

Decision 13/COP.13

Additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention – Terms of reference of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 22, paragraph 2 (a), (c), (d) and (h), of the Convention,

Also recalling article 23, paragraph 2 (a), (b), and (c), and article 26 of the Convention, as well as decisions 14/COP.12, 14/COP.11, 5/COP.8 and 3/COP.8,

Further recalling decision 11/COP.9 on additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist in the review of the implementation of the Convention,

Taking into consideration decision 15/COP.13 that decided on a four-year reporting frequency for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification reporting,

Recognizing that regional meetings still play an important role in the review of progress made and make a useful contribution to the implementation of the Convention and the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework,

1. *Decides* to renew the mandate of the Committee for the Review of Implementation of the Convention as a standing subsidiary body of the Conference of the Parties to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention and the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework;
2. *Also decides* that the Conference of the Parties should, no later than at its nineteenth session, review the terms of reference of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, its operations and its schedule of meetings with a view to making any necessary modifications;
3. *Further decides* to adopt the terms of reference of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention as contained in the annex to this decision;
4. *Decides* that the Conference of the Parties, through its Bureau, is to prepare appropriate modalities, criteria and terms of reference for a midterm evaluation of the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework with a view to their adoption at the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties;
5. *Invites* developed country Parties and other Parties in a position to do so as well as relevant international organizations and financial institutions to provide technical and financial contributions to the review process;
6. *Declares* no longer in force decision 11/COP.9 and all such provisions relating to procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention that are inconsistent with those contained in the present decision;
7. *Requests* the secretariat to review the provisions for regional meetings in preparation for meetings of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, as

contained in its biennial costed work programme, and seek financial contributions to enable those regional meetings to occur.

10th plenary meeting
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