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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 2nd meeting Main Committee Room

1. Items resulting from the work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2016–2017 [Item 2]
 - (a) The scientific conceptual framework for land degradation neutrality (ICCD/COP(13)/CST/2)
 - (b) Sustainable land management for addressing desertification/land degradation and drought, climate change mitigation and adaptation (ICCD/COP(13)/CST/3 and ICCD/COP(13)/CST/5)

Introduction and discussion

3 – 6 p.m. 3rd meeting Main Committee Room

1. Items resulting from the work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2016–2017 [Item 2]
 - (c) Rehabilitation, restoration and reclamation measures and practices in degraded lands (ICCD/COP(13)/CST/4, ICCD/COP(13)/CST/5 and ICCD/COP(13)/CST/INF.1)

Introduction and discussion

COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 1st meeting Plenary Hall

1. Opening of the session by the Chairperson of the Committee

- 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (ICCD/CRIC(16)/1) [item 1 (a)]
- 3. Effective implementation of the Convention at the national, subregional and regional levels [item 2]
 - (b) Multi-year workplan for Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies (ICCD/COP(13)/8-ICCD/CRIC(16)/2)
 - (c) Performance of the Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies (ICCD/CRIC(16)/3)

Introduction and discussion

3 – 6 p.m. 2nd meeting Plenary Hall

- 1. Effective implementation of the Convention at the national, subregional and regional levels [item 2]
 - (a) Review of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on its fifteenth session (ICCD/CRIC(15)/7)
 - (d) 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 (ICCD/COP(13)/2)

FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL MEETINGS

Friday, 8 September 2017

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 4th meeting Main Committee Room

- 1. Interfacing science and policy, and sharing knowledge [Item 3]
 - (a) Review of the Science-Policy Interface and its achievements (ICCD/COP(13)/CST/6)
 - (b) Work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2018–2019 (ICCD/COP(13)/CST/7 and ICCD/COP(13)/CST/INF.2)

- 3 – 6 p.m. 5th meeting Main Committee Room
1. Interfacing science and policy, and sharing knowledge [Item 3]
 - (c) Promoting the analysis, dissemination and accessibility of best practices and the UNCCD Knowledge Hub (ICCD/COP(13)/CST/8)

**COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION**

- 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 3rd meeting Plenary Hall
1. Effective implementation of the Convention at the national, subregional and regional levels [item 2]
 - (e) 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 (ICCD/CRIC(16)/4)

Introduction and discussion

2. The UNCCD reporting and review process in view of the integration of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets into the implementation of the UNCCD [item 3]

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 (ICCD/CRIC(16)/5 and ICCD/CRIC(16)/INF.1)

Introduction and discussion

- 3 – 6 p.m. 4th meeting Plenary Hall
1. Adoption of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention. [item 5]

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

The designations employed do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

8.30 – 10 a.m.	GROUP OF AFRICAN STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	Main Committee Room
1 – 3 p.m.	GROUP OF ARAB STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-12
9 – 10 a.m.	GROUP OF ASIAN STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-19
9 – 10 a.m.	GROUP OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-04
9 – 10 a.m.	GROUP OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-18
9 – 9.45 a.m.	JUSCANZ <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-13

9 – 10 a.m.	Civil Society Organizations – Consultations	MET-16
6.30 – 9 p.m.	CST Contact Group <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-10
2 – 3 p.m.	COW Contact Group on the Budget	Tba

SIDE EVENTS

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

8 – 10 a.m.	International Cooperation to Combat Desertification in Northeast Asia (Future Forest)	MET-06
8 – 10 a.m.	Action oriented policy implementation for Sand and Dust Storms (Korea Forest Service)	MET-20
8 – 10 a.m.	Towards a comprehensive Preparedness System: Where are we? (World Meteorological Organization)	MET-21
1 – 3 p.m.	Launching of the Land Rights Report (CSO panel)	MET-05
1 – 3 p.m.	China's Innovation in Combating Desertification (Institute of Desertification Studies)	MET-06
1 – 3 p.m.	Exploring Impact of Land Condition Changes by Scenarios and the New World Atlas of Desertification Approach (PBL-Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency and JRC and European Commission, Joint Research Centre)	MET-13
1 – 3 p.m.	Land Degradation and Restoration Assessment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)	MET-16
1 – 3 p.m.	Turkey's workout during COP 12 presidency and supports to GGW initiative and African countries (Republic of Turkey, Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs)	MET-20
1 – 3 p.m.	Presentation of the new Global Atlas of Desertification (WAD) (European Commission, Joint Research Centre)	MET-21
6 – 8 p.m.	Land degradation neutrality, some perspective for action (DNI ICON-SLM & CARI)	MET-06
6 – 8 p.m.	Science and Technology (WANG Dongfang)	MET-18
6 – 8 p.m.	Land Restoration Training Programme: Partnering to restore healthy ecosystems; lessons from Iceland and Mongolia (UN University)	MET-20
6 – 8 p.m.	Resilience & Land Degradation Neutrality (STAP/GEF, FAO, CI, SPI)	MET-21

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 6 September 2017

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

1st meeting *Opening of the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties by the President of the twelfth session*

Mr. Cemal NOGAY, Deputy Undersecretary of the Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs on behalf of COP 12 President, H.E. Mr. Eroglu, Minister of Forestry and Water Affairs of Turkey opened the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and delivered his opening statement.

Election of the President..... [1(a)]

The Conference elected by acclamation His Excellency Mr. Zhang JIANLONG, Minister of State Forestry Administration, of the People's Republic of China, as President of the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties.

The President of the Conference made a statement.

A statement was made by the Governor of the People's Government of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, Ms. Bu Xiaolin.

A short video to witness the green development and dramatic improvements of Ordos was presented.

A statement was made by Ms. Monique Barbut, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

Statements were made by the representatives of: Ecuador (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Estonia (on behalf of the European Union), Kenya (on behalf of the African Group), Bhutan (on behalf of Asia-Pacific Group), Argentina (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), Armenia (on behalf of the Central and Eastern European Group) and Italy (on behalf of Regional Implementation Annex for Northern Mediterranean (Annex IV)).

A statement was made by a representative of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

A statement was made by a representative of China Green Foundation.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work including the sessions of the subsidiary bodies [Items 1 (b) and 1 (f)]

The Conference began its consideration of the item and adopted its provisional agenda and the proposed schedule of work for the session.

Election of officers other than the President n of officers other than the President [1(c)]

(i) Election of Vice-Presidents

The Conference the following candidates as Vice-Presidents of its thirteenth session: a representative of Morocco and a representative of Kenya (from the group of African States); a representative of Bhutan (from the group of Asia-Pacific States); Mr. Jorge Heider of Argentina and Mr. Trevor Benn of Guyana (from the group of Latin American and Caribbean States); Mr. Damien Barchiche of France (from the group of Western European and Other States).

A statement was made by the President of the Conference.

Establishment of the Committee of the Whole..... [1(f)]

Following past practice, the Conference decided to establish a Committee of the Whole and to allocate to the Committee the agenda items detailed in paragraph 15 of the agenda (agenda items 2 a),b) and c), 3 a) to e), 6 a) to c) and 7 a) and b)).

Ms. Nosipho Ngcaba (South Africa) was appointed as the Chair of COW

Accreditation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, admission of observers..... [1(e)]

The Conference began its consideration of the item. The Conference decided to accredit, as observers, the organizations and private sector entities listed in document ICCD/COP(13)/17.

The meeting was adjourned.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1st meeting.....*Adoption of the agenda and organization of work including the sessions of the subsidiary bodies [Items 1 (b) and 1 (f)]*

The Conference began its consideration of the item and adopted its provisional agenda.

Establishment of Contact Groups and Appointment of Facilitators

The COW agreed to establish the Contact Groups as proposed by the Bureau, and to appoint the respective facilitators.

A statement was made by the representative of European Union.

Statements were made by the representatives of: Turkey, Guyana, Grenada and Saint Lucia.

Programme and Budget [6 (a)]

The secretariat introduced the documentation under sub-items 6 (a) and (b).

Statements were made by the representatives of: European Union, South Africa, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, Zambia and Jordan.

A statement was made by the secretariat.

Report of the Evaluation Office [6 (c)]

The secretariat introduced the documentation under sub-item [6 (c)].

2020 Agenda for Sustainable Development: implications for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification [2 (a)]

Statements were made by representatives of: Jordan, Belarus, Saudi Arabia, Republic of Korea, Egypt, Armenia, Iraq Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Argentina, Uganda, Haiti, Uruguay, Oman, Brazil, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and a representative from the Civil Society.

The future strategic framework of the Convention..... [2 (b)]

The Co-Chairs of the IWG, Mr. Ahmet Senyaz from Turkey and Mr. Stephen Muwaya from Uganda introduced the documents under this agenda item.

Statements were made agenda by the representatives of: Ukraine, Peru, Brazil, European Union, South Africa, Algeria , Republic of Korea, Egypt, Guyana, United States of America, Venezuela, Switzerland, Colombia, Australia, Jordan, Iraq.

A statement was made by a representative of UNEP.

A statement was also made by a representative of the Civil Society.

Effective implementation of the Convention at national, sub regional and regional level [3 (c)]

The secretariat introduced the documentation under agenda sub-item 3 c).

Statements were made by the representatives of: Armenia and Ukraine.

Securing of additional investments and the relations with financial mechanisms [3(e)]

Memorandum of Understanding between the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the Global Environment Facility[3(e) (i)]

The secretariat introduced the documentation under this agenda sub-item.

The representation of European Union made a statement. The secretariat responded.

Statements were made by a representative of the Civil Society and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Securing of additional investments and the relations with financial mechanisms

Report of the Global Mechanism for which you have before you documents [3(e) (ii)]

The Managing Director of the Global Mechanism of UNCCD made a statement on this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of: Ukraine, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the European Union.

The Chair adjourned the 1st meeting of the CoW.

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1st meeting.....*Thirteenth Session of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST 13)*

Opening Statements

The thirteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology was opened by Mr. Hamid Custovic, Chairperson of the CST, who delivered his opening statement.

A statement was made by Ms. Monique Barbut, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany (on behalf of the European Union) and Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group).

A statement was also made by a representative of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.

A statement was also made by a representative of the Desertnet International on behalf of the civil society.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work..... [1 (a)]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and adopted its provisional agenda and schedule of work.

Election of officers other than the Chair of the CST- Appointment of the Rapporteur..... [1 (b)]

The CST Vice-Chair, Mr. Jean-Luc Chotte of France was appointed by the Committee as Rapporteur of the CST 13.

Items resulting from the work programme of the SPI for the biennium 2016-2017: sub-item a) "The scientific conceptual framework for land degradation neutrality..... [2 a)]

The Committee began its consideration of the item. The UNCCD secretariat introduced the agenda sub-item. The following panelists delivered their presentations: Ms. Annette Cowie and Mr. Barron Orr of the Science-Policy Interface.

Comments have been made by representatives of: Switzerland, Brazil, Japan, Israel, Philippines, Egypt, Argentina, Jordan, Morocco, Bangladesh, El Salvador, Mexico, Ghana, Federated State of Micronesia, and Dominican Republic.

The consideration of the agenda sub-item continued with presentations delivered by the Global Mechanism, and representatives of Benin, Colombia and Turkey.

The Committee decided to reconvene on 7 Sept at 10 AM and continue consideration of agenda item 2 a).

The CST Chair adjourned the first meeting of CST 13.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFERENCE INFORMATION KITS

Official delegations to COP 13 are kindly reminded to collect the conference information kits at the Information Desk on the second floor of the Convention Centre. Coupons to collect the kits are available at the registration area at the counters for Countries P-S and T-Z.

FIELD TRIP TO THE KUBUQI DESERT

Delegates are invited to a field trip to the Kubuqi desert that will be organized on Sunday, 10 September. The registration desk for the field trip is located immediately after the security check.

REGISTRATION

Registration for delegations of country Parties, United Nations organizations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and media, as well as for participants in side events will take place as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>
7 – 15 September 2017	Every day	8 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. and 2 – 5 p.m.

Any changes to the opening hours of the registration desk will be communicated in the Official Journal of the session.

Identity badges will be issued at the time of registration, and participants are requested to wear them at all times, as they will not be allowed access to the session venue without presenting them.

CREDENTIALS

Delegations are advised to contact Mr. Gerardo Gúnera-Lazzaroni, Legal Officer, Office 116 (1st Floor). Telephone: +8615598835126.

WORKING HOURS

Official meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. Meetings of regional and interest groups, as well as side events, may be held only outside these hours.

MEETING ROOMS FOR REGIONAL AND INTEREST GROUPS

Requests for inclusion in the schedule of meetings of regional and interest groups should be communicated to Mr. Kayhan Ul (kul@unccd.int) in office 401 (Phone: +8615598835032) by 3 p.m. of the previous day, at the latest.

FUNDING FOR ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

Formalities relating to funding for eligible participants will be carried out in the DSA payment office in room 114 as of 9.30 a.m. until 5.30 p.m.

DSA vouchers can only be cashed at the bank office located inside the conference venue. PLEASE NOTE THAT DSA PAYMENT VOUCHERS ARE ONLY VALID UNTIL 2 P.M. FRIDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2017.

HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT: UNCCD MINISTERIAL ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS

At the COP 13 high-level segment, ministers and other heads of delegation will hold discussions in the form of three parallel ministerial round tables. Heads of delegation and UN organizations and IGOs may also participate.

Registration

On the day of the ministerial round-table discussions (11 September 2017) delegates are kindly requested to register between 2.30 and 3 p.m. at the “registration desk” at the entrance of the respective meeting room and collect their country name plates.

30 seats per round table are exclusively reserved for participants at ministerial/VIP level. These will be distributed on a first-come first-serve basis.

Attendance at the round table is limited. **Countries that have informed the UNCCD secretariat about their preferred round table will be given priority.** Delegates who wish to register for a specific round table are invited to contact Ms. Corinna Voigt (cvoigt@unccd.int)

Round table discussions

Ministerial/VIP level interventions will be given priority.

Participants are encouraged to actively engage in the discussion and debate rather than delivering a prepared speech or statement.

For further information on the respective round tables delegates are kindly requested to contact:

- For round table 1) Ms. Barbara Bendandi, e-mail: bbendandi@unccd.int
- For round table 2) Mr. Daniel Tsegai, UNCCD and Utchang Kang, e-mail: dtsegai@unccd.int and ukang@unccd.int
- For round table 3) Ms. Lorena Santamaria, email: lsantamaria@unccd.int

TRAVEL DATES FOR MINISTERS ATTENDING THE HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT

In order to facilitate a smooth arrival and departure of Ministers attending the High-Level Segment of COP 13, delegations are kindly requested to communicate their flight details as well as hotel accommodation to Mrs. Frederika Teixeira (e-mail: teixeira2@un.org) at least 72 hours prior to the arrival.

RIO CONVENTION PAVILION

The Rio Conventions Pavilion is a platform for raising awareness about the latest practices and scientific findings on the benefits of the coordinated implementation of the UNCCD, the United Nations Framework Convention to Combat Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The Rio Conventions Pavilion events will be held in MET-01.

The detailed Pavilion event programme from 7-14 September is available at <http://www.riopavilion.org/unccd-cop-13-ordos-china/>

Programme throughout the day – Journée de la Francophonie-Appui aux négociateurs francophones

<i>Thu 7 Sep</i>	<i>Journée de la Francophonie-Appui aux négociateurs francophones</i>
10:00 –12:00	Atelier préparatoire des négociateurs Francophones: Présentation et distribution du Guide des Négociations
13:00 – 14:00	Présentation de la Revue LEF dédiée à la désertification
15:00 – 16:30	Atelier-échanges sur l’opérationnalisation de la neutralité en matière de dégradation des terres
16:30 – 18:10	L’expérience du Niger: Mise en oeuvre de la Neutralité et lutte contre la désertification

DON'T MISS THE UNCCD TECH FAIR AND EXHIBITION

At COP 13 some 25 exhibitors are displaying their wares and the various services they offer to the world at the UNCCD exhibition and first ever Tech Fair. Exhibitors include the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the African Union Commission, among others. Of course there is the UNCCD exhibition featuring its knowledge products and its very useful and very successful Capacity Building Marketplace. At each booth, visitors will find interesting information, giveaways and welcoming hosts and hostesses willing to engage you by telling you more about their exhibits, answering all your questions and making notes of your comments and suggestions.

The Tech Fair is a UNCCD innovation for this COP. Here visitor can see technologies in the fields of bio-carbon engineering, agro-biotechnology and water-management technology, among others. And, even though this is the first UNCCD fair of its kind, it offers an insight into several diverse and useful technologies from around the world, including Israel, Turkey and host country China. Exhibitors shall be engaging the visitors with in-depth presentations of their technology at the central tech spot set up at the exhibition and Tech Fair.

Visitors are reminded that the Exhibition and Tech Fair is located in the tent in front of Venue C. Please check the journal for daily updates as to when exhibitors will be making in-depth presentations about their technology and technological services they offer. All are invited to come along and have a look and see what technologies, new and traditional, are available for use in the implementation of the UNCCD.

TRAINING SESSIONS AT THE CAPACITY BUILDING AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE CENTRE

The training centre and UNCCD Knowledge Hub can be found at the exhibition, next to the UNCCD stand. More information at <http://knowledge.unccd.int>

Today's training sessions:

- Guidelines on deriving the SDG indicator 15.3.1: Proportion of degraded land (1 – 3 p.m., and 6 – 8 p.m.)

STATEMENTS OF DELEGATIONS

By its latest legislation, namely General Assembly resolution 69/250 on the Pattern of Conferences, the General Assembly reiterates its request to ensure the provision of high quality conference services to member States and other participants in official United Nations meetings.

In the interest of the smooth running of the meetings, participants need to maintain a normal speed whenever delivering speeches or making statements, so that the provision of the required high quality simultaneous interpretation services can be achieved to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

Delegations are requested to provide 20 copies of their statements to the Conference Officers in the Plenary Hall. It is proposed that a five-minute time limit be set for these statements.

ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SERVICE

Delegations are advised that official information on COP 13 can be found on the UNCCD website at <http://www.unccd.int>. The electronic versions of the Daily Journal, the provisional list of participants, press releases and other information will be made available on the website.

DIRECTORY

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