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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

11:30 am - 2:30 pm
Plenary Hall

COP 8th Meeting (Following immediately after the adjournment of the CST Plenary)

Meeting time tbc

Organizational matters (item 1)

(d) Credentials of delegations ([ICCD/COP\(16\)/23](#)).

2018–2030 Strategic Framework of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (item 2)

(d) Report of the Committee on Science and Technology and its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties ([ICCD/COP\(16\)/CST/10](#)).

2018–2030 Strategic Framework of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (item 2)

(a) Report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties ([ICCD/CRIC\(21\)/11](#), [ICCD/CRIC\(22\)/8](#) and its [Add.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

Consideration of the report of the Committee of the Whole
([ICCD/COP\(16\)/22](#)).

Report on the session (item 8)

Adoption of the report of the Conference of the Parties

9:30 - 10:00 pm
Plenary Hall

COP Plenary (Following immediately after the adjournment of CoW Plenary)

Closing Statements

Due to unavailability of interpretation services the following Closing statements could not be delivered on-site.

[COP16 Bhutan on behalf of Asia-Pacific Group Closing Statement](#)

[COP16 Closing statement on behalf of GRULAC - English](#)
[COP16 Closing Statement on behalf of GRULAC - Spanish](#)
[COP16 European Union Closing Statement](#)
[COP16 Closing Statement on behalf of the Regional Implementation Annex for Northern Mediterranean \(Annex IV\)](#)
[COP16 Argentina Closing Statement](#)
[COP16 IUCN Closing Statement](#)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

6:30 - 9:30 pm **COW 5th Meeting**
Plenary Hall Meeting time tbc

Adoption of the report of the Committee of the Whole ([ICCD/COP\(16\)/22](#)).

Action on draft proposals

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

10 am - 1 pm **CST 5th Meeting**
Plenary Hall Meeting time tbc

Organizational matters (item 1).

Adoption of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology ([ICCD/COP\(16\)/CST/10](#)).

Action on draft proposals

Organizational matters (item 1).

(b) Election of officers other than the Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology

Closure of the session

CONTACT GROUPS

8 - 11 am **COW Contact Group on Other Matters**
MET-12 (closed meeting)

4:45 - 7:45 pm **COW Contact Group on Budget**
MET-16 (closed meeting)

OTHER MEETINGS

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.

8 - 9 am **KSA Negotiation Team**
MET-32 (closed meeting)

8:15 - 10:00 am **EU Coordination Meeting**

MET-30	(closed meeting)
8:30 - 9:30 am	COP Bureau Meeting
MET-21	(closed meeting)
8:30 - 9:00 am	Indigenous Peoples Caucus
MET-22	(closed meeting)
8:30 - 10:00 am	Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Africa (Annex I)
MET-09	(closed meeting)
8:30 - 10:00 am	Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Central and Eastern Europe (Annex V)
MET-26	(closed meeting)
9 - 10 am	CSO Consultations
MET-22	
9 - 10 am	Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Latin America and the Caribbean (Annex III)
MET-11	(closed meeting)
1 - 2 pm	Group of Arab States coordination meeting
MET-32	(closed meeting)
1 - 2 pm	Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Asia (Annex II)
MET-10	(closed meeting)

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

Thursday, 12 December 2024

6th Meeting

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 at its twenty-first session

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Committee adopted draft decisions L.2 and L.7 and recommended them to the Conference for adoption.

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

The Committee adopted draft decision L.8 and recommended it to the Conference for adoption.

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item and its sub-items.

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]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Committee adopted draft decision L.6 and recommended it to the Conference for adoption.

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item.

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

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Committee adopted draft decision L.1 and recommended it to the Conference for adoption.

(c) Report by the Global Mechanism on progress made in the mobilization of resources for the implementation of the Convention and matters relating to Sustainable Development Goal 15.3

The Committee adopted draft decision L.5 and recommended it to the Conference for adoption.

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item and its sub-items.

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

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Committee adopted draft decisions L.3 and L.4 and recommended them to the Conference for adoption.

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by representatives of Montenegro (on behalf of the Regional Implementation Annex for Central and Eastern Europe (Annex V)), Angola (on behalf of the Regional Implementation Annex for Africa (Annex I)), Ecuador (on behalf of the Regional Implementation Annex for Latin America and the Caribbean (Annex III)) and Guatemala.

A statement was made by a representative of a civil society organization on behalf of civil society organizations.

Adoption of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention [item 6]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Rapporteur introduced the draft report.

The Committee approved the draft report on the understanding that the Rapporteur would complete it with the assistance of the Secretariat.

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item.

Organizational matters [item 1]

(b) Election of officers other than the Chair of the Committee for the Review the Implementation of the Convention

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Committee elected the following candidates as Vice-Chairs of the Committee for its twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions, with the understanding that they would assume their office immediately and one of

whom would act as Rapporteur: Mr. Charles Lange of Kenya, Ms. Jia Xiaoxia of China and Mr. Pablo Viegas of Argentina.

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item and its sub-item.

The Chair made a statement.

The Chair declared closed the twenty-second session of the Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROVISIONAL LIST OF REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

The provisional list of registered participants attending the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP16), the twenty-second session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC22), and the sixteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST16) to the UNCCD can be viewed [here](#).

The list has been generated based on the information entered directly into the [Indico registration system](#) by each participant and has been prepared based on the information received by the secretariat as of Thursday, 5 December 2024.

Each delegation is requested to send corrections via [e-mail](#) by Wednesday, 11 December 2024, at the latest.

The official document containing the final list of participants will be issued after the closure of the sessions. It will consider any additional information received by the secretariat prior to its issuance.

REGISTRATION FOR DELEGATES

Registration for delegations of country Parties, United Nations organisations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations, side event participants, media and other participants will take place as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>
2 -7 December 2024	Everyday	8:00 to 18:00
9 -12 December 2024	Everyday	8:00 to 18:00
13 December 2024	Friday	8:00 to 14:00

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.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE DEPARTURE TIMETABLE (FROM EACH HOTEL)

On December 8th, the departure operation for the regular delegation is set to begin. There will be no shuttle service based on clusters; instead, buses will travel directly from each of the 15 hotels to the airport.

Note that buses will depart promptly, making stops at Terminal 5 (domestic), then Terminal 2/3 (international), before returning to the hotels.

[Check the timetable](#) for each respective hotel.

CREDENTIALS

Delegations are advised to contact Ms. Aphrodite Smagadi (00966 568701092) and Mr. Stadler Trengove (00966 568682169), AREA B, Office n^o 11 – Legal Office as soon as possible.

ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SERVICE

Delegations are advised that wireless internet access is available throughout the venue. The network name is **COP16 Public**, and no password is required.

A Computer Center is located in **Area-C**, providing 100 workstations and printing facilities. An **ICT Helpdesk counter** is also available in the same area to assist with technical support.

A link to the stream of the meetings of the COP 16 session can be found on the [UN Web TV website](#), the [COP 16 page](#) of the [UNCCD website](#).

FUNDING FOR ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

The Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for eligible participants will be distributed from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Please ensure you collect your allowance during these hours at the DSA room, which is located in Area C.

LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found service is located near the Registration area, offering convenient access near the Main Entrance.

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

All journalists must be accredited to attend. Accreditation can be completed through the [Online Registration System \(ORS\)](#). Additional information, including the full agenda and session details, is available on the [COP16 website](#).

For inquiries, contact press@unccd.int

MEDICAL SUPPORT AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Medical services will be provided throughout the event by qualified healthcare professionals, ensuring that assistance is readily available. The Medical Care Center is located near the Registration area, close to the Main Entrance.

Emergency Response:

- **Immediate Action:** Medical vehicles will be stationed on-site to ensure a rapid response in case of emergencies.
- **Coordination with Local Services:** Collaboration with local emergency teams will be ensured to manage serious medical situations effectively.

- **Health and Safety Standards:** All procedures will adhere to the most current guidelines from the World Health Organization (WHO) and local health authorities.
- **Ambulance Placement:** Ambulances will be strategically located at key areas, including the Blue Zone and VIP sections, to ensure quick access to medical care.

You can find a list of Emergency Contact Numbers [here](#).

The KSA Emergency number is 112 (reachable without a SIM card).

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 UI (kul@unccd.int ; phone: 00966-544050235) or Mahamadou Tari Bako (mbako@unccd.int ; phone: 00966-568723965).

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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).



