



- MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COP 12 BUREAU (5 SEPTEMBER 2017)-

The meeting of the COP 12 bureau took place in Ordos, China on 5 September 2017. All bureau members were present.

The meeting started with the welcoming remarks of the COP 12 Presidency, represented by Mr. Cemal Nogay from Turkey and the UNCCD Executive Secretary, Ms. Monique Barbut. Also the Ambassador Melih Ulueren also representing the COP Presidency Turkey, who joined the meeting at the invitation of the COP 12 President, addressed the Bureau. Ambassador Melih Ulueren thanked and congratulated the UNCCD Executive Secretary for the effective leadership of the secretariat.

An overview of the matters discussed and the decisions made by the Bureau is presented below.

I. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was adopted without any amendments.

II. Organization of work at CST 13

This agenda item was introduced by the CST Chair Dr Hamid Custovic. The session of the CST will be organized so as to facilitate the dialogue between the Parties and the Science-Policy Interface (SPI) regarding the policy implications of scientific outputs and to enable the formulation of policy-relevant recommendations. The CST 13 agenda is organized as follow: (1) The scientific conceptual framework for land degradation neutrality (2) Sustainable land management for addressing desertification/land degradation and drought, climate change mitigation and adaptation. (3) Rehabilitation, restoration and reclamation measures and practices in degraded lands (4) Review of the Science-Policy Interface and its achievements. (5) Work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2018–2019. (6) Promoting the analysis, dissemination and accessibility of best practices and the UNCCD Knowledge Hub.

The Bureau took note of the presented organization of work of the CST.

III. Organization of work at CRIC 16

The CRIC Chair held a presentation of the work at CRIC 16 which will consider the following items: (1) Review of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on its fifteenth session. (2) Multi-year work plan for Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies. (3) Performance of Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies. (4) Development and implementation of strategies through national action programmes to achieve the objectives of the Convention in light of target 15.3 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. (5) Securing of additional investment and relations with financial mechanisms; report by the Global Environment Facility on its strategies, programmes and projects for financing the agreed incremental costs of activities



concerning desertification. (6) The UNCCD reporting and review process in view of the integration of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets into the implementation of the

UNCCD: Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and formats of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties

It is to be noted that as part of the COP agenda, the Terms of Reference of the CRIC will be reviewed in accordance with decision 11/COP.9. Document ICCD/COP(13)/5 has been prepared and it is expected that it will be discussed as one of the matters taken up by the Committee of the Whole (COW).

The Bureau took note of the presented organization of work of the CRIC.

IV. Main items for consideration at the Committee of the whole (COW).

The Committee on the Whole is planned to consider the following up key items: (1) Programme and budget, (2) Integration of Sustainable Development Goal 15 and related target 15.3 into the implementation of the UNCCD, (3) future strategic framework of the Convention, (4) Memorandum of Understanding between the UNCCD and the GEF, (5) Report by the Global Mechanism, (6) Terms of reference of the CRIC, (7) Draft advocacy policy frameworks: gender, drought, and sand and dust storms.

V. Contact groups to establish at COP 13

The CST will establish one contact group, which will work from tomorrow 5th September 2017 to Saturday 9th September 2017.

The CRIC will establish a contact group immediately after the plenary and will be working from the 7th evening to the last day of CRIC on Wednesday 13th September 2017.

The COW will establish two contacts group, one on the budgetary and one on other matter. The meetings of the COW are expected to start on Wednesday September 6th in the afternoon until the second week, after the High Level Segment.

VI. Recommendations on the composition of the COP 13 Bureau

On recommendations of the composition of COP 13, the African Region is already finalized and Morocco and Kenya will be nominated for the COP Bureau. China would like also to nominate Bhutan in the COP bureau

VII. Other business

No other business was discussed