

Decision 1/COP.9

Implementation of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018)

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 3/COP.8, by which Parties adopted the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018), hereinafter referred to as “The Strategy”,

Recalling also the guidance on the strategic orientations of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST), the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC), the Global Mechanism (GM) and the secretariat, and on the methodological approach to results-based management (RBM), which was provided by Parties at the seventh session of the CRIC, as contained in document ICCD/CRIC(7)/5,

Having reviewed documents ICCD/CRIC(8)/2 and its addenda, and document ICCD/COP(9)/CST/3,

Underlining the importance of efficient and coordinated functioning of the CST, the CRIC, the GM and the secretariat in supporting Parties in implementing The Strategy,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the progress made by the secretariat and the GM in applying RBM methodology in their programme planning;
2. *Approves* the strategic orientation of the CST, the CRIC, the GM and the secretariat, as contained in the annexed workplans;
3. *Requests* the CST, the CRIC, the GM and the secretariat to utilize the workplans in the attached annex, organizing their work in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Convention and in line with the guidance outlined in The Strategy;
4. *Requests* the CST, the CRIC, the GM and the secretariat each to elaborate a multi-year work plan (2012–2015), utilizing and further developing the RBM approach, and *requests* the secretariat to integrate these plans into a comprehensive multi-year work plan for the Convention, in line with decision 3/COP.8 and The Strategy, for consideration at the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 10);

A. Committee on Science and Technology

5. *Requests* the CST to continue its work on indicator development and selection, and on methodologies for monitoring and assessing the impact of the implementation of the Convention;
6. *Requests also* the CST to continue its work to enable the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) to become a global authority on scientific and technical

knowledge pertaining to desertification, land degradation and mitigation of the effects of drought in affected areas as defined in article 1(h) of the Convention;

B. Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

7. *Decides* that the CRIC should undertake its assessment of implementation in 2010 and 2012 and its performance review in 2011 and 2013, using information obtained from reports submitted by Parties and other reporting entities with the aim of producing targeted recommendations and draft decisions for consideration by the COP;

8. *Requests* the secretariat to facilitate the reporting process and to prepare reporting tools for Parties and reporting entities, allowing them to refer to a provisional methodology for monitoring the implementation of the Convention and The Strategy;

9. *Also requests* the secretariat to include in the new reporting guidelines provisions allowing civil society organizations to provide input to the CRIC, in particular on best practices;

10. *Further requests* the secretariat to prepare formats for consideration by the CRIC Bureau, by which increased interaction during CRIC 9 can be promoted;

11. *Decides* that the CRIC will assist the COP in preparing for the mid-term review of The Strategy in 2013, and *requests* the CRIC Bureau, with the assistance of the secretariat, to develop appropriate modalities, criteria and terms of reference for that review, for consideration by the COP;

C. Global Mechanism

12. *Requests* the GM to focus its actions further on supporting resource mobilization for the implementation of the Convention;

13. *Urges* the GM to continue assisting affected country Parties to develop integrated investment frameworks for resource mobilization corresponding to the needs expressed in the UNCCD action programmes of these countries;

D. Secretariat

14. *Requests* the secretariat to continue assisting the affected countries and regions through its work plan;

15. *Invites* the secretariat to continue efforts to support coordinated actions to address desertification/land degradation and drought and sustainable land management in affected areas as defined in article 1(h) of the Convention;

16. *Requests* the secretariat to intensify further its support to the CST and partnership building;

17. *Also requests* the secretariat to strengthen its resource mobilization functions for carrying out its activities;

E. Secretariat/Global Mechanism coordination

18. *Requests* the secretariat and the GM to intensify their cooperation on advancing progress towards strategic objective 4 of The Strategy;

19. *Also requests* the secretariat and the GM to enhance cost efficiency and coherence through improving the coordination of their actions consistent with the joint work programme and in line with their respective mandates;

F. Civil society

20. *Reminds* Parties and the Convention's institutions and subsidiary bodies actively to engage civil society organizations in implementation of The Strategy and the workplans.

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