

Decision 9/COP.10

Promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and international organizations, institutions and agencies

The Conference of the Parties,

Cognizant that the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018) (The Strategy) calls for partnership building for the implementation of the Convention,

Recalling decision 4/COP.8 and decision 8/COP.9 on the promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and international organizations,

Reaffirming the need for mutually supportive targeted action to address desertification/land degradation and to mitigate the effects of drought,

Having reviewed the advocacy policy frameworks on gender, climate change and food security as contained in documents ICCD/CRIC(10)/18 to ICCD/CRIC(10)/21,

Welcoming the progress made to date in the development of cooperative arrangements with relevant conventions, international organizations and institutions,

Expressing appreciation to those conventions, international agreements and programmes that have provided information and undertaken common action to assist in delivery of The Strategy,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to strengthen existing strategic partnerships with relevant stakeholders, building on established and new cooperation initiatives with relevant international agencies and bodies on issues relating to desertification, land degradation and drought;
2. *Welcomes* the decision of the 16th Congress of the World Meteorological Organization to invite the secretariat of the UNCCD to participate in the organization of the High Level Meeting on National Drought Policy to be held in 2012;
3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue advocating international cooperation on sustainable management of the land and water resources in drylands and on drought risk management in drylands in the context of climate change and biological diversity loss;
4. *Encourages* the Executive Secretary to continue coordinating with the secretariats of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Convention on Biological Diversity through the Joint Liaison Group, taking into account their respective mandates;
5. *Encourages* the Executive Secretary to incorporate the issue of synergies in joint reporting in the agenda of the Joint Liaison Group;
6. *Invites* Parties to establish national collaborative processes on synergies in reporting, involving national focal points and their representatives from the Rio conventions, to enhance coordination and synergies when reporting to the respective conventions, as appropriate, by formalizing information-sharing processes and building institutional

linkages between the ministries responsible for the implementation of each Convention, and by maximizing stakeholder interaction and active participatory processes;

7. *Requests* the Committee on Science and Technology to continue involving relevant bodies of the other Rio conventions in the iterative process for the refinement of the UNCCD set of provisionally adopted impact indicators, as appropriate;

8. *Invites* Parties, financial institutions and the Global Environment Facility to provide technical and financial support for joint capacity-building initiatives aimed at achieving increased synergies in reporting at the national level;

9. *Notes* the consultative approaches followed in developing advocacy policy frameworks on gender, climate change and food security in the context of desertification/land degradation and drought;

10. *Invites* the Executive Secretary, drawing on the guidance contained in the advocacy policy frameworks on gender, climate change and food security, to undertake advocacy with Parties in order to increase ecosystem resilience in the drylands and to improve the livelihood conditions of affected populations, noting that framework development is an iterative process;

11. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To continue formulating an additional advocacy policy framework on the thematic issue of drought (including water scarcity), in consultation with national focal points, taking gender-sensitive approaches into account;

(b) To develop a standard approach and process to ensure consistency of advocacy policy frameworks;

(c) To advise on any other emerging issues and strategic approaches that require an advocacy policy framework;

(d) To collaborate closely with other relevant institutions when preparing draft advocacy policy frameworks;

(e) To submit reports to the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties through the eleventh session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on these matters;

12. *Invites* the Executive Secretary, consistent with decision 8/COP.9, paragraph 8, to utilize the relevant advocacy policy frameworks to be developed to seek financial resources for their implementation consistent with the fund-raising activities of the secretariat;

13. *Invites* Parties and financial institutions to support the implementation of advocacy policy frameworks as well as the creation of any additional advocacy policy frameworks;

14. *Takes note* of the proposed coordinated action of the United Nations system in the drylands, as contained in document ICCD/CRIC(10)/INF.1, and *calls upon* the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Environment Management Group, to work on a concrete action plan for 2012–2018 for promoting and strengthening relationships with other international organizations, institutions and agencies;

15. *Encourages* the secretariat, in consultation with the Parties, to provide the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties with recommendations to follow up on the action plan mentioned under paragraph 14;

16. *Decides* to include a review and assessment of progress in the response to this decision in the programme of work of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention at its eleventh and twelfth sessions, and *requests* the Committee to

include consideration of this matter in its report to the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties.

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