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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

10:00 – 13:00. 3rd meeting. Plenary Room

1. Assessment of implementation (continued) [Item 2]
 - (a) The Gender Action Plan of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification as a tool to improve the living conditions of affected populations. First experiences and the way forward (ICCD/CRIC(17)/CRP.1)
 - (b) Identifying emerging innovative financing opportunities to combat land degradation (ICCD/CRIC(17)/INF.3)

Introduction of the document

Interactive dialogue session

2. The reporting and review process of the UNCCD [Item 3]

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(17)/8, ICCD/CRIC(17)/INF.2)

Introduction of the document

General discussion

15:00 – 18:00. 4th meeting. Plenary Room

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General discussion

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 – 9:30	GROUP OF AFRICAN STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	Plenary Hall
8:30 – 9:45	GROUP OF ASIAN STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-05
8:30 – 9:45	GROUP OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-01
Starting at 9:00	EU COORDINATION MEETING <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-02

OTHER MEETINGS

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8:30 – 9:45	Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Central and Eastern Europe (Annex V) <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-04
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13:00 – 15:00 and immediately after the adjournment of the afternoon plenary	CRIC contact group (<i>closed meeting</i>)	MET-01
9:00 – 10:00 and 13:00 – 14:30	Civil Society Organizations – Consultations	MET-08
18:00 – 20:00	Demonstration on the Trends Earth Tool	Plenary Hall

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 30 January 2019

COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

10:00 – 13:00. 5th meeting. Plenary Room

Formulation of the comprehensive report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention to the Conference of the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations

15:00 – 18:00. 6th meeting. Plenary Room

1. Adoption of the comprehensive report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention to the Conference of the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations
2. Closure of the session

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 28 January 2019

COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

1st meeting *Opening of the session*

The Chair of the seventeenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, Mr. Samuel Mabilin Contreras (Philippines), opened the seventeenth session of the Committee and made opening remarks.

The Minister of State of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, His Excellency, Honorable Joseph Harmon, made a statement on behalf of the Host Country of the seventeenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention.

The Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, Ms. Monique Barbut, also made a statement.

Statements by representatives of the Regional Implementation Annexes as well as statements by representatives of regional and interest groups, and civil society organizations

Statements were further made by the representatives of Angola (on behalf of the African Group), Saudi Arabia (on behalf of the Asia-Pacific Group), Brazil (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries), Malta (on behalf of the Regional Implementation Annex for the Northern Mediterranean (Annex IV)) and Belarus (on behalf of the Regional Implementation Annex for Central and Eastern Europe (Annex V)).

A statement was made by the representative of Romania (on behalf of the European Union and its Member States).

A statement was also made by the representative of the Caribbean Youth Environment Network on behalf of civil society organizations.

Statement by the host country of the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties

A further statement was made the representative of India on behalf of the host country of the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties.

Organizational matters [1]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

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

A statement was made by the Chair.

The Committee approved its provisional agenda and tentative schedule of work as contained in document ICCD/CRIC(17)/1.

Appointment of the Rapporteur of the Committee [1 (b)]

Following the statement by the Chair, the Committee decided to appoint Ms. Anna Luise (Italy) as Rapporteur of the session.

Assessment of Implementation [2]

Strategic objectives 1 to 5

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

A representative of the secretariat introduced documents ICCD/CRIC(17)/2, ICCD/CRIC(17)/4, ICCD/CRIC(17)/5, ICCD/CRIC(17)/6 and ICCD/CRIC(17)/7.

In the ensuing interactive discussion, interventions were made by the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina (on behalf of Annex V), Uruguay (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries), China, Switzerland, Cook Islands, Argentina, the European Union, Kenya, Namibia and the Kingdom of Eswatini (on behalf of the African Group).

Interventions were also made by representatives of the World Meteorological Organization, the Food and the Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

An intervention was further made by ENDA on behalf of civil society.

2nd meeting. The meeting was opened by the Chair, Mr. Samuel Mabilin Contreras (Philippines), who made a statement.

Assessment of Implementation (continued). [2]

Progress made in setting land degradation neutrality (LDN) targets and advancing towards LDN implementation (ICCD/CRIC(17)/3)

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

In the ensuing interactive discussion, presentations were made by the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism, a further representative of the Global Mechanism, a representative of the Global Environment Facility and a representative of South Korea.

The representatives of Georgia, Malawi and India also made presentations.

The representatives of the European Union, Ukraine, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Belarus, Cote d'Ivoire, Brazil, Namibia, Algeria, El Salvador, the Kingdom of Eswatini, Switzerland, Japan and Guinea Bissau made statements.

Representatives of the United Nations Development Programme and of civil society organizations also made statements.

Representatives of the Global Mechanism and the Global Environment Facility responded to these comments.

The Gender Action Plan of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification as a tool to improve the living conditions of affected populations. First experiences and the way forward (ICCD/CRIC(17)/CRP.1)

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

A representative of the UNCCD secretariat introduced document ICCD/CRIC(17)/CRP.1.

Presentations were made by the representatives of South Africa, India, Canada and Gambia.

Presentations were also made by representatives of UN Women and the UNCCD CSO Panel.

The session was adjourned.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTRATION

Registration for delegations of country Parties, United Nations organizations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and media, as well as other participants will take place at the Registration Pavilion as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>
29 January 2019	Tuesday	8 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.
30 January 2019	Wednesday	8 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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 in the DSA payment office at the tent, as per the following schedule:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>
29 January 2019	Tuesday	13:00 – 15:00

INTERNET ACCESS

All participants can have wireless access to the internet. The name of the wireless network is CRIC 17.

WEBSTREAMING OF CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

A link to the stream of the meetings of the CRIC 17 session can be found on the CRIC 17 page of the UNCCD website (<http://bit.ly/cric17live>).

GREEN GUYANA EXPOSITION

At CRIC 17, numerous exhibitors are displaying their wares and services at the Green Guyana Exposition. Interested participants can visit the exposition at the National Aquatic Centre situated directly opposite the main entrance of the conference. The exhibition will last from 29 to 30 January 2019 and will be open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

PAPERLESS CONFERENCE

CRIC 17 will be paperless. Accordingly, participants are encouraged to pick up official documents of the conference and its official Journal from the UNCCD website.

A print-on-demand documentation facility is available to the participants for the duration of the conference. It is situated in the document distribution area on the first floor.

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, phone +5926082102) by 3 p.m. the previous day, at the latest.

STATEMENTS OF DELEGATIONS

By its latest legislation, namely General Assembly resolution 73/270 on the Pattern of Conferences and the report of the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly (document A/73/675), 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.

ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SERVICE

Delegations are advised that official information on CRIC 17 can be found on the UNCCD website at <https://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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