

## **REPORT OF THE CST10 BUREAU MEETING**

### **8 APRIL 2013 IN BONN, GERMANY**

**Date:** Monday, 8 April 2013

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

**Working language:** English

**Working hours:** Monday: 15:00 – 18:00

#### **- REPORT -**

1. 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 and the representative of the Global Mechanism (GM) as listed in annex I to this report.

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

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

#### **2) Preparation of the third special session of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST S-3)**

All agenda items discussed under 2) were items to be considered during the CST S-3. The CST Bureau therefore discussed how the Committee would conduct its work during its third sessions and discussed and reviewed all corresponding documents including the way and sequence they would be presented to the Committee during its session.

**a) Review and assessment of scientific information from Parties and other reporting entities, in particular on impact indicators relating to strategic objectives 1, 2 & 3**

3. The chair gave the floor to the secretariat who outlined that a preliminary analysis of information from affected country Parties on strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3 of The Strategy is contained in the pre-session document ICCD/CRIC(11)/8-ICCD/CST(S-3)/6.

4. As previously discussed with the CST Bureau at its meeting on 20 February 2013<sup>1</sup>, due to the limited time available during CST S-3 to review such information owing to its heavy agenda and programme of work, it was suggested to establish a contact group during CST S-3 to address this agenda item. The CST Bureau agreed on this approach as well as to propose to the Committee to hold the first meeting of the contact group in the evening of Tuesday (9 April 2013). Further meetings could be organized in the upcoming days during lunchtime or in the evening, depending on the progress made in drafting recommendations.

5. Based on the conclusions and recommendations contained in document ICCD/CRIC(11)/8-ICCD/CST(S-3)/6, it was also agreed by the CST Bureau to provide the contact group with a draft text for discussion, as prepared by the secretariat. Recommendations drafted by the contact group would be included in an CST S-3 in-session document on “Input from the Committee on Science and Technology on the review and assessment of scientific information from Parties and other reporting entities, in particular on impact indicators relating to strategy objectives 1, 2 and 3” and presented to the Committee.

**b) Progress made in refining the impact indicators relating to strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3 of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018)**

6. The chair gave the floor to the secretariat who outlined that the progress made in the establishment of the ad hoc advisory group of technical experts (AGTE) and in the refinement of the set of impact indicators, from COP 10 up to mid-October 2012, is contained in the pre-session document ICCD/CST(S-3)/5 for the consideration of the CST S-3.

7. The secretariat also outlined that in the afternoon of the last day of the CST S-3 session (Friday, 12 April 2013) a verbal update on the progress made will be made by the chair of the AGTE to the Committee.

**c) Preliminary outcome of the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference**

8. Detailed discussions on this agenda item took place during the 9th Steering Committee of the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference which was held in the morning of 8 April 2013.

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<sup>1</sup> Agenda item 4 of the CST Bureau meeting on 20 February 2013 (teleconference):  
<http://www.unccd.int/Lists/SiteDocumentLibrary/CST/BMR-20-Feb-2013-eng.pdf>

9. The secretariat informed the CST Bureau that the report on the preliminary outcome of the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference will be drafted by GRF Davos and the Scientific Advisory Group (SAC) during the conference and will be presented to the Committee at its last meeting.

10. In addition, the secretariat outlined that decision 18/COP.10 invites Parties to review the outcomes of the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference before CST 11 in order to make recommendations, as they deem appropriate, to the COP 11. Taking into account the fact the CST S-3 was postponed, Parties during the regional meetings preparatory to CRIC 11 will only be able to consider the preliminary outcome.

11. Following discussions, the CST Bureau agreed that letters will be sent to the Parties after the CST S-3, transmitting the preliminary outcome of the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference together with a set of key questions inviting the Parties to provide their views and feedback. Following receipt of the responses from the Parties, the secretariat will have to prepare a CST 11 pre-session document compiling the Parties' feedback.

#### **d) Report of the CST S-3**

12. The CST Bureau discussed the preparation of the CST S-3 report which will be finalized after the session by the rapporteur with the support of the secretariat.

### **3) Organization of the participation and contributions of the CST to the CRIC 11**

13. The chair of the CST Bureau gave the floor to the secretariat who recalled decision 12/COP.9, where the CST is requested to contribute to the work of the CRIC by reviewing and assessing scientific information from Parties and other reporting entities, in particular on impact indicators relating to strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3 of The Strategy.

14. Based on the suggestions made by the secretariat, the CST Bureau agreed that the recommendations stemming from the CST S-3 after its discussions on and consideration of agenda item 4 on "Review and assessment of scientific information from Parties and other reporting entities, in particular on impact indicators relating to strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3 of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the convention (2008-2018)", will be forwarded to the CRIC 11 through an annex of document ICCD/CRIC(11)/9.

15. The secretariat recalled that the CST is also expected to provide inputs to the CRIC on how best to measure progress made with regard to strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3 of the Strategy. Based on the suggestions made by the secretariat, the CST Bureau agreed that the summary compilation of ideas offered by various delegations during the CST S-3 will be forwarded to the CRIC 11 through an annex to document ICCD/CRIC(11)/14.

#### **4) Preparation of the joint meeting of the Bureaus of the CRIC and the CST (14 April 2013)**

16. It was tentatively planned to organize a joint CRIC-CST Bureau meeting on 14 April 2013 where both Bureaus would have the opportunity to discuss the participation and contribution from the CST to the CRIC 11 more in detail. However, no further decision has been taken at that point of time.

#### **5) Other matters**

17. No other matters have been discussed by the CST Bureau during its meeting.

#### **6) Next meeting**

18. The next meeting of the CST 10 Bureau will take place on 13 April 2013 in Bonn, Germany, together with the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Steering Committee Meeting of the UNCCD 3rd Scientific Conference.

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#### **List of Annexes:**

Annex I – List of participants

Annex II – Agenda

## Annex I – List of Participants

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## ANNEX II – Agenda

### Meeting of the CST10 Bureau Bonn, Germany

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- DRAFT AGENDA -

- 2) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
- 3) Preparation of the third special session of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST S-3) on the following agenda items:
  - a) Review and assessment of scientific information from Parties and other reporting entities, in particular on impact indicators relating to strategic objectives 1, 2 & 3
  - b) Progress made in refining the impact indicators relating to strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3 of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018)
  - c) Preliminary outcome of the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference
  - d) Report of the CST S-3
- 4) Organization of the participation and contributions of the CST to the CRIC 11
- 5) Preparation of the joint meeting of the Bureaus of the CRIC and the CST (14 April 2013)
- 6) Other matters
- 7) Next meeting