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Status report on the 2022 United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification reporting process

Note by the secretariat

Summary

This document provides a status report on the 2022 United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) reporting process and contains information on the number of reports submitted to the secretariat at regional and sub-regional level, as well as on reports from those Parties that do not belong to a UNCCD implementation annex.

Whilst the 2022 UNCCD reporting process had two deadlines for information submitted on strategic objective 1, and for the remaining sections of the reports, this document shows the total number of reports submitted by the second deadline, i.e. 28 February 2023. All reports, be they on strategic objective 1 or the remaining sections of the reports, went through a quality assurance process completed by 24 March 2023. These reports form the basis for the analysis of official documentation tabled at the twenty-first session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention.



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I. Introduction

1. By its decision 11/COP.15, the Conference of the Parties requested the secretariat and the Global Mechanism, as relevant, to make several improvements to the way in which reporting would be undertaken for the 2022 United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) reporting process. Following the provisions of decision 22/COP.11, the secretariat also provided default data for indicators of the strategic objectives (SO) contained in the 2018–2030 UNCCD strategic framework, as well as reporting tools that allow for geo-spatial reporting.

2. Reporting forms and other reporting tools (reporting manual and glossary) were made available in the last quarter of 2021 in the six official languages of the United Nations. Due to the Covid pandemic, technical assistance was arranged using an online help desk throughout the reporting period. Financial assistance was also provided to eligible countries to contribute to national costs for reporting.¹ For more detailed information on the roll-out of the 2022 UNCCD reporting process, see document ICCD/CRIC(21)7.

3. This document provides information on the total number of reports submitted by the 28 February 2023 deadline. Due to a delay in the reporting timeline, the Bureau of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC), in consultation with the Executive Secretary, decided to split the deadline in two, one for information submitted on SO 1, and the other for the remaining sections of the reports. All reports, be they on SO 1 or the other sections of the reports, were subject to a quality assurance process which was completed by 24 March 2023. These reports form the basis for the analysis of official documentation tabled at the twenty-first session of the CRIC.

II. Status of the 2022 United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification reporting process

4. By 28 February 2023, 126 of 196 Parties had submitted their national reports (annex, table 1). Forty reports (or 74 per cent of the expected reports) were from Africa (annex, table 2); 31 (or 56 per cent) from Asia (annex, table 3); 23 (or 70 per cent) from Latin America and the Caribbean (annex, table 4); 9 (or 75 per cent) from Northern Mediterranean countries (annex, table 5); 11 (or 73 per cent) from Central and Eastern European countries (annex, table 6); and 12 (or 44 per cent) from Parties that do not belong to a regional implementation annex (annex, table 7).

5. Table 1 in the annex contains information on the reports uploaded to the Performance Review and Implementation System (PRAIS) portal. Tables 2 to 7 in the annex contain information on the reporting process by reporting entity, as well as by region and subregion, where applicable.

¹ Financial assistance in support of the reporting was provided through the Global Environment Facility Funding for Enabling Activities.

Annex

Status of the 2022 United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification reporting process by regional implementation annex

Table 1
Overview of the 2022 United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification reporting process
 (as at 15 March 2023)

	<i>Reports received</i>	<i>Reports due</i>	<i>% (reports received/due)</i>
Total	126	196	64
<i>Annex I – Africa</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>74</i>
<i>Annex II – Asia</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>56</i>
<i>Annex III – Latin America and the Caribbean</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>69</i>
<i>Annex IV – Northern Mediterranean</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>75</i>
<i>Annex V – Central and Eastern Europe</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>73</i>
<i>Parties not belonging to a regional implementation annex</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>44</i>

Table 2
Reports received from affected country Parties of Annex I (Africa)

	<i>Reports received</i>	<i>Reports due</i>	<i>% (reports received/due)</i>
Central Africa	8	10	80
Burundi			
Cameroon			
Central African Republic			
Chad			
Equatorial Guinea			
Gabon			
Rwanda			
Sao Tome and Principe			
Eastern Africa	5	9	55
Eritrea			
Ethiopia			
Somalia			
Sudan			
Uganda			
Southern Africa	9	14	64
Botswana			
Eswatini			
Lesotho			
Madagascar			
Malawi			
Mauritius			
Namibia			
South Africa			
Zimbabwe			
Western Africa	13	15	87
Benin			
Burkina Faso			
Côte d'Ivoire			
Gambia			
Ghana			
Guinea			
Guinea-Bissau			
Liberia			
Mali			
Niger			
Nigeria			
Senegal			
Sierra Leone			
Togo			
Northern Africa	5	6	83
Algeria			
Libya			
Mauritania			

	<i>Reports received</i>	<i>Reports due</i>	<i>% (reports received/due)</i>
Morocco			
Tunisia			
Total Africa	40	54	74

Table 3
Reports received from affected country Parties of Annex II (Asia)

	<i>Reports received</i>	<i>Reports due</i>	<i>% (reports received/due)</i>
South-East Asia	5	50	80
Cambodia			
Indonesia			
Malaysia			
Philippines			
Viet Nam			
West Asia	11	13	85
Iraq			
Jordan			
Kuwait			
Lebanon			
Oman			
Qatar			
Saudi Arabia			
State of Palestine			
Syrian Arab Republic			
United Arab Emirates			
Yemen			
Pacific	2	16	.06
Australia			
Palau			
Central Asia	4	5	80
Kazakhstan			
Kyrgyzstan			
Turkmenistan			
Uzbekistan			
East Asia	3	4	75
China			
Mongolia			
Republic of Korea			
South Asia	6	8	75
Bangladesh			
Bhutan			
India			
Nepal			
Pakistan			
Sri Lanka			
Total Asia	31	55	56

Table 4
Reports received from affected country Parties of Annex III (Latin America and the Caribbean)

	<i>Reports received</i>	<i>Reports due</i>	<i>% (reports received/due)</i>
Mesoamerica	4	8	50
Belize			
Costa Rica			
Mexico			
Panama			
South Cone	2	5	40
Chile			
Paraguay			
Andean	5	5	100
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)			
Colombia			
Ecuador			
Peru			
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)			
Caribbean	12	15	80
Antigua and Barbuda			
Dominica			
Dominican Republic			
Grenada			
Guyana			
Haiti			
Jamaica			
Saint Kitts and Nevis			
Saint Lucia			
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines			
Suriname			
Trinidad and Tobago			
Total Latin America and the Caribbean	23	33	70

Table 5
Reports received from affected country Parties of Annex IV (Northern Mediterranean)

	<i>Reports received</i>	<i>Reports due</i>	<i>% (reports received/due)</i>
Greece			
Hungary			
Israel			
Italy			
Malta			
Portugal			
Slovenia			
Spain			
Türkiye			
Total Northern Mediterranean countries	9	12	75

Table 6
Reports received from affected country Parties of Annex V (Central and Eastern Europe)

	<i>Reports received</i>	<i>Reports due</i>	<i>% (reports received/due)</i>
Armenia			
Azerbaijan			
Bosnia and Herzegovina			
Bulgaria			
Estonia			
Georgia			
Latvia			
Montenegro			
Republic of Moldova			
Serbia			
Slovakia			
Total Central and Eastern European countries	11	15	73

Table 7
Reports received from Parties not belonging to a regional implementation annex

	<i>Reports received</i>	<i>Reports due</i>	<i>% (reports received/due)</i>
Austria			
Belgium			
Canada			
Czechia			
Finland			
Germany			
Lithuania			
Netherlands (Kingdom of the)			
Poland			
Switzerland			
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland			
United States of America			
Total Parties not belonging to a regional implementation annex	12	27	44