



**Report on the first meeting of the 2022 – 2024 Bureau of the
Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention**
(held virtually on 17 July 2023)

I. Welcoming remarks by the CRIC Chair

1. Ms. Biljana Kilibarda (Montenegro), Chair of the CRIC Bureau, welcomed the participants to the meeting. She gave an account on where the Bureau stands regarding its work and walked participants through the tentative agenda.

II. Adoption of the agenda

2. The CRIC Chair presented to the Bureau the agenda items highlighting possible action points and called for comments and/or amendments to the tentative agenda circulated prior to the meeting. The provisional agenda of the meeting was considered and adopted without amendments by the Bureau members as contained in annex I of this report.

III. CRIC 21 agenda and schedule

3. The CRIC Chair invited the secretariat to brief the Bureau members on updates regarding the CRIC 21 agenda and regarding the schedule of work contained in the annex of the agenda. Before the secretariat responded to this request by the Chair, it announced that the dates for CRIC 21 session would need to be shifted from October to November 2023. The secretariat explained that this shift was requested by the host government which found itself in a situation where too many events in the month of October needed to be organized and proposed choices for the session to be convened in November instead. The choices that were proposed by the host country ranged from the first up to the third week of November. The members of the CRIC Bureau each selected their preference, considering also other meetings that will be held in November 2023. Some concerns were raised with the new CRIC 21 session dates. Particularly the vice Chair of Peru expressed concerns, as the new dates are very close to other upcoming events such as the UNFCCC COP to be held in the last week of November 2023. But in the end, all members of the Bureau agreed to hold the CRIC 21 session on the second week, which runs from 13 to 17 November 2023.

4. After this, the secretariat informed the Bureau about the schedule of work for CRIC and detailed the morning and afternoon meetings for each day of the CRIC 21 session.



5. The secretariat stated that as agreed previously by the CRIC Bureau, the “participatory consultations’ on the mid-term evaluation will be organized on the afternoon of Thursday 16 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. just after the discussion on financial contributions is finished. The CRIC Chair re-stated that, if needed, the consultations may be prolonged beyond 6 pm, but there will be no interpretation provided. She also re-stated that consultations could also be held the following morning of Friday 17 November, if needed for about an hour.

6. The plan of the host country to organize a high-level event on Sand and Dust storms during CRIC 21 was communicated to the Bureau by the Secretariat. This high-level session is foreseen to have a duration of 90 minutes and will be held on the morning of Wednesday 15 November 2023. It is noted by the CRIC chair that this will mark the first time that a high-level event is organized during the CRIC meetings. However, the format and further details on the high-level Sand and Dust storm event is still to be finalized. The secretariat is requested by the Bureau to share additional information regarding the event in the coming weeks as soon as they come to light.

7. With the new schedule for the CRIC 21, the chair noted that the regional meetings for annexes will be organized one day before the official opening of the sessions. It therefore means the regional meetings will be organized on Sunday 12 November 2023.

8. The CRIC Chair then summarized the decisions agreed by the CRIC Bureau to hold the CRIC 21 session on the second week of November and the matters relating to the meeting programs schedule, including the regional meetings of implementation annexes.

9. The CRIC Chair thanked all participants for successful and effective deliberations and closed the meeting.

Annex I- Agenda of the meeting

- I. Welcoming remarks by the CRIC Chair

- II. CRIC 21 meeting schedule and agenda

- III. Any other matter



Annex II- List of participants

CRIC 21/22 BUREAU MEMBERS attending the meeting

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