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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

To be announced. 5th 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

Action on draft decision ICCD/COP(15)/L.17*

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

Action on draft decision ICCD/COP(15)/L.18

3. Policy frameworks and thematic issues [item 4]

Action on two draft decisions

4. Programme and budget [item 6]

(a) Programme and budget for the biennium 2022–2023

Action on two draft decisions: ICCD/COP(15)/L.19 and other

5. Procedural matters [item 7]

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

Action on draft decision ICCD/COP(15)/L.14

(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;

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

(c) Programme of work for the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties.

Action on draft decision

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

To be announced. 6th meeting. Plenary Hall

1. Organizational matters [item 1]

(c) Election of officers other than the President:

(ii) Election of the Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology

(iii) Election of the Chair of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

(d) Credentials of delegations (ICCD/COP(15)/22/Rev.1)

Action on draft decision ICCD/COP(15)/L.16

(f) Organization of work, including the sessions of the subsidiary bodies.

Consideration of the report of the Committee of the Whole

2. Report on the session [item 8]

Adoption of the report of the Conference of the Parties

Action on draft decision ICCD/COP(15)/L.6

* Please note that the issued L-documents can be consulted on the UNCCD website at the following link: <https://www.unccd.int/cop15/official-documents>, under 'In-session documents'

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
8:30 – 10 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
1:30 – 2:15 p.m.	COP-Closing Press Conference: Presentation of the Outcomes of COP 15	MET-02
From 10 a.m. onwards	COW Contact Group on other matters <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-19
From 10 a.m. onwards	CoW Contact Group on Budget <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-03
8 – 10 a.m.	CSO Consultations	MET-08

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 19 May 2022

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

4th 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 Committee resumed its consideration of the agenda item 2 sub-item (b) and adopted the draft proposal entitled:” Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification communication plan“contained in document ICCD/COP(15)/L.9.

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

The Committee resumed its consideration of the agenda item 4 and adopted the following draft proposals:

“The positive role that measures taken under the Convention can play to address desertification/land degradation and drought as one of the drivers that causes migration” (ICCD/COP(15)/L.10), as orally amended.

“Follow-up on policy frameworks and thematic issues: Gender” (ICCD/COP(15)/L.13)

“Follow-up on policy frameworks and thematic issues: Sand and dust storms” (ICCD/COP(15)/L.11), as orally amended.

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

“Follow-up on policy frameworks and thematic issues: Land Tenure” (ICCD/COP(15)/L.12), as orally amended

Programme and budget..... [6]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the agenda item 6 and adopted the following draft proposal:

“Designation of a Convention secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: administrative and support arrangements” (ICCD/COP(15)/L.5)

Procedural matters: [7]

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

The Committee resumed its consideration of the agenda item 7 sub-item (a).

A representative of civil society organizations made a statement.

The Committee adopted the following draft proposal:

“Declaration of civil society organizations attending the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties” (ICCD/COP(15)/L.1)

A representative of the youth made a statement.

The Committee adopted the following draft proposal:

“Declaration of the Youth Forum” (ICCD/COP(15)/L.3)

(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 Committee resumed its consideration of the agenda item 7 sub-item (b).

A representative of the host country made a statement.

The Committee adopted the following draft proposal:

“Report from the Green Business Forum” (ICCD/COP(15)/L.2)

(c) Programme of work for the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties

The Committee resumed its consideration of the agenda item 7 sub-item (c).

The Committee adopted the following draft proposal:

“Dates and venues of future sessions of the Conference of the Parties” (ICCD/COP(15)/L.8)

The secretariat made an announcement

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>Time</i>
20 May 2022	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 20 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.

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; phone: +225-0707019281) by 3 p.m. of the previous day, at the latest.

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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