hall

Adoption of the report of the Committee of the Whole

Action on draft proposals

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 <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-15
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OTHER MEETINGS

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8:30 – 10 a.m.	Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Africa (Annex I) <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-20
9 – 10 a.m.	Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Asia (Annex II) <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-19
9 – 10 a.m.	Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Latin America and the Caribbean (Annex III) <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-18
9 – 11 a.m.	Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Central and Eastern Europe (Annex V) <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-03

1 – 1:30 p.m.	COP Bureau meeting <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-02
1:45 – 2:30 p.m.	CRIC Bureau meeting <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-04
From 10 a.m. onwards	COW Contact Group on budget <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-10
10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and from 4 p.m. onwards	COW Contact Group on other matters <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-19
From 10 a.m. onwards	CRIC Contact Group <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-06
From 1 p.m. onwards	Friends of the Chair <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-09
8 – 10 a.m.	CSO Consultations	MET-08

SIDE EVENTS

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

8 – 10 a.m.	Les femmes face aux problematiques de la propriété fonciere (Club Ohada Thies)	MET-14
1 – 3 p.m.	Promoting land restoration in mountains. Building a legacy for people and the planet (Malawi)	MET-08
1 – 3 p.m.	Restoration of degraded cocoa landscapes: lessons from Côte d’Ivoire (World Agroforestry)	MET-11
1 – 3 p.m.	National implementation of the Tools4LDN workflow in Colombia (Colombia)	MET-13
1 – 3 p.m.	Opportunités de lutte contre la dégradation des sols et actions de régénération en Afrique de l’Ouest francophone (JVE CIV)	MET-14
6 – 8 p.m.	How private finance and impact investing can fight deforestation and enhance cocoa agroforestry systems in Cote d’Ivoire? (Mirova)	MET-12
6 – 8 p.m.	Villes et sols : opportunité ou menace? (Climate Chance)	MET-13
6 – 8 p.m.	Heveaculture et captation de carbone : contribution de l'APROMAC (APROMAC)	MET-14
6 – 8 p.m.	VENUS-Ne, le micro satellite Vegetation and Environment (Israel)	MET-15

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 17 May 2022

4th meeting H.E. Mr. Alain Donwahi (President of COP 15) called to order the fourth meeting of the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to 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 representative of the UNCCD secretariat made a statement.

Presentations were made by following panelists: Mr. Alpha Kane (from the NGO ENDA, Senegal), Mr. Pablo Motta (from Mision Verde Amazonia, Colombia), Ms. Nahideh Naghizadeh (from CENESTA, Iran) and Mr. Tom Derr (from EcoAgriculture, USA).

Ms. Yousra Abourabi from AGRISUD made a synthesis of the interventions.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and its Member States), Argentina, the United States of America, the Dominican Republic, Burundi, Burkina Faso, Eswatini, Argentina and India.

Statements were also made by representatives of CSOs by Action pour le Developpement du Sahel, Both Ends (Netherlands) and CIASE (Argentina).

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

The panelists addressed the comments and questions raised.

The Acting COP 15 President made a statement.

The meeting was adjourned.

COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

4th meeting *Securing of additional investments and relations with financial mechanisms ...*[4]

(a) Report by the Global Environment Facility on the financing of programmes and projects concerning desertification/land degradation and drought

The Committee initiated its consideration of the item. The UNCCD secretariat introduced the agenda item. The representative of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) presented the report by the GEF.

Statements were made by representatives of China, the Syrian Arab Republic, France (on behalf of the European Union and its Member States), Argentina, Senegal (on behalf of the Group of African States) and India.

The representative of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) responded to questions from the floor.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub item 4 (a).

(b) Report by the Global Mechanism on progress made in the mobilization of resources for the implementation of the Convention

The Committee continued its consideration of the item. The Managing Director of the Global Mechanism (GM) introduced the agenda item.

Statements were made by representatives of China, France (on behalf of the European Union and its Member States), Bangladesh, Cuba, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and the Republic of Korea.

The representative of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) also made a statement.

The Global Mechanism responded to questions from the floor.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub item 4 (b) and agenda item 4 as a whole.

Procedural matters: Programme of work for the twenty-first session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention..... [5]

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

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 5.

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>.

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). 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>
18 – 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 18 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 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

In the drylands of Africa, land degradation threatens the livelihoods of millions of people. Fortunately, there are promising initiatives emerging all over the continent that are turning the tide. The Great Green Wall is an African-led movement with an ambition to grow an 8,000 km natural wonder of the world across the entire width of the continent. By 2030, the Great Green Wall aims to restore 100 million hectares of currently degraded land, sequester 250 million tonnes of carbon and create 10 million jobs in rural areas. Vast tracts of land along the Great Green Wall have already been restored by local communities.

Long considered only as a tree-planting program, the Great Green Wall Initiative is now perceived as a comprehensive integrated ecosystem management and rural development programme to combat land degradation and desertification, climate change, biodiversity loss, and poverty and food insecurity. A “Great Green Wall accelerator” was launched during the One Planet Summit in January 2021, to boost the implementation of the initiative in the 11 countries by supporting the emergence of multi-stakeholders’ initiatives designed in countries, and to better valorize the local actions already carried out in the field in support of the objectives of the Great Green Wall.

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| <i>9:00-10:30</i> | How to overcome barriers to make Great Green Wall a success in 2030? (Danaya) |
| <i>10:45-12:15</i> | Monitoring Tree Cover and Enhancing Decision Making Tools Across Africa’s Great Green Wall (OSS, WRI, BothEnds, CILSS) |
| <i>12:30-14:00</i> | Inter-regional engagement to inform unified policy making in sustainable land management and restoration / Great Green Wall Initiative in the dry lands (African Union Commission) |
| <i>14:15-15:45</i> | Participation of the Green Heart Foundation in the pan-African project for the construction of the Great Green Wall from Dakar to Djibouti: Assessment and perspectives (Green Heart) |
| <i>16:00-17:30</i> | Great Green Wall: for an Inclusive and climate change resilient development in Sahel through low carbon transition and agroforestry (Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI); Alliance Sahel, UNCCD) |
| <i>17:45-19:15</i> | Development and insecurity in the Sahel: from local collectivities and communities’ challenges and priorities to international solidarity (La route du sel et de l’espoir, AU-SAFGRAD, UEMOA, AFDB) |
| <i>19:30-20:00</i> | Turkey and the Great Green Wall (Government of Turkey) |

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.

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	

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.

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