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Implementation of the Convention (CRIC 17)  
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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

15:00 – 18:00. . . . . 5th 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

### MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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8:30 – 9:30	<b>GROUP OF AFRICAN STATES</b> <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-06
8:30 – 9:45	<b>GROUP OF ASIAN STATES</b> <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-05
8:30 – 9:45	<b>GROUP OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN STATES</b> <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-01

**OTHER MEETINGS**

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8:30 – 9:45	<hr/> <b>Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Central and Eastern Europe (Annex V)</b> <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-04
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Time to be announced	<hr/> CRIC contact group ( <i>closed meeting</i> )	MET-01
9:00 – 10:00 and 13:00 – 14:30	<hr/> Civil Society Organizations – Consultations	MET-08

**SUMMARY OF MEETINGS**

**Tuesday, 29 January 2019**

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

3rd meeting . . . . . The meeting was opened by the Chair, Mr. Samuel Mabilin Contreras (Philippines), who made a statement.

*Assessment of Implementation (continued)*. . . . . [2]

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

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland on behalf of the European Union, Switzerland, Bhutan, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the representative from the GEF-Small Grants Programme. Statements were also made by Botswana and Marshall Islands.

The panelists from South Africa, Gambia, UN Women, India and the representative of the UNCCD CSO panel responded to comments and questions.

The representative of civil society made a statement.

The UNCCD secretariat made a concluding statement.

The Committee concluded the general discussion on the second interactive dialogue under agenda item 2.

*Assessment of Implementation (continued)*. . . . . [2]

*Identifying emerging innovative financing opportunities to combat land degradation (ICCD/CRIC(17)/INF.3)*

The Managing Director of the Global Mechanism introduced document ICCD/CRIC(17)/INF.3 and the interactive dialogue session.

Presentations were made by the representatives of the Global Environment Facility, the Green Climate Fund, MIROVA, Ghana, Conservation International and the German Society for International Cooperation.

The Global Mechanism made a statement.

The representatives of Ukraine, the Kingdom of Eswatini, Argentina (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), China, Zambia, Benin and the European Union made statements. Statements were also made by representatives of Guyana, El Salvador, Japan, Gambia, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the United Nation Environment Programme. Further statements were made by the representative of the GEF-Small Grants Programme.

The meeting was adjourned.

4th meeting..... The meeting was opened by the Chair, Mr.Samuel Mabilin (Philippines), who made a statement.

*Assessment of Implementation (continued)*. . . . . [2]

*Identifying emerging innovative financing opportunities to combat land degradation (ICCD/CRIC(17)/INF.3)*

The representatives of the International Network for Bamboo and Rattan, Guinea and civil society made statements.

The representatives of the Global Mechanism, the Global Environment Facility, the Green Climate Fund, MIROVA, Ghana, Conservation International and the German Society for International Cooperation responded to comments and questions.

The Global Mechanism made a statement.

The Committee concluded the general discussion of the third interactive dialogue under agenda item 2.

*The reporting and review process of the UNCCD* . . . . . [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)*

The committee began its consideration of the item.

A representative of the UNCCD secretariat introduced document ICCD/CRIC(17)/8.

Representatives of Georgia (on behalf of Annex V), the European Union, Saudi Arabia, Ecuador, Switzerland, Zimbabwe, Brazil (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group) and Cook Islands made a statement.

Representatives of UN Women and civil society also made a statement.

A representative of the UNCCD secretariat responded to these comments and questions.

The Committee concluded consideration of agenda item 3.

The meeting was adjourned.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**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>
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.

**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](mailto: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.

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