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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

3 - 6 pm  
Plenary Hall

**CST 5th Meeting**

### CONTACT GROUPS

10 am - 1 pm  
MET-12

**COW Contact Group on Other Matters**  
(closed meeting)

10 am - 3 pm  
MET-14

**Joint CRIC/CST Contact Group**  
(closed meeting)

3 - 6 pm  
MET-16

**COW Contact Group on Budget**  
(closed meeting)

3 - 6 pm  
MET-13

**CRIC Contact Group**  
Immediately following the adjournment of the Joint CRIC/CST Contact Group  
(closed meeting)

3 - 6 pm  
MET-14

**CST Contact Group**  
Immediately following the adjournment of the Joint CRIC/CST Contact Group  
(closed meeting)

### OTHER MEETINGS

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8 - 9 am  
MET-32

**KSA Negotiation Team**  
(closed meeting)

8:15 - 10:00 am  
MET-30

**EU Coordination Meeting**  
(closed meeting)

8:30 - 9:00 am

**Indigenous Peoples Caucus**

MET-22	(closed meeting)
8:30 - 10:00 am	<b>Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Africa (Annex I)</b>
MET-09	(closed meeting)
8:30 - 10:00 am	<b>Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Central and Eastern Europe (Annex V: Central and Eastern Europe)</b>
MET-26	(closed meeting)
9 - 10 am	<b>CSO Consultations</b>
MET-22	
9 - 10 am	<b>JUSCANZ</b>
MET28	(closed meeting)
9 - 10 am	<b>Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Asia (Annex II)</b>
MET-10	(closed meeting)
9 - 10 am	<b>Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Latin America and the Caribbean (Annex III)</b>
MET-11	(closed meeting)
1 - 2 pm	<b>Group of Arab States coordination meeting</b>
MET-32	(closed meeting)
2 - 3 pm	<b>COP Bureau Meeting</b>
MET-21	(closed meeting)
3 - 4 pm	<b>Closing Press Conference</b>
MET-17	(closed meeting)

## SIDE EVENTS

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9:00 - 10:30 am	<b>111 - Alliance of Biodiversity and CIAT (CGIAR) Tailoring Innovative Restoration Approaches for Diverse Landscapes and Livelihoods</b>
MET-05	
11:00 - 12:30 pm	<b>269 - Universal Versatile Society (UV Society) Enhance Soil Biodiversity for Better Food Security through Organic Crop Rotation and Biofertilizers</b>
MET-08	
11:00 - 12:30 pm	<b>313 - Ministry of Environment Climate Change and Forestry, State Department of Environment and Climate Change National, Regional and Global Land- Ecosystem- and Nature-based Solutions for Accelerating Land Degradation Neutrality Droughts Resilience Action</b>
MET-06	
11:00 - 12:30 pm	<b>36 - Gulf Research Center Foundation Efforts to combat desertification in the Gulf Cooperation Council countries: case of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</b>
MET-02	
1:00 - 2:30 pm	<b>108 - Center for Sustainability and Climate (CSC) Quality of Country Report: Issues on Data and Transparency</b>
MET-03	

1:00 - 2:30 pm MET-05	<b>180 - International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) Carbon Farming in the Dry Land Belt of Northern Eurasia: Unlocking Win-win Opportunities</b>
1:00 - 2:30 pm MET-06	<b>210 - General Directorate of Combating Desertification and Erosion, Ministry of Environment, Urbanization, and Climate Change of the Republic of Türkiye Natural Resource Management and Climate-Related Disasters</b>
1:00 - 2:30 pm MET-07	<b>256 - Indian Council of Forestry and Education Reviving Landscapes: Comprehensive Strategies for Land Restoration and Sustainable Management</b>
1:00 - 2:30 pm MET-02	<b>35 - United Nations University Vice Rectorate in Europe (UNU-VIE) Greening the Sahel through Innovative and Smart Water Energy-Food Technologies</b>
1:00 - 2:30 pm MET-04	<b>392 - WOCAT: Launch of the WOCAT Multi-Donor Basket Fund for SLM</b>
1:00 - 2:30 pm MET-08	<b>99 - TMG Research Exploring new avenues of CSO participation in UNCCD processes</b>
3:30 - 5:00 pm MET-08	<b>259 - International Water Management Institute (IWMI) Nature based solutions in fragile areas of the MENA region for climate change adaptation and resilience to natural hazards and land degradation</b>
3:30 - 5:00 pm MET-01	<b>358 - Appui Solidaire Pour le Renforcement De l aide au developpement Innovations and Resilience: Sustainable Land Management Strategies for the Sahel and Mali in the Face of Desertification and Climate Change Challenges</b>
6:00 - 7:30 pm MET-08	<b>UNCCD Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS); Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS); The West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA) The Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (MREWS) to enhance disaster preparedness and res</b>
6:00 - 7:30 pm MET-01	<b>10 - The Cooperative Society for moringa &amp; desert plants Desert Plantation by using recycled Grey water</b>
6:00 - 7:30 pm MET-07	<b>247 - Center for Sustainability and Climate (CSC) Policy Consistency and Divergent of All COPs (COP1 – COP15)</b>
6:00 - 7:30 pm MET-02	<b>43 - National Center for Vegetation Cover Development &amp; Combating Desertification (NCVC) Saudi Arabia Sharing Saudi Success Stories for Scaling Action</b>
6:00 - 7:30 pm MET-03	<b>52 - Ministério do Meio Ambiente – DEA Environmental Education and Combating Desertification – a necessary integrated approach</b>

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 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<sup>o</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:kul@unccd.int) ; phone: 00966-544050235) or Mahamadou Tari Bako ([mbako@unccd.int](mailto: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).

