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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

- 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)*
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- 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)*
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- 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)*
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- 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*

FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL MEETINGS

Wednesday, 13 September 2017

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m. – * 3rd meeting Plenary Hall

- 1. 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: implications for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification [Item 2]

- (c) *Implementation of the comprehensive communication strategy and the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (2010–2020) (ICCD/COP(13)/4)*

Introduction and discussion

- 2. Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional level [Item 3]

- (d) *Promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and international organizations, institutions and agencies (ICCD/COP(13)/6)*

Introduction and discussion

- 3. Procedural matters [Item 7]

- (a) *Participation and involvement of civil society organizations in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (ICCD/COP(13)/15)*

- (b) *Participation and involvement of the private sector in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the business engagement strategy (ICCD/COP(13)/16)*

Introduction and discussion

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

* – 1 p.m. 4th meeting Plenary Hall

Procedural matters [Item 4]

*Programme of work for the seventeenth session of the Committee for the
Review of the Implementation of the Convention*

Introduction and discussion

3 – 6 p.m. 5th meeting Plenary Hall

1. Adoption of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of
the Convention. [Item 5]

Introduction and discussion

2. Organizational matters [Item 1]

(b) *Election of officers other than the Chair of the Committee for the Review of
the Implementation of the Convention*

8.30 – 10 a.m.	Group of friends of the Chair on the Ordos Declaration <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-10
8.30 – 10 a.m.	SIDS High Level Ministerial Breakfast <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-07
8.30 – 10 a.m.	SLM Business Forum – Consultations <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-02
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Business Forum	MET-06
1 – 3 p.m. and 6 – 9 p.m.	CoW Contact Group on other Matters <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-19
6 – 8 p.m.	LDN Fund Launch Event <i>(closed meeting)</i>	VIP 3/VIP 4

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 11 September 2017

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

3rd meeting.....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, called to order the third meeting of the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).

A short video was presented by the host country.

His Excellency, Mr. Wang Yang, Vice Premier of the People’s Republic of China read a message from His Excellency Mr. Xi Jinping, President of the People’s Republic of China and delivered a Keynote speech.

A video message of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Mr. Antonio Guterres was presented.

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

Statements were made by: H.E.Ms. Maria Victoria Chiriboga Nielsen, Undersecretary of State for Climate Change of the Ministry of Environment of Ecuador (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Mr. Richard Mwendandu, Director of International Environmental Agreements of the Ministry of Environment of Kenya (on behalf of the Group of African States); Ms. Rawea Mizel Mahmood, UNCCD National Focal Point and Director General of Natural Resources Management and Land Degradation Department of the Ministry of Agriculture of Iraq (on behalf of the Group of Asia-Pacific States); Dr. Ion Perju, Counselor of the President of the Republic of Moldova on Agro-Industrial and Public Administration Issues (on behalf of the Group of Eastern European States); H.E. Ms. Lina Dolores Pohl Alfaro, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of El Salvador (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States); H.E. Mr. Siim Kiisler, Minister of Environment of Estonia (on behalf of the European Union); Ms. Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, from the Mbororo pastoralist community of Chad (on behalf of the civil society organizations);

A statement was made by Ms. Liu Yang from the Chinese Academy of Forestry (representing the Chinese youth delegates and the global youth representatives);

A statement was made also by Ms. Naoko Ishii, CEO and Chairperson for the Global Environment Facility (GEF);

A statement was made also by Archbishop Joseph Chennoth, Apostolic Nuncio to Japan (on behalf of His Holiness Pope Francis);

The meeting was adjourned

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.

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>
12 – 15 September 2017	Tuesday – 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 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 12 September 2017.

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.

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

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 and Utchang Kang, e-mail: dtsegai@unccd.int and ukang@unccd.int
 - For round table 3) Ms. Lorena Santamaria, e-mail: lsantamaria@unccd.int
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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/>.

Programme throughout the day – Land for Life Day

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10:30 – 10:45	Opening of Land for Life Day -Ms. Monique Barbut, UNCCD Executive Secretary
10:45 – 13:00	Meeting the UNCCD 2017 Land for Life Award Winners and the essence of success
13:00 – 14:00	Screening of winners success case *lunch reception
14:00 – 15:00	Scaling restoration with digital technology -Ant Financial, subsidiary group of Alibaba
15:15 – 16:15	Open Discussion: Is ensuring societal sustainability, stability and security everyone's responsibility? Panellists: Ms. Nassef (UNEP); Dr D'Souza (WOTR); Dr. Cai (ELION); Mr. Kwon (Future Forest); Mr Gadner (Regeneration International); Moderator: Yukie Hori (UNCCD Spokesperson)
16:30 – 17:40	Policies & Land: Can good policies facilitate the achievement of SDG15.3 Land Degradation Neutrality Goal -Future Policy Award winners
17:40 – 19:15	Communication and Impact on Land Online communication and social media - the next generation's too? -Ms. Beth Johnson Film screening and sharing session with film director Patrick Augenstein
19:15 – 20:00	Networking and Chilling out with Winners and Panelists *with reception

YOU MUST, ABSOLUTELY MUST VISIT THE TECH FAIR AND EXHIBITION TODAY!

Have you ever heard about the Global Land Outlook (GLO)? And if you have, wouldn't you like to learn more about it? Well there isn't a better opportunity than today to do so. That's because the UNCCD Tech Fair and Exhibition will host a special event all about the GLO at 1 p.m. today. You can learn what it is, who are involved, what it will do, and why it is important to you and the UNCCD process as a whole. And guess who will provide you with all of this information? None other than the UNCCD Executive Secretary herself, Ms. Monique Barbut. Don't miss it!

And we are not done yet! The presentation of GLO will be followed by a presentation at 2 p.m. on the Vallerani System, which performs mechanized water harvesting, which supports soil regeneration. This is a technology dealing with soil and water and their proper use and protection. Come and hear how this revolutionary technology can make a positive impact on the implementation of the Convention.

Remember, there are 25 exhibition booths, some giving away goodies, but all telling great stories about different ways of protecting the land. Stories you need to hear! So come to the tent opposite Venue C today and be informed, entertained, educated and inspired to do more for our common cause.

STATEMENTS OF DELEGATIONS

By its latest legislation, namely General Assembly resolution 71/262 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.

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.

DIRECTORY

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