

**REPORT OF THE CST 10 BUREAU MEETING  
11 APRIL 2013 IN BONN, GERMANY  
(CST S-3 IN-SESSION BUREAU MEETING)**

**Date:** Thursday, 11 April 2013

**Venue:** World Conference Center Bonn (WCCB)  
Meeting Room 6 (P2.7)  
53113 Bonn, Germany

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**- REPORT -**

1. As outlined in paragraph 10 of the Terms of Reference<sup>1</sup> of the ad hoc working group to further discuss the options for the provision of scientific advice (AGSA) focusing on DLDD issues, the chair of the AGSA has to provide the CST Bureau in each of its meetings with a briefing on the progress made of the AGSA. The next briefing was initially planned to take place during the CST Bureau meeting to be held on 13 April 2013.

2. However, it was agreed by the CST Bureau that the AGSA also needs to present its finding to the Parties before the eleventh session of the CST (CST 11) in order to enhance the decision making process at the session itself. It is therefore planned that the AGSA presents the draft conclusions and recommendations to the regions through the regional meetings preparatory to CRIC 11 on Saturday 13 April (8.30 – 10.30 a.m.). However, since this regional consultations will take place before this CST Bureau meeting, it was agreed to convene a special in-session CST Bureau meeting on the sidelines of the CST S-3 (11 April 2013) to allow the chair of the AGSA to present firstly the conclusions and recommendations of the AGSA to the CST Bureau.

3. The chair of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) opened the meeting and welcomed all participants. The meeting was attended by the CST Bureau members as listed in Annex I to this report. The Chair of the ad hoc working group to further discuss the options for the provision of scientific advice focusing on desertification/land degradation and drought

<sup>1</sup> Terms of Reference of the AGSA: [http://www.unccd.int/Lists/SiteDocumentLibrary/science/ToR\\_AGSA\\_final.pdf](http://www.unccd.int/Lists/SiteDocumentLibrary/science/ToR_AGSA_final.pdf)

(DLDD) issues (AGSA), Dr. Mariam Akhtar-Schuster, joined the CST Bureau meeting as the respective agenda item was discussed.

## 1) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

4. After the presentation of the provisional agenda by the CST chair, the agenda was adopted by the chair (Annex II).

## 2) Progress report on the assessment of how to organize international, interdisciplinary scientific advice (presentation from the Chair of the AGSA, Dr. Mariam Akhtar-Schuster)

5. The chair of the CST Bureau gave the floor to the chair of the AGTE who recalled the report on the progress made by the AGTE presented to the CST Bureau at its last meeting held on 20 February 2013<sup>2</sup>. The AGSA chair presented to the members of the CST Bureau the key findings of the AGSA, which will form also the basis for discussions of Parties before and during CST 11. The AGSA chair therefore outlined the preliminary conclusions of its comprehensive analysis and the proposal of a modular approach for the provision of scientific advice on DLDD issues. Relating to that, the AGSA chair also presented the roles, objectives and mandate of the proposed modular approach and the value which would be generated by this proposed integrated scenario for the provision of scientific advice on DLDD issues.

6. The members of the CST Bureau and the secretariat recognized and congratulated the AGSA on the elaborated process which was perceived in a positive manner.

7. In addition the CST Bureau put forward several comments. Among others:

- The CST Bureau welcomed the suggestion of a 3-module approach, including a science policy interface (SPI), an independent and self-governing group of scientists and experts, and a regional scientific and technical element. It was recommended to the AGSA to further elaborate on the functioning of the three modules of an integrated scenario to provide scientific advice and to consider the implementation modalities of each of the modules in order to better reflect the mandate of each of them.
- CST Bureau members also recommended that further clarification could be brought to the process by outlining ideas on how members of the different modules could be identified and who would be managing the 3-module approach as such.
- The issue of financial implications of the 3-module approach was raised too, with the recommendation to further elaborate on the respective costs.
- It was also suggested by the CST Bureau to further examine how possible interactions and synergies with other international panels or platforms could possibly look like.

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<sup>2</sup> Agenda item 2 of the report of the CST Bureau meeting held on 20 February 2013:  
<http://www.unccd.int/Lists/SiteDocumentLibrary/CST/BMR-20-Feb-2013-eng.pdf>

8. The third and last meeting of the AGSA will be held on 29 and 30 April 2013 in Bonn, Germany for the purpose finalizing the draft conclusions and recommendations on the eleven components, which will have to be included in a pre-session document for the CST 11.

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**List of Annexes:**

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Annex II – Agenda

## Annex I – List of Participants

### List of Participants to the CST 10 Bureau meeting (CST S-3 in-session Bureau meeting) 11 April 2013, Bonn Germany

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## ANNEX II – Agenda

### Meeting of the CST 10 Bureau Bonn, Germany (CST S-3 In-Session Bureau Meeting)

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