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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

9 a.m. – 12 p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Plenary Hall

Special segment . . . . . [Item 5]

*High-Level Segment:*

- *Opening by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth session*
- *Short video projection*
- *Mr. Wang Yang, Vice Premier of the People’s Republic of China, delivers the message sent by His Excellency, Mr. Xi Jinping, President of the People’s Republic of China and delivers a keynote speech*
- *Message from the United Nations Secretary-General*
- *Welcoming remarks by the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification*
- *Ministerial statements on behalf of regional and interest groups, as well as a statement by representative of civil society*
- *Statements by special guests*

3 – 6 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . TBA\*

Special segment . . . . . [Item 5]

*Round table 1: Land degradation: a challenge to development, prosperity and peace*

*Round table 2: Drought and sand and dust storms: early warning and beyond*

*Round table 3: Land degradation neutrality: “From targets to action...what will it take?”*

\* Please check the screens for further information.

**FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL MEETINGS**

**Tuesday, 12 September 2017**

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. . . . . 5th meeting . . . . . Plenary Hall

Special segment . . . . . [Item 5]

(b) *Gender and land rights (a dialogue with civil society)*

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. . . . . 6th meeting . . . . . Plenary Hall

Special segment . . . . . [Item 5]

(c) *How can local governments help address the challenges of land degradation? (a dialogue with elected and local government representatives)*

3 – 4:30 p.m. . . . . 7th meeting . . . . . Plenary Hall

Special segment . . . . . [Item 5]

(d) *How can the private sector invest to help achieve land degradation neutrality? (a dialogue with the private sector)*

4:30 – 6 p.m. . . . . 8th meeting . . . . . Plenary Hall

Special segment (continued) . . . . . [Item 5]

*Final discussions by ministers and other high-ranking officials*

*Closing ceremony*

1.30 – 6 p.m.	Business Forum	MET-06
1.15. – 1.45 p.m.	Press conference: Importance of the High-Level Segment	MET-05

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## SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

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**Friday, 8 September 2017**

### CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

2nd meeting ..... Ms. Jia Xiaoxia, Division Director of the State Forestry Administration and National Focal Point of UNCCD, called to order the second meeting of the Thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 13) on behalf of H.E. Mr. Zhang Jianlong, President of the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 13) and Minister of State Forestry Administration, of the People's Republic of China.

*Election of Vice-Presidents..... [1(c)]*

The Conference elected the following pending Vice-Presidents of the COP 13 Bureau: Mr. Andrey Kuzmich of Belarus and Mr. Valeriu Cazac of Republic of Moldova (on behalf of the Central and of the Western European and Other States Group).

The Vice-President of COP 13, Mr. Trevor Benn of Guyana was designated to act as Rapporteur.

*Organizational matters - Inclusion of activities of non-governmental organizations within the official programme of work of the Conference of the Parties: open dialogue sessions.....[1]*

A statement was made by Ms. Monique Barbut, Executive Secretary of the UNCCD secretariat.

The moderator of the Open Dialogue Session Ms. Liu Fangfei, UNCCD Dryland Ambassador, made opening remarks.

A short video was presented.

A key note presentation was delivered by Prof. Baris Karapinar, Lead Author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Presentations were made by: Mr. Ahmed Sekou Diallo, Executive Director of the NGO – AFAD from Mali (on behalf of the African Group), Ms. Vu Thi Bich Hop, Executive Director of the Center for Sustainable Rural Development from

Vietnam (on behalf of the Asian Group), Mr. Juan Riet, Professor and technical advisor from Uruguay (on behalf of the Latin America and the Caribbean Group), Ms. Sophiko Akhobadze, Executive Director of Regional Environmental Center for the Caucasus, from Georgia (on behalf of the Eastern European Group), Mr. Robert Tansey, Advisor at the Nature Conservancy (on behalf of the Western Europe and Others Group), Mr. Andrew Lesa, from New Zealand (on behalf of the Youth).

Statements were made by representatives of the civil society of India, Bolivia, Senegal, Chad, Iraq, Uruguay, China, Nepal, Cape Verde, Namibia, Venezuela, South Africa, Peru, Cuba, the Republic of Korea, Morocco, Niger, Liberia and the State of Palestine.

A Statement was also made by a representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Panelists responded to the comments and questions raised and made concluding remarks.

Ms. Jia Xiaoxia, on behalf of H.E. Mr. Zhang JIANLONG, President of the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 13), shared her reflections and concluding remarks.

The meeting was adjourned.

## COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

5th meeting ..... The CST Chair called to order the thirteenth meeting of the Committee on Science and Technology Committee on Science and Technology (CST 13).

*Items resulting from the work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2016–2017*..... [2 (a), (b) and (c)]

The Committee resumed consideration of the agenda 2 sub-item a), b) and c) took action on the following draft proposals: **“Follow up on the work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2016–2017” (ICCD/COP (13)/CST/L.1) and “Cooperation with other intergovernmental scientific panels and bodies” (ICCD/COP (13)/CST/L.2)**

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, South Africa, Bangladesh, the European Union and its Member States, Saudi Arabia and Cambodia.

The secretariat responded.

The Committee adopted the draft proposals contained in document ICCD/COP(13)/CST/L.1 as orally corrected and ICCD/COP(13)/CST/L.2 as presented and concluded its consideration of agenda item 2 sub-items a), b) and c) and of agenda item 2 as a whole.

*Review of the Science-Policy Interface and its achievements*..... [3 (a)]

The Committee resumed consideration of the agenda sub-item and took action on the following draft proposal: ***“Improving the efficiency of the Science-Policy Interface” (ICCD/COP (13)/CST/L.3).***

A statement was made by the representative of Morocco.

The secretariat responded.

The Committee adopted the draft proposal contained in document **ICCD/COP(13)/CST/L.3** as presented.

*Work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2018–2019* ..... [3 (b)]

The Committee resumed consideration of the agenda sub-item and took action on the following draft proposal: ***“Work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2018–2019” (ICCD/COP (13)/CST/L.4).***

The Committee adopted the draft proposal contained in document **ICCD/COP(13)/CST/L.4** as presented.

*“Promoting the analysis, dissemination and accessibility of best practices and the UNCCD Knowledge Hub”* ..... [3 (c)]

The Committee resumed consideration of the agenda sub-item and took action on the following draft proposal: ***“Promoting the analysis, dissemination and accessibility of best practices and the UNCCD Knowledge Hub” (ICCD/COP (13)/CST/L.5).***

The Committee adopted the draft proposal contained in document ICCD/COP(13)/CST/L.5 as presented.

The committee concluded its consideration of agenda 3 sub-items a), b) and c) and of agenda item 3 as a whole.

*“Procedural matters: Programme of work for the fourteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology”* ..... [4]

The Committee resumed consideration of the agenda sub-item and took action on the following draft proposal: ***“Programme of work for the fourteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology”*** (ICCD/COP(13)/CST/L.6).

A statement was made by the representative of Brazil.

The Secretariat responded.

The Committee adopted the draft proposal contained in document ICCD/COP(13)/CST/L.6 as presented.

The Committee concluded its consideration of agenda item 4.

*Adoption of the Report of the Committee on Science and Technology .....[5]*

Mr. Jean-Luc Chotte of France, Vice-Chair and Rapporteur of the Committee, gave a brief summary of the outcomes of this session of the Committee on Science and Technology.

The Committee approved the draft report of the thirteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology, on the understanding that the Rapporteur would complete it with the assistance of the secretariat.

The Committee concluded its consideration of agenda item 5.

*Election of officers other than the Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology..... [1 (b)]*

The Committee elected the following four candidates as its Vice-Chairs for the fourteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology: Mr. Carl Fiati (Ghana), Ms. María Angélica Fernández (Colombia), Mr. Ahmet SENYAZ (Turkey) and Mr. German Kust (Russian Federation);

The Committee concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 1.

The CST Chair gave his closing remarks and declared closed the thirteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 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.

### 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>
11 – 15 September 2017	Monday – Friday	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.

### FUNDING FOR ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

Formalities relating to funding for eligible participants will be carried out again in the DSA payment office in room 114 from 9.30 a.m. until 5.30 p.m on Monday, 11 September 2017.

### RIO CONVENTIONS 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 <[www.riopavilion.org/unccd-cop-13-ordos-china/](http://www.riopavilion.org/unccd-cop-13-ordos-china/)>.

Programme throughout the day – SDG 15.3 on Land Degradation Neutrality Day

<i>Mon 11 Sep</i>	
11:40 – 13:10	Panel Discussion: The Economics of Land Degradation (ELD) and Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) in Asia (UNEP)
13:20 – 14:50	Side event: Achieving Land Degradation Neutrality in Europe – meeting the challenge (European Commission DG ENV)

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**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 UNCCCD 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](mailto:bbendandi@unccd.int)
- For round table 2) Mr. Daniel Tsegai and Utchang Kang, e-mail: [dtsegai@unccd.int](mailto:dtsegai@unccd.int) and [ukang@unccd.int](mailto:ukang@unccd.int)
- For round table 3) Ms. Lorena Santamaria, e-mail: [lsantamaria@unccd.int](mailto:lsantamaria@unccd.int)

**LAUNCHING OF THE GLOBAL LAND OUTLOOK**

The Global Land Outlook will be launched in all 6 UN languages on Tuesday, 12 September at 1 p.m. in the Exhibition Area.

A short video and opening remarks by the UNCCD Executive Secretary will open the launch event. All are welcome to attend.

**A THOUSAND PICTURES AT OUR TECH FAIR AND EXHIBITION**

It is said that one picture paints a thousand words and the UNCCD Tech Fair and Exhibition is full of pictures narrating the challenges, successes and possibilities of the implementation process. Whatever the angle of your interest in the UNCCD process, you can see thousands of pictures in color about your areas of interest at the Tech Fair and Exhibition. There are pictures telling stories from Morocco to South Africa and from France to China. There are pictures relating stories about local and community successes and pictures showing technological and scientific innovations dealing with the issues of land degradation, desertification and drought.

You probably would like to talk to some of the people behind these success stories and technologies; People who can tell you how these successes were actually achieved! The Tech Fair and Exhibition provides you with such an opportunity as some of our exhibitors have been and are directly involved with these stories. They are eager to share their experiences with you and to tell you of some of their future plans to ensure continued success.

So come and visit the UNCCD Text Fair and Exhibition which is located in front of Venue C. It is the place that actually brings the implementation process alive in living colors, which allows you to see the practical meaning of the UNCCD to millions around the world. We look forward to welcoming you.

**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.

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**CREDENTIALS**

Delegations are advised to contact Mr. Gerardo Gúnera-Lazzaroni, Legal Officer in 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.

**ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SERVICE**

Delegations are advised that official information on COP 13 can be found on the UNCCD website at <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.

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**DIRECTORY**


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