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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

There are no official meetings on this day.

CONTACT GROUPS

10 am - 11 pm MET-16	COW Contact Group on Budget (closed meeting)
10 am - 11 pm MET-12	COW Contact Group on Other matters (closed meeting)
10 am - 11 pm MET-13	CRIC Contact Group (closed meeting)
10 am - 11 pm MET-14	CST Contact Group (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 MET-32	KSA Negotiation Team (closed meeting)
8:15 - 10:00 am MET-30	EU Coordination Meeting (closed meeting)
8:15 - 9:00 am MET-20	Presidency Consultations (closed meeting)
8:30 - 9:00 am MET-22	Indigenous Peoples Caucus (closed meeting)

8:30 - 10:00 am MET-09	Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Africa (Annex I) (closed meeting)
9 - 10 am MET-22	CSO Consultations
9 - 10 am MET-28	JUSCANZ (closed meeting)
9 - 10 am MET-26	Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Central and Eastern Europe (Annex V: Central and Eastern Europe) (closed meeting)
9 - 10 am MET-11	Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Latin America and the Caribbean (Annex III) (closed meeting)
10 - 12 pm MET-22	Indigenous Peoples Caucus (closed meeting)
10:00 - 11:30 am MET-29	Italy - Arab Coordination Group - UNDP Technical Roundtable for IFIs Leveraging COP16 Outcomes: Exploring Opportunities for Implementation and Funding to Ensure a Sustainable Future
11:00 - 12:30 pm MET-02	Youth Delegate Round Table (closed meeting)
1:00 - 1:30 pm MET-20	CRIC Bureau Meeting (closed meeting)
1 - 3 pm MET-32	Group of Arab States coordination meeting (closed meeting)
2 - 3 pm MET-21	COP Bureau Meeting (closed meeting)

SIDE EVENTS

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9:00 - 10:30 am MET-06	122 - Natural Capitalism Solutions. Regenerative Agriculture and the Private Sector: Meeting Demand, Combating Food Loss & Waste
9:00 - 10:30 am MET-05	138 - GM/UNCCD Creating Lands of opportunity: Transforming livelihoods through landscape restoration in the Sahel
9:00 - 10:30 am MET-04	176 - Global Water Partnership Organisation Global Collaboration for Drought Resilience: Launch of the UNCCD Community of Learning and Practice

9:00 - 10:30 am MET-07	324 - Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environnement Sharing experiences on empowering women and developing their women's leadership in the production of seedlings to combat desertification and restore degraded land
11:00 - 12:30 pm MET-06	194 - Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute at the University of Nebraska Drought Impacts on Human Health
11:00 - 12:30 pm MET-08	326 - Future Leaders Network / Youth Negotiators Academy Empowering Youth in Combating Desertification: Building AI and Web 3-Driven Capacity
11:00 - 12:30 pm MET-07	385 - Saudi Environment Fund Exploring Sustainable Finance Opportunities and Public – Private Partnerships
11:00 - 12:30 pm MET-03	50 - Brazil Ministry of Environment and Climate Change. The role of agroecology in strategies for coexistence of vulnerable traditional communities and family farmers with semi-arid regions of the Planet
1:00 - 2:30 pm MET-01	146 - EMERGENCE ONGD RDC Implementation and promotion of green schools in the Democratic Republic of Congo case of the province of South Kivu
1:00 - 2:30 pm MET-02	155 - Jameel Observatory Accelerating actions for healthy land in East Africa - Pathways to pastoralist prosperity, resilience and food security
1:00 - 2:30 pm MET-03	156 - Ministry of Agriculture of the State of Eritrea Eritrea: Experiences, Strategies and Challenges towards Sustainable and Climate-smart Agriculture
1:00 - 2:30 pm MET-22 (CSO)	190 - Green Aid Strengthening Collaborative Action on “Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience in the Sahel through Accelerating Implementation of the Great Green Wall Initiative
1:00 - 2:30 pm MET-04	253 - Common land The 4 Returns Framework in Practice: a guidebook for holistic landscape restoration. A decade of field work to restore large landscapes delivering inspirational, social, natural and financial returns
1:00 - 2:30 pm MET-05	310 - Both ENDS Making strategic impact: Shifting resources and power to women-led initiatives for LDN
1:00 - 2:30 pm MET-06	315 - International Centre for Research in Agroforestry (ICRAF) Financing Soil Health and Land Restoration for Food Security and Resilience
1:00 - 2:30 pm MET-08	Leveraging COP16 Outcomes: Exploring Opportunities for Implementation and Funding to Ensure a Sustainable Future
1:30 - 2:30 pm MET-24	International Drought Resilience Observatory Expert Exchange
3:30 - 5:00 pm MET-05	104 - ILRI STELARR: Sustainable investments for large scale rangeland restoration
3:30 - 5:00 pm MET-03	250 - Italian Agency for Development Cooperation – Niamey Office TURN GOOD INTENTIONS INTO ACTIONS & DEGRADATION INTO

RESTORATION 40-year evolution of reversing desertification in Niger: What's next?

3:30 - 5:00 pm MET-01	28 - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Private sector dialogue to catalyze nature-positive investment in drought resilience
3:30 - 5:00 pm MET-06	360 - ENDA Energie Accelerating the implementation of LDN in Sub-Saharan Africa: Learning from the ground to achieve LDN target through SLM best practices
3:30 - 5:00 pm MET-07	378 - The World Bank Building resilience in water scarce areas – Lessons from the MENA region
3:30 - 5:00 pm MET-08	387 - EARTHNA/Qatar - Panel discussion on Sustainability and traditional Knowledge – Focus on water management in hot and arid environments
6:00 - 7:30 pm MET-08	144 - King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) Panel discussion: The Challenges and Opportunities of Investing in Green-Tech Startups
6:00 - 7:30 pm MET-06	173 - Gulf Research Center Foundation (UNCCD Accredited CSO)The economic use of desert areas in fighting climate change in Arab countries
6:00 - 7:30 pm MET-03	349 - US Department of Agriculture - Agricultural Research Service Improving rangeland drought resilience through adaptive livestock management
6:00 - 7:30 pm MET-07	384 - Earthbank AB Scaling Sustainable Land Management for Global Impact

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

Tuesday, 10 December 2024

5th Meeting

Securing of additional investments and relations with financial mechanisms [item 4]

(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 resumed its consideration of the item and began its consideration of the sub-item.

The Managing Director of the Global Mechanism of UNCCD made a statement.

Statements were made by representatives of the European Union, Argentina and Ecuador.

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

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 began its consideration of the item.

The Chair made a statement.

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item.

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).

SHUTTLE SERVICE AND INTERACTIVE MAP

To facilitate seamless transportation during COP 16, a dedicated shuttle service has been arranged between the conference venue and official hotels.

Use our [Interactive Map](#) to explore routes and locations, including shuttle pickup and drop-off points, along with timetables for transportation between hotels, the venue, and the airport. This resource is also available in the app under *COP 16 Information*.

We encourage participants to use the shuttle service to minimize environmental impact and ease transportation logistics. Thank you for contributing to a sustainable COP 16!

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, including an interactive map for shuttle services. It also provides information on the latest up-to-date schedule of events in the Blue Zone.

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).

