



Meeting of the Bureau of the Committee on Science and Technology

Date: 26 April 2017

Venue: UN Campus - Langer Eugen
Meeting Room: 1511
Platz der Vereinten Nationen 1
53113 Bonn, Germany

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- FINAL REPORT -

I. Opening remarks

1. In his opening remarks, Pradeep Monga, Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), highlighted the importance of the work done by the Bureau of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) and by the Science-Policy Interface (SPI) to underpin policy oriented recommendations with a solid scientific basis in preparation for the thirteenth session of the CST (CST 13).

II. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.

2. The CST Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the participants (annex I). The agenda (annex II) was adopted with no amendments.

III. Adoption of the report of the last CST Bureau meeting.

3. The CST Bureau adopted the report of its meeting held on 21 September 2016.

IV. Preparation of the CST 13 session

4. The CST Bureau discussed and agreed upon the draft agenda of the upcoming CST 13, which will be held on 6-9 September 2017 in Ordos, China.¹

¹ The provisional agenda of CST 13 is available online at:
http://www2.unccd.int/sites/default/files/sessions/documents/2017-07/cst1eng_1.pdf



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5. In order to facilitate an interactive dialogue at the CST 13, the CST Bureau decided to arrange panel discussions with invited speakers on the items resulting from the work programme of the SPI for the biennium 2016–2017 as follows:
 - a. Agenda item 2a “The scientific conceptual framework for Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN)”: Under this agenda item, the SPI will present the LDN conceptual framework. A representative of the Global Mechanism (GM) will also be invited to provide a presentation on the application of the conceptual framework in the LDN Target Setting Programme (LDN TSP). The CST Bureau also suggested inviting a representative of one of the countries participating in the LDN TSP to share their experiences.
 - b. Agenda item 2b “Sustainable land management for addressing desertification/land degradation and drought, climate change mitigation and adaptation”: A presentation on the report on “Sustainable Land Management Contribution to Successful Land Based Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation” will be jointly delivered by a representative of the Basque Centre for Climate Change and SPI representatives. The CST Bureau agreed to invite: i) an IPCC representative to give a presentation on “Climate Change and Land: An IPCC special report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems” (SRCCL); and ii) a representative of the ITPS to give, jointly with SPI representatives, a presentation on the Outcome Document from the Global Symposium on Soil Organic Carbon (GSSOC2017).
 - c. Agenda item 2c “Rehabilitation, restoration and reclamation measures and practices in degraded lands”: The CST Bureau agreed to invite: i) a representative of the IPBES to give, jointly with SPI representatives, a presentation on the IPBES “Thematic Assessment on Land Degradation and Restoration”; and ii) a representative of the UNEP-IRP to present, jointly with SPI representatives, the planned collaboration for the preparation of a report on “Land Restoration, Ecosystem Resilience and their Contribution to Poverty Eradication”.
 6. The CST Bureau also agreed upon the list of documents and draft decisions to be prepared by the secretariat and by the SPI for CST 13.



V. Science-Policy Interface: Work programme for the biennium 2018-2019.

7. The CST bureau highlighted that the SPI work programme for the biennium 2018-2019 should focus on few selected priorities and should be in line with the SPI budget and mandate.
8. The secretariat presented a draft proposal for the SPI work programme 2018-2019. As agreed at the CST Bureau meeting held on 21 September 2016, the draft work programme was developed on the basis of proposals submitted by Parties on potential thematic issues to be addressed by the SPI in the biennium 2018-2019. The CST Bureau agreed to request the SPI to revise the draft work programme and to submit the revised version to the CST Bureau for finalization and endorsement. The SPI work programme 2018-2019 will then be tabled at the CST 13 for discussion and approval.

VI. Assessment of the Science-Policy Interface

9. The secretariat presented an advanced draft of the external assessment commissioned by the secretariat on the work conducted by the SPI during the biennium 2016–2017 and its overall achievements since its establishment. It was agreed that the advanced draft of the assessment report will be further discussed at the SPI meeting to be held on 27-28 April 2017 and that the feedback provided by SPI members will be used to further develop the report.

VII. Promoting the analysis, dissemination and accessibility of best practices and the UNCCD knowledge hub

10. The secretariat informed the CST Bureau on the on-going development of UNCCD Knowledge Hub which provides access to information from multiple sources, including: the roster of independent experts, the UNCCD e-Library, SLM best practices from WOCAT, relevant knowledge sharing systems from around the world, and information to support LDN target setting and implementation.
11. It was highlighted that the Knowledge Hub can assist in LDN implementation by providing countries with the necessary information to set baselines and monitor LDN.

VIII. Other matters

12. No other matters to be discussed.



IX. **Next meeting**

13. The secretariat informed that next meeting of the CST Bureau is planned to take place on 4 September 2017 in Ordos, China previous to the CST 13.



Annex I

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Annex II

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