



Third in-person meeting of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Future Strategic Framework (IWG-FSF)

Lower AAH Meeting Room, UN Campus

Bonn, Germany

12-14 May 2026 | 09:00 - 18:00 (CEST)

(Hybrid on-site and online meeting)

- Report -

1. The Third in-person Meeting of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Future Strategic Framework (IWG-FSF) was held from 12–14 May 2026 in Bonn, Germany.
2. The IWG Co-Chairs officially opened the meeting and welcomed participants attending both in-person and online. During the opening session, members briefly introduced themselves and reaffirmed the importance of finalizing the work of the IWG-FSF within the agreed timeline in preparation for COP17.
3. The provisional agenda was introduced by the Co-Chairs and adopted without amendment.
4. Building on the outcomes of the second in-person meeting held in March 2026, the group focused on advancing discussions on the agreed draft key elements of the post-2030 Future Strategic Framework. In addition, several recurring cross-cutting themes were reflected in the draft preambular text and cross-cutting considerations, which are intended to guide the interpretation and implementation of all key elements.
5. The Working group noted that the consideration of high-priority recommendations received from regional consultations would require substantial time and detailed discussion beyond the time available during the meeting and up to the deadline for the final report. Members therefore agreed to prioritize identifying common themes, refining cross-cutting issues and strengthening the overall coherence of the key elements in the report.
6. The IWG also addressed the revised version of the background document developed by the Global Mechanism (GM) on future financing of the Convention. Members discussed how the financing document will be referred to in the final report and requested further clarification regarding the revision process, and presentation format of the final version of the document.
7. The group discussed the assessment of the current indicators under the 2018–2030 Strategic Framework. Members emphasized that the report should clearly reflect that the consultant's assessment focused specifically on the current indicators, rather than on the Convention or Parties' implementation more broadly. Several members also emphasized the importance of shifting the focus of future monitoring systems from reporting requirements towards



supporting implementation, evidence-based decision-making, and action at the national level.

8. A Theory of Change (ToC) developed by a subgroup of the IWG was presented to all the members. Members emphasized that a ToC could serve as both a communication and implementation tool by illustrating linkages between actions, outputs, outcomes and impacts while supporting integrated implementation approaches.
9. The group concluded its discussions by reviewing the draft final report. A timeline for the technical and editorial revisions was proposed by the secretariat to facilitate the submission of the final report within the agreed deadline for official documentation.
10. The Co-Chairs thanked all members, observers and secretariat staff for their constructive engagement and support throughout the meeting process. The Co-Chairs then officially closed the third in-person meeting of the IWG-FSF.



Annex I: Provisional Agenda

 United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification	REFERENCE:	IWG FSF		
	CIRCULATION TO:	IWG FSF Members	COMPILED BY:	UNCCD Secretariat
DOCUMENT TYPE:	MEETING DRAFT AGENDA			
TITLE:	Third in-person meeting of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Future Strategic Framework of the Convention (IWG FSF)			

VENUE: Lower AAH meeting room, UN Campus, Bonn, Germany

TIME: 0900hrs – 1730hrs local time

DATE: 12 -14 May 2026

CHAIRPERSON: Thizwilondi Rambau and Jeff Herrick

SECRETARIAT: UNCCD Secretariat

NO.	TIME		ITEM	PRESENTER	PURPOSE
DAY 1 – 12 MAY 2026					
1.	9:00	9:20	Welcome of the participants and Adoption of the agenda	IWG FSF co-Chairs	To provide official opening and adoption of the agenda
2.	9:20	11:00	Key elements and high-priority recommendations	IWG FSF co-Chairs	Continue the discussion from the preparatory call to develop the set of high-level recommendations
Coffee break 11:00 – 11:20h					
3.	11:20	13:00	High-priority recommendations	IWG FSF co-Chairs	Continue the discussion to develop the set of high-level recommendations
13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH					
5.	13:30	15:30	High-priority recommendations	IWG FSF co-Chairs / UNCCD secretariat	Continue the discussion on the set of high-priority recommendations
15:30h - 15:45h Coffee Break					
6.	15:45	17:30	High-priority recommendations	IWG FSF co-Chairs	Continue discussion on high-priority recommendations
DAY 2 – 13 MAY 2026					
7.	9:00	11:00	High-priority recommendations	IWG FSF co-Chairs	Continue discussion on high-priority recommendations



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Coffee break 11:00 – 11:20h					
8.	11:20	13:00	High-priority recommendations	IWG FSF co-Chairs	Continue discussion on high-priority recommendations
13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH					
9.	14:00	15:30	High-priority recommendations	IWG FSF co-Chairs / UNCCD secretariat	Continue the discussion on the set of high-priority recommendations
15:30h - 15:45h Coffee Break					
10.	15:45	17:30	High-priority recommendations	IWG FSF co-Chairs	Continue discussion on high-priority recommendations
DAY 3 – 14 MAY 2026					
12.	9:00	11:00	Theory of change	IWG FSF co-Chairs	Discuss and finalize the outcomes derived from the Theory of Change
11:00 – 11:20h Coffee Break					
13.	11:20	13:00	Theory of change	IWG FSF co-Chairs	Discuss and finalize the outcomes derived from the Theory of Change
13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH					
14.	14:00	15:45	Final report structure and schedule for submission	IWG FSF co-Chairs / UNCCD secretariat	Discuss and agree on the structure and expected contents of the final report, review the timeline for submission of the official document to COP 17 to guide the drafting activities
15:45h - 16:00h Coffee Break					
15.	16:00	17:20	Next steps developing final report	IWG FSF co-Chairs	Discuss the tasks in drafting the final report, including how sections other than the key elements will be reflected in the final report
16.	17:20	17:30	Closing	IWG FSF co-close	Close the meeting of the group



Annex 2. Meeting participants

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