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Meeting of the Bureau of the CRIC

Bonn, Germany, 3-4 February 2014

Report on the meeting of the Bureau of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (Bonn, Germany, 3-4 February 2014)

I. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the CRIC Bureau meeting

1. The Chairperson of the CRIC, Mr. Philbert Brown, opened the meeting. The meeting was attended by Bureau members and other participants as per attached list (Annex I).
2. The secretariat informed that a meeting of the CSO Panel was taking place at the UNCCD Headquarters on 4-6 February; the Bureau decided to invite Chairperson of the Panel, Mr. Juan Luis Meregá, to an informal briefing of the meeting with regard to the involvement of the civil society in the Convention process. The summary of the discussions held during this informal meeting is given in Annex II.
3. The secretariat confirmed that the joint meeting with the Bureau of the CST will take place on 5 February 2014.
4. The provisional agenda was adopted without amendments (Annex III).
5. The Executive Secretary of the UNCCD, Ms. Monique Barbut, welcomed the participants and gave an introductory statement.

II. Consideration of the CRIC work plan 2014-2017, and related work programme 2014-2015

Workplan of CRIC (2014-2017)

6. The secretariat presented the 2014-2017 Convention workplan as adopted at the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 11), as contained in document CRIC(2014)/3, highlighting the accomplishments, performance indicators and targets that are relevant to the work programme of the CRIC for the current biennium.
7. After some clarifications from the secretariat, the Bureau made the following deliberations:
 - (a) Requested the secretariat to add to the work plan of the Convention (as contained in document CRIC (2014)/3) information on which subsidiary bodies and/or Convention institutions are responsible for each accomplishment and related performance indicators. The document is attached to this report (Annex IV) as reference material;

- (b) Also requested the secretariat to identify possible actions to be taken by country Parties in relation to the work plan of the Convention, related timeframe and outputs, using the same format, and to circulate this information to Bureau members for further communication to their regional constituencies.

Decision 16/COP.11 on reporting and the iterative process

8. The secretariat introduced document CRIC(2014)/4 and informed the Bureau that on 31 January 2014 Parties were notified of the requirements for 2014 reporting exercise and templates for affected and developed country Parties have been published on the UNCCD web page. The secretariat presented the Bureau with an example of the simplified reporting template for affected country Parties, the envisaged on-line platform and its improved functionalities.
9. The secretariat informed that UNEP, following the decision made at COP 11¹, is preparing a project document for submission to the GEF as medium-sized project. The Global Support Programme (GSP) aims at developing national capacity of affected country Parties in reporting, and will provide technical support to Parties during the reporting process. With the agreement of UNEP, the Global Mechanism (GM) was proposed as executive agency of the project.
10. The Bureau made the following deliberations:
- (a) Endorsed the approach to the simplification of the reporting requirements while stressing the importance to strengthen Parties' capacities in data collection and data processing and further simplification of the reporting process in the future. The Bureau also stressed the need for the involvement of regional centers in the implementation of the GSP.
- (b) Requested the secretariat to increase communication to Parties on the reporting process in order to ensure engagement of National Focal Points from the outset of the process. Bureau members also took over the responsibility to engage themselves in consultations with the Regional Implementation Annexes of the Convention and regional groups in order to use all means of communication to inform Parties on the reporting process with the view of achieving a sharp increase in reports to be submitted in 2014.
- (c) Requested the GM to provide Members with a project brief of the GSP by 14 February 2014, with the view of communicating such information to Parties.
- (d) Reviewed and endorsed the timeframe for the 2014 reporting exercise as contained in document CRIC(2014)/4. According to this timeframe, national reports should be submitted before 30 June 2014, with the view of completing the documentation required for CRIC 13 to be convened in the second half on November.
- (e) Requested the secretariat to remind eligible country Parties that have yet to request GEF resources for UNCCD enabling activities to do so, bearing in mind that GEF-5 phase ends in June 2014, after which these resources will no longer be available.

Decision 17/COP.11 on the consideration of best practices

11. The secretariat informed the Bureau on actions taken on decision 17/COP.11, with particular regard to the compilation and dissemination of best practices on sustainable land management (SLM) technologies, including adaptation (document CRIC(2014)/5).
12. The Bureau made the following deliberations:
- (a) Requested the secretariat to inform country Parties of the assessment made on the SLM PRAIS database, and identify required action to be taken by Parties and other reporting entities in order to improve the quality of data and information contained in the database.

¹ Decision 16/COP.11, operative paragraph 21

- (b) Also requested the secretariat that data on SML best practices continue to be made available online.
- (c) Took note of steps taken with regard to the identification of the primary recommended database and the on-going consultations with the World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies (WOCAT) and the University of Bern, Switzerland.
- (d) Stressed its concern regarding the efficiency of the approach taken to identify primary recommended databases, which would require long time to address all seven thematic topics. The Bureau recommended that identification of relevant institutions be guided by criteria such as relevance, accountability, sustainability and accessibility, with the view of creating partnership rather than selecting institutions.
- (e) Took note of the decision of the COP to transfer the work on SLM best practices to the Committee on Science and Technology (CST)².
- (f) Decided to further discuss this item during the joint meeting of the CRIC and CST bureaus, including on a more efficient way of identifying databases and making arrangements that adhere to the “cost effectiveness” and “sustainability” requirements made by Parties at COP³.

Decision 20/COP.11 on date and venue of CRIC 13

13. Regarding the next intersessional session of the CRIC to take place in November 2014, the secretariat informed the Bureau that so far no formal offer by a Party to host the session has been received and that facilities have been booked in Bonn in advance. The secretariat also stressed the fact that no sufficient budget has been secured yet to organize the conference.

14. The Bureau decided to consult with their constituencies and alert the secretariat on possible options on where to convene CRIC 13. It was decided that by the end of February, beginning of March 2014 the question of the venue of CRIC 13 would need to be resolved in order to allow the secretariat to make appropriate and cost efficient arrangements.

III. Consideration of relevant decisions of COP 11 that impact the work of the CRIC and its Bureau

15. The secretariat presented document CRIC(2014)/6 and highlighted that beyond the provision of decision 19/COP.11, there are other decisions taken by Parties at COP 11 that have an impact on the agenda of CRIC 13, as well as on work programme of the Committee and its Bureau.

Decision 18/COP.11, operative paragraph 4: “Further requests the Bureau of the CRIC, with the support of the secretariat, to promote the improvement of interlinkages between the work of the Bureau of the CRIC and that of the RCMs, subject to the availability of resources, with the aim to encourage the effective implementation of national, subregional and regional action programmes and to build capacity for the national and local implementation of the Strategy

Decision 2/COP.11, operative paragraph 12: Further requests the CRIC to discuss at its thirteenth session a plan for the national action programme alignment process vis-à-vis the overall sustainable land management goals

16. The Bureau made the following deliberations:

- (a) Decided to remind the chairpersons of the Regional Implementation Annexes (RIAs) of the request made by COP 11 to establish Regional Executive Committees in those

² Decision 17/COP.11, operative paragraph 18

³ Decision 17/COP.11, operative paragraph 3

implementation annexes where they do not exist and invite them - with the assistance of the Regional Coordination Units - to make proposals as to how to improve interlinkages between the work of the Bureau and the implementation of national, subregional and regional action programmes, including capacity building. In this regard, a letter will be signed by the Chairperson of the CRIC on behalf of the Bureau.

- (b) The RCMs where they exist and the RIAs should be supported in this by the respective Regional Coordination Unit and the secretariat would be requested to compile responses received in time for the next CRIC Bureau meeting to be held in June 2014.
- (c) Requested the secretariat to prepare an assessment of the status of alignment of national action programmes with the Strategy, in the various regions.
- (d) Decided that a plan for the national action programme alignment process will be discussed at CRIC 13 on the basis of the assessment made by the secretariat and a common understanding of the overall sustainable land management goals.

Decision 2/COP.11, operative paragraph 11: Also requests CRIC 13 to agree on a clear understanding of the integrated financing strategy/investment framework processes and their relationships with the national action programme alignment process, ensuring that all stakeholders are aware of the same, and to advise on the ways to integrate integrated financing strategies/integrated investment frameworks into the national action programme alignment process

Decision 14/COP.11, operative paragraph 15: requests the GM to provide support to affected countries in assessing their financial need for capacity building and integrating them into an integrated investment framework and request the CRIC to increase focus on these need assessments

Decision 14/COP.11, operative paragraph 17: Further requests the Managing Director of the GM to: (a) Increase efforts at attracting private sector investments for sustainable land management in drylands and mobilizing resources from innovative sources, such as foundations, business, the financial industry and civil society organisations, including through the identification of compelling economic arguments, incentives, new financial instruments, market-based mechanisms, public-private partnerships and triangular cooperation partnerships

17. The Bureau decided that above quoted provisions should be addressed at CRIC 13 as part of the discussions on the agenda item entitled “review of financial flows” on the basis of the documentation to be prepared by the GM. In this regard, the Bureau requested the GM to specifically address the question of a needs assessment for support to, and capacity building of Parties on the establishment of integrated investment frameworks (IIFs) rendered by the GM, in order to enable the CRIC to focus its deliberation on this important element.

Decision 6/COP.11, operative paragraph 4; decision 8/COP.11, operative paragraph 5; and decision 9/COP.11, operative paragraph 15

18. The Bureau decided to replicate the format adopted successfully at CRIC 11, whereby documentation not directly related to the review of implementation of the Convention was submitted to the Committee for information and the Committee did not have to make substantive deliberations on it. Parties will nevertheless have the opportunity to address such items in plenary sessions after having reviewed reports on the implementation of the Convention. Similarly, one of the Co-Chairpersons of the intergovernmental working group (IWG) on the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) will be invited to brief the Committee on the status of preparation of its report to the COP.

Decision 18/COP.11, operative paragraph 1: Decides that the intersessional session of the CRIC, based on its review of performance indicators, shall give recommendations to entities of the UNCCD on priorities to be included in their programme of work and budget for the following programming biennium;

19. The Bureau decided that this particular provision will be incorporated into the provisional agenda and the programme of work of CRIC 13, with relevant official documentation prepared by the secretariat.

Other provisions of COP 11 decisions relevant to the cooperation with the CST

20. As for the other provisions relating to the collaboration between the CST and CRIC, the Bureau decided to discuss those during the joint meeting scheduled on 5 February 2014.

IV. Consideration of possible joint activities with the CST and its Bureau as a follow up of COP decisions

21. The Bureau decided to address the following items during the joint meeting with the CST Bureau:

- (a) Decision 18/COP.11, operative paragraph 5: joint proposals of how scientific considerations based on the outcomes of the CST can be integrated into the considerations made by Parties at the level of the CRIC;
- (b) Relevant information on best practices i.e. workload division between the CRIC and CST on best practices and knowledge management matters including the Scientific Knowledge Brokering System (SKBP);
- (c) The assessment of implementation on the basis of information provided by Parties on Strategic Objective 1, 2 and 3.

22. The Bureau decided to suggest to the CST Bureau to have substantive exchanges on those items at next joint meeting in June 2014, which would allow the secretariat and the GM to produce relevant background material.

V. Other matters

23. The Bureau decided that its next meeting will be held on 25-26 June 2014, in parallel with the meeting of the Bureau of the CST, and to hold a second joint meeting of the two bureaus on 27 June 2014.

24. The Bureau also decided the primary ways to communicate among its Members and with the secretariat will remain through e-mail, while a Dropbox folder will be established in which relevant CRIC Bureau documentation will be archived. The CRIC Chair will continue to liaise with his Vice-Chairs and the Vice-Chairs will be communicating with their constituencies in order to maintain a constant information flow from the Bureau to the regional groups and vice versa.

25. Mr. Yuriy Kolmaz, Vice-Chairperson of the CRIC, was appointed as Rapporteur of the CRIC Bureau. He will take office at the next meeting of the Bureau.

Annex I - List of participants

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Annex II – Summary of the exchanges with the CSO Panel

1. The Chairperson of the CSO Panel, Mr. Juan Luis Merega and the former Chairperson, Mr. Emmanuel Seck joined the CRIC Bureau meeting and reported on the forthcoming meeting of the CSO Panel, its agenda and objectives.
2. Mr. Merega highlighted that the UNCCD would need to further invest in integrating better the CSO contribution to make full use of it particularly as it relates to the reporting process and the official sessions. He also stressed that CSOs would need to make more efforts to provide relevant input to the debates and negotiations of the UNCCD and that he is looking forward of making this a priority of the CSO panel.
3. The Bureau members unanimously voiced their support to the CSOs and their work, highlighting that the contact between CSOs at national level with National Focal Points would need to be strengthened.
4. The Bureau decided that deliberations by the CSO panel on the work of the IWG (Rio + 20) should be forwarded to the CRIC Bureau for the Vice Chairs to communicate this to the representatives attending the IWG meeting later in February.

Annex III - Agenda of the CRIC Bureau meeting

- I. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the CRIC Bureau meeting;
- II. Consideration of the CRIC work plan 2014-2017, and related work programme 2014-2015;
- III. Consideration of relevant decisions of COP 11 that impact the work of the CRIC and its Bureau;
- IV. Consideration of possible joint activities with the CST and its Bureau as a follow up of COP decisions;
- V. Other matters.

Annex IV - Annotated workplan of the Convention (2014-2017)

A. Operational objective 1 – Advocacy, awareness-raising and education

<i>Expected accomplishments 2014–2017</i>	<i>Performance indicators 2014–2017, targets 2014–2015</i>	<i>Responsible subsidiary body or Convention institution</i>
1(a) Increased awareness of the importance of addressing desertification/land degradation and drought (DLDD) as a solution to many global challenges	The extent to which online DLDD information tools and social media of the Convention are used <i>Target for 2015</i> - <i>Statistics on the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) website, social media and other tools show a positive trend in the number of visitors, downloads and other aspects related to use</i>	Parties, information reviewed by the CRIC Secretariat to publish the information, Parties to use it
1(b) Increased awareness of financing opportunities, methods and tools for addressing DLDD	The extent to which the Global Mechanism (GM) online information and tools on DLDD financing are used <i>Targets for 2015:</i> - <i>Statistics on the GM website, social media and other tools show a positive trend in the number of visitors, downloads and other aspects related to use</i> - <i>Forty printed publications and 160 online publications</i>	GM, reviewed by the CRIC GM to publish and Parties to use
1(c) The Convention process is increasingly recognized as a normative reference for addressing DLDD issues in decisions concerning land	The extent to which messages from the UNCCD process are integrated in major global processes relevant to UNCCD implementation <i>Target for 2015</i> - <i>DLDD issues within the mandate of the Convention are included in the outcomes of 80 per cent of those major global processes or high-level events that the secretariat or the GM has addressed</i>	Parties, reviewed by the COP Secretariat and the GM to prepare concepts and approaches, Parties and or RCMs to promote them, reviewed by the COP
1(d) Civil society contributions to meetings and processes of the Convention are effectively facilitated	The extent to which civil society organization (CSO) participation in the meetings of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies is balanced according to criteria contained in decision 5/COP.9 <i>Target for 2015</i> - <i>Increased involvement of the CSOs in the UNCCD at the national and regional levels</i>	Secretariat and GM to ensure integration of CSOs into the official sessions including regional meetings, DCPs to provide funding CSOs and Parties to interact

B. Operational objective 2 – Policy framework

<i>Expected accomplishments 2014–2017</i>	<i>Performance indicators 2014–2017, targets 2014–2015</i>	<i>Responsible subsidiary body or Convention institution</i>
2(a) Increased effectiveness in servicing countries in aligning and mainstreaming NAPs	The number of national action programmes (NAPs) aligned with The Strategy <i>Target for 2015</i> - <i>Eighty per cent of affected countries have aligned their NAPs</i>	Secretariat and GM, information reviewed by the CRIC
2(b) Effective regional cooperation and	The extent to which countries belonging to each Regional Implementation Annex participate in regional	Parties, information reviewed by the COP

<i>Expected accomplishments 2014–2017</i>	<i>Performance indicators 2014–2017, targets 2014–2015</i>	<i>Responsible subsidiary body or Convention institution</i>
coordination in implementing the UNCCD	<p>coordination activities</p> <p><u>Target for 2015</u></p> <p>- <i>Seventy five per cent of countries belonging to each Annex participate in at least one regional coordination activity</i></p> <p>The extent to which regional and subregional action programmes are consistent with the objectives defined in the UNCCD process</p>	<p>Secretariat and GM with the appropriate funding (DCPs)</p> <p>Parties, Secretariat and the GM, reviewed by the CRIC</p>
2(c) Affected country Parties have increased support from major multilateral cooperation organizations and programmes in addressing DLDD	<p><u>Target for 2015</u></p> <p>- <i>At least two RAPs are aligned with The Strategy</i></p> <p>The extent to which policies and programmes of United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Environment Programme, World Meteorological Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and International Union for Conservation of Nature reflect UNCCD objectives and activities</p>	<p>Parties, Secretariat and the GM, reviewed by the CRIC</p> <p>Agencies, information reviewed by the CRIC</p>
2(d) Improved understanding of interlinkages between implementing the Convention and addressing food security, water scarcity and drought, forestry and gender issues	<p><u>Targets for 2015:</u></p> <p>- <i>UNCCD provisions are increasingly reflected in national drought policies in the follow-up to the 2013 conference</i></p> <p>- <i>UNCCD provisions are increasingly reflected in international processes and initiatives related to land and soil</i></p> <p>The extent to which DLDD-related elements are referred to in major international processes and meetings concerning food security, water, drought, forests and gender issues, building on inputs made by the secretariat and the GM</p>	<p>Parties</p> <p>Secretariat and the GM prepare concepts and approaches, RCMs to push and promote, reviewed by the COP</p> <p>Secretariat and the GM prepare concepts and approaches, RCMs to push and promote, reviewed by the COP</p>
2(e) Improved synergies between addressing DLDD and climate change and/or biodiversity	<p><u>Targets for 2015:</u></p> <p>- <i>UNCCD provisions are reflected in the work of the UN-Water and the seventh World Water Forum in 2015</i></p> <p>- <i>UNCCD provisions are increasingly reflected in the work of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests</i></p> <p>The extent to which DLDD-related elements are referred to in decisions concerning climate change and biodiversity</p>	<p>Secretariat and the GM prepare concepts and approaches, RCMs to push and promote, reviewed by the COP</p> <p>Secretariat and the GM prepare concepts and approaches, RCMs to push and promote, reviewed by the COP</p>
	<p><u>Targets for 2015:</u></p> <p>- <i>Efforts to increase ecosystem resilience, sustainable forest management and agroforestry in drylands/affected areas are noted in decisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change</i></p> <p>- <i>The importance of addressing DLDD is noted in decisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity</i></p>	

C. Operational objective 3 – Science, technology and knowledge

<i>Expected accomplishments 2014–2017</i>	<i>Performance indicators 2014–2017, targets 2014–2015</i>	<i>Responsible subsidiary body or Convention institution</i>
3(a) Parties conduct impact assessments under the UNCCD, focusing on progress made in meeting strategic objectives (SOs) 1–4	The number of affected Parties that report on progress made in meeting SOs 1–4 <u>Target for 2015</u> - <i>Approach and methodology for reporting on the impact indicators is revised in accordance with lessons learned in the first reporting cycle (2013)</i>	Parties, information reviewed by the CRIC
3(b) National and global baselines for assessing progress in meeting SOs 1–3 are established	The extent to which Parties advance in establishing baselines for assessing progress in meeting SOs 1–3 <u>Targets for 2015:</u> - <i>Monitoring and evaluation methodology tested at national level in five countries</i> - <i>Agreement on whether a global baseline will be developed</i>	Parties, information reviewed by the CRIC
3(c) Parties base their decisions for action towards meeting operational objectives (OOs) 1–4 on updated information of related successes and challenges experienced by affected countries and other UNCCD stakeholders	The extent to which reporting entities report on progress made in meeting OOs 1–4 <u>Target for 2015</u> - <i>Increase from 2013 in reports received</i> The extent to which the performance review and assessment of implementation effectively leads to targeted recommendations emerging from the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC) <u>Target for 2015</u> - <i>The CRIC at its thirteenth session makes recommendations on next steps based on reporting outcomes</i>	Parties, information reviewed by the CRIC Parties, CRIC CRIC
3(d) Parties are satisfied with the methods and tools for communicating information through reporting under the UNCCD	The extent to which the reports of Parties follow the reporting guidelines <u>Target for 2015</u> - <i>At least 75 per cent of reports received follow the guidelines</i>	Secretariat, Parties
3(e) The Committee on Science and Technology (CST) advances knowledge on combating DLDD for poverty reduction and sustainable development, with an emphasis on the contribution of science, technology, and traditional knowledge and practices.	The extent to which the 3 rd Scientific Conference raises interest among the scientific community <u>Target for 2015</u> - <i>At least 200 abstracts submitted for the 3rd Scientific Conference</i>	CST CST, secretariat
3(f) The CST benefits from the work of scientific organizations and cooperation bodies that deal with issues relevant to DLDD, including by the establishment of the Science-Policy Interface as	The extent to which the CST uses the work of other scientific cooperation bodies in its considerations <u>Target for 2015</u> - <i>Information on the work of scientific organizations and cooperation bodies is regularly delivered to the CST</i>	CST, secretariat Scientific organizations, secretariat

<i>Expected accomplishments 2014–2017</i>	<i>Performance indicators 2014–2017, targets 2014–2015</i>	<i>Responsible subsidiary body or Convention institution</i>
created by decision 23/COP.11.		
3(g) Parties use scientific knowledge to support decision-making concerning the UNCCD	The extent to which targeted scientific knowledge on DLDD is available under the Convention <i>Targets for 2015:</i> - <i>Scientific advice is provided according to guidance from the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh session</i> - <i>The Science-Policy Interface is successfully established and operating</i> - <i>The number of partners participating in the Scientific Knowledge Brokering Portal doubles from 2013</i>	CST, secretariat
3(h) Parties use best practices to support the implementation of the UNCCD	The extent to which best practices concerning DLDD are available to UNCCD stakeholders <i>Target for 2015</i> - <i>The Scientific Knowledge Brokering Portal facilitates access to best practices under the UNCCD</i>	Primary recommended databases, secretariat CST, secretariat
3(i) Provisions for the engagement of science and institutions are improved	The extent to which scientific networks and institutions participate in the work of the UNCCD <i>Targets for 2015:</i> - <i>The roster of experts is revised</i> - <i>There is an increase in the number of scientists that register for the 3rd Scientific Conference compared to the 2nd Scientific Conference</i>	Scientific networks and institutions, secretariat Secretariat, Parties Parties, Developed country Parties, as funding is required

D. Operational objective 4 – Capacity-building

<i>Expected accomplishments 2014–2017</i>	<i>Performance indicators 2014–2017, targets 2014–2015</i>	<i>Responsible subsidiary body or Convention institution</i>
4(a) Opportunities for targeted capacity-building under the Convention are improved	The extent to which the Capacity-Building Marketplace is used <i>Targets for 2015:</i> - <i>Increase from 2013 in the capacity-building activities received by the affected Parties, including those offered through the Marketplace</i>	Secretariat, GM, Parties to use

E. Operational objective 5 – Financing and technology transfer

<i>Expected accomplishments 2014–2017</i>	<i>Performance indicators 2014–2017, targets 2014–2015</i>	<i>Responsible subsidiary body or Convention institution</i>
5(a) Parties base their decisions for enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of financial resources on updated information on related successes and challenges experienced by affected countries and other UNCCD stakeholders	The extent to which reporting entities report on progress made in meeting OO 5 <i>Target for 2015</i> - <i>Increase from 2013 in reports received</i> The extent to which Parties use the outcomes of their assessment of progress made in meeting OOs 5 in deciding on the next steps towards this objective <i>Target for 2015</i>	Parties, information reviewed by the CRIC Parties, secretariat/GM

<i>Expected accomplishments 2014–2017</i>	<i>Performance indicators 2014–2017, targets 2014–2015</i>	<i>Responsible subsidiary body or Convention institution</i>
	- <i>At its thirteenth session, the CRIC makes recommendations on next steps on the basis of the reporting outcomes</i>	CRIC
5(b) Affected country Parties increasingly use an integrated approach to mobilize resources for UNCCD implementation at the national level	Increase in number of IIFs/IFSs prepared with support of the Global Mechanism <u>Target for 2015</u> - <i>Thirty countries supported by the Global Mechanism in the development or implementation of integrated investment frameworks (IIFs) and/or the integrated financial strategy (IFS)</i>	GM, Parties GM
5(c) Multi-stakeholder and South–South cooperation platforms/coalitions effectively contribute to financing UNCCD implementation	Increase in number of platforms/coalitions that begin contributing or increase their contribution to financing UNCCD implementation with support from the GM <u>Target for 2015</u> - <i>Thirty platforms are supported by the GM</i>	GM and expected platforms
5(d) Improved evidence to support decisions to invest in activities contributing to UNCCD implementation	Increase in number of countries and organizations supported by the GM in understanding, generating and using economic arguments for investing in activities contributing to UNCCD implementation <u>Target for 2015</u> - <i>Twelve countries and organizations supported by the GM in understanding, generating and using economic arguments for their decisions to invest in activities contributing to UNCCD implementation</i>	GM and Parties
5(e) Increased support from developed countries and multilateral donors in addressing DLDD issues/UNCCD implementation	The extent to which DLDD issues/UNCCD implementation feature in the sixth GEF replenishment <u>Target for 2015</u> - <i>Improved allocation of funds to land degradation under the sixth GEF replenishment compared to the fifth GEF replenishment</i>	Parties, RCMs and GEF Parties and the GEF
	The extent to which developed countries and multilateral donors express commitment to supporting UNCCD implementation <u>Targets for 2015:</u> - <i>Increase in financial resources provided by developed countries and multilateral donors to UNCCD implementation, as reported to the CRIC at its thirteenth session</i> - <i>Increase in partnerships involving the GM or the secretariat for providing financial support to UNCCD implementation</i>	Developed country Parties and multilateral institutions Developed country Parties, multilateral institutions, secretariat /GM
5(f) Private sector and innovative sources/mechanisms of financing are increasingly involved in financing sustainable land management (SLM)	The extent of initiatives for increasing financing for SLM through innovative sources and mechanisms, which are generated through GM or secretariat input <u>Targets for 2015:</u> - <i>Forty organizations involved in partnerships on innovative and private finance for SLM with the GM or the secretariat</i> - <i>Forty-eight countries and subregions assisted by the</i>	GM, secretariat GM, secretariat, involved organizations, Parties GM and secretariat

<i>Expected accomplishments 2014–2017</i>	<i>Performance indicators 2014–2017, targets 2014–2015</i>	<i>Responsible subsidiary body or Convention institution</i>
	<i>GM</i> - Fifteen innovative financing mechanisms explored by the GM that enable and motivate investments in SLM - Thirty-five knowledge and advocacy products developed and outreach/capacity-building initiatives supported by the GM on innovative and private sector finance	GM
5(g) Improved access by affected countries to SLM technology	Increase in number of initiatives to facilitate technology transfer supported by the GM <u>Target 2014–15:</u> - Eight technology transfer initiatives supported	GM

F. Management and services

<i>Expected accomplishments 2014–2017</i>	<i>Performance indicators 2014–2017, targets 2014–2015</i>	<i>Responsible subsidiary body or Convention institution</i>
<i>Executive direction and management of the secretariat</i>		
6.1(a) Improved integrity and coherence of the Convention process	The extent to which Parties express their satisfaction	Secretariat and the GM
<i>Direction and management of the GM</i>		
6.1(b) The GM is an effective and trusted partner in financing the implementation of the UNCCD	The proportion of the core budget adopted by the COP received for GM operations	GM
6.1(c) Effective and transparent management of the GM work programme	The extent to which quality assurance and results-based management, monitoring and assessment are enforced <u>Target for 2015</u> - The amount of voluntary contributions raised	Secretariat/GM and developed country Parties
<i>Conference services</i>		
6.2(a) Parties are satisfied with improved conditions and changes in conference patterns for taking informed decisions at the level of the COP and its subsidiary bodies	The extent to which implementation of the new conference patterns related to the organization of the sessions of the COP and its subsidiary bodies has a positive impact <u>Target for 2015</u> - Positive feedback from Parties about the arrangements	Secretariat
	The extent to which official documents are promptly and effectively submitted to Parties in all UN official languages within the established timeline <u>Target for 2015</u> - All documents are available online on time	Secretariat
6.2(b) Exchanges among Parties' representatives, scientific experts and/or other key stakeholders are efficiently facilitated	The extent to which requested meetings, workshops and seminars are organized promptly and within the limits of the allocated budget <u>Target for 2015</u> - Positive feedback from partners on the organization of the meetings	Secretariat

<i>Expected accomplishments 2014–2017</i>	<i>Performance indicators 2014–2017, targets 2014–2015</i>	<i>Responsible subsidiary body or Convention institution</i>
<i>Administration</i>		
6.3(a) The financial and human resources are administered effectively and efficiently, and in accordance with the financial rules of the Convention and the regulations and rules of the United Nations	The proportion of actual expenditure compared to the approved budget	Secretariat/GM
	<u>Target for 2015</u> - 100 per cent	
	The extent to which staff members' training requirements are met for implementing the work programme	Secretariat
6.3(b) Improved information and communication technology services of the secretariat	<u>Target for 2015</u> - At least 30 per cent of the staff participates in training relating to their own work	Secretariat
	The extent to which information and communication technology services meet the secretariat's requirements	
	<u>Target for 2015</u> - Staff recognizes improvements in ICT services The extent to which Parties and other users express their satisfaction with services at conferences	
	<u>Target for 2015</u> - No complaints from Parties	
