

## Decision 6/COP.15

### Participation and involvement of the private sector in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* articles 6, 17 and 20 of the Convention,

*Also recalling* decisions 5/COP.11, 6/COP.12, 6/COP.13 and 6/COP.14,

*Stressing* the importance of the involvement of the private sector in the implementation of the Convention and the 2018–2030 Strategic Framework of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification,

*Noting* the outcomes of the Sustainable Land Management Business Forum, and the information provided in document ICCD/CRIC(20)/5 related to the initiatives undertaken by the Global Mechanism,

1. *Takes note* of the initiatives undertaken by the Global Mechanism and *requests* the secretariat and the Global Mechanism to continue implementing the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification business engagement strategy and the private sector engagement strategy 2021–2030 when engaging in partnerships with the private sector;

2. *Requests* the secretariat and the Global Mechanism within their mandate and subject to the availability of resources to:

(a) Engage with companies that are working in the food-feed-fibre sector that have potential to make positive contributions to addressing desertification/land degradation and drought;

(b) Continue promoting, together with other partners, decent land-based jobs for youth and land-based youth entrepreneurship;

(c) Facilitate, in collaboration with the relevant partners and representatives of the private sector, the organization of the seventh Sustainable Land Management Business Forum on the sidelines of the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties;

(d) Continue engaging with the private sector on the introduction of sustainable land use and value chain development, including for the promotion of sustainable sourcing practices;

(e) Facilitate, in collaboration with partners, the development of the Business for Land initiative, bringing visibility to the commitments made by participating companies towards the objectives of the Convention and ensuring that the initiative is self-sustained in the future;

3. *Invites* Parties, business and industry entities to support the Business for Land initiative and present specific commitments to ensure the achievement of land degradation neutrality, on a voluntary basis;

4. *Requests* the secretariat to report at the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties on the measures taken to facilitate and encourage the participation and involvement of the private sector in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

*6<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting*

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