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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

OPENING OF THE SESSION

3 – 6 p.m. 1st meeting. Plenary Hall

1. Opening of the session by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth session
2. Election of the President of the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties [item 1 (a)]
3. Statement by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth session
4. Statement on behalf of the host country
5. Statement by Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
6. Statements by representatives of the United Nations, its specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, representatives of regional and interest groups and a representative of non-governmental organizations
7. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work, including the sessions of the subsidiary bodies (ICCD/COP(14)/1). [items 1 (b) and 1 (f)]
8. Election of officers other than the President [item 1 (c)]
 - (i) Election of Vice-Presidents
9. Accreditation of intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations and representatives from the private sector (ICCD/COP(14)/15 and ICCD/COP(14)/15/Add.1). [item 1 (e)]

Introduction and discussion

FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL MEETINGS

Tuesday, 3 September 2019

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 1st meeting. Plenary Hall

1. Programme and budget [6]
 - (a) Programme and budget for the biennium 2020–2021 (ICCD/COP(14)/6, ICCD/COP(14)/7-ICCD/CRIC(18)/2)
 - (b) Financial performance for the Convention trust funds (ICCD/COP(14)/8, ICCD/CRIC(18)/3, ICCD/COP(14)/9, ICCD/COP(14)/10 and ICCD/COP(14)/11)
 - (c) Report of the Evaluation Office (ICCD/COP(14)/12)

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2. 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: implications for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification [2]
 - (a) Integration of Sustainable Development Goal 15 and target 15.3 into the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and land degradation neutrality (ICCD/COP(14)/2)
 - (b) Modalities, criteria and terms of reference for a midterm evaluation of the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework (ICCD/COP(14)/3)

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3. Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional level. [3]
 - (d) Securing of additional investments and relations with financial mechanisms: - Global Mechanism (ICCD/COP(14)/7- ICCD/CRIC(18)/2, ICCD/COP(14)/8)

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 1st meeting. Main Committee Room

1. Opening of the session by the Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (ICCD/COP(14)/CST/1) . . . [1 (a)]
3. Items resulting from the work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2018–2019: [2]
 - (a) Refined guidance for implementation of land degradation neutrality, under objective 1 (ICCD/COP(14)/CST/2)

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

3 – 6 p.m. 1st meeting. Plenary Hall

1. Opening of the session by the Chair of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (ICCD/CRIC(18)/1) [1 (a)]
3. Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional levels: [2]
 - (b) Multi-year workplan for Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies (ICCD/COP(14)/7-ICCD/CRIC(18)/2)
 - (c) Performance of the Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies (ICCD/CRIC(18)/3)

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COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

3 – 6 p.m. 2nd meeting Main Committee Room

1. Items resulting from the work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2018–2019 (continued): [2]
 - (c) Coordination activities of the Science-Policy Interface work programme 2018–2019 (ICCD/COP(14)/CST/4)

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.

9 – 10 a.m.	GROUP OF AFRICAN STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-16
1 – 2 p.m.	GROUP OF ARAB STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-03
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	GROUP OF ASIAN STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-17
1 – 3 p.m.	GROUP OF EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-20

OTHER MEETINGS

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9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for the Northern Mediterranean (Annex IV) <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-05
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8 – 10 a.m.	Civil Society Organizations – Consultations	MET-13
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	SPI Meeting <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-12
1:15 – 1:45 p.m.	COP Press Conference <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-02

SIDE EVENTS

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1 – 3 p.m.	Applying the Research in Development Approach to Scale Land Restoration and achieve the LDN targets (ICRISAT)	MET-06
1 – 3 p.m.	Translating soil and land rehabilitation into action for LDN and sustainable livelihoods (GIZ)	MET-09
1 – 3 p.m.	Provide Land Desertification and Measures to Sustain Health (National Centre for Diseases Control, Ministry of Health)	MET-10
1 – 3 p.m.	Restoration of degraded landscapes using <i>accacia decurrens</i> (Ethiopia)	MET-13
1 – 3 p.m.	From Commitment to Accomplishment: Pathways to Achieve Land Degradation Neutrality Through Avoided Degradation (Nature Conservancy)	MET-15

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEPTION

On the occasion of the opening of the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties, all participants are invited to a welcome reception which will be held in Hall-7 immediately following the closure of the Plenary.

HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT: UNCCD MINISTERIAL ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS AND INTERACTIVE DIALOGUES

At the COP 14 High-Level Segment, ministers and other heads of delegation will hold discussions in the form of three parallel ministerial round tables on 9 September and three dialogue sessions on 10 September. Heads of delegation and UN organizations and IGOs may also participate.

Registration for attendance at round tables and interactive dialogues

On the day of the ministerial round-table discussions (9 September 2019), delegates are kindly requested to register between 2.30 and 3 p.m. at the “registration desk” at the entrance of the respective meeting room and collect their country name plates. 30 seats per round table are exclusively reserved for participants at ministerial/VIP level. These will be distributed on a first-come first-serve basis.

Attendance at the High-Level Segment sessions is limited. Countries that have informed the UNCCCD secretariat about their preferred round table will be given priority. Delegates who wish to register for a specific round table or dialogue session are invited to contact the persons listed below.

Ministerial/VIP level interventions will be given priority.

Participants are encouraged to actively engage in the discussions and debate rather than delivering a prepared speech or statement.

For further information on the respective sessions delegates are kindly requested to contact:

- For round table 1) Mr. Barron Orr, e-mail: bjorr@unccd.int
Mr. Furkan Dosdogru; e-mail: fdosdogru@unccd.int
Ms. Stephanie Gastrow; e-mail: sgastrow@unccd.int
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Ms. Susan Lakop, e-mail: slakop@unccd.int
- For interactive Dialogue 1) Mr. Alexander Asen, e-mail: aasen@unccd.int;
Mr. Marcos Montoiro, e-mail: mmontoiro@unccd.int
- For interactive Dialogue 2) Mr. Utchang Kang, e-mail: ukang@unccd.int
Mr. Daniel Tsegai, e-mail: dtsegai@unccd.int
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Ms. Aurélie Lhumeau, e-mail: alhumeau@unccd.int

REGISTRATION FOR FORMAL STATEMENTS AT THE HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT (9–10 SEPTEMBER 2019)

Delegations wishing to deliver formal statements during the High-Level Segment are kindly invited to submit their requests to the secretariat (e-mail: hlsformalstatements@unccd.int) by 6 September, 1 p.m.

Formal statements will be delivered during the High-Level Segment in the Main Committee Room in parallel with the round-tables and interactive-dialogues. The time limit for official statements is 10 minutes. As this segment is part of the official programme of the High-Level Segment of the COP, attendance by delegations cannot be guaranteed. Webcasting facilities would however be offered in order to ensure real-time sharing of the statements within the Conference Center and worldwide. Please note that the statements will be delivered and web-streamed in floor language.

The provisional list of speakers will be drawn up in accordance with the level of representation and order of inscriptions. It will be published in the Journal of 9 September. The Journal will be issued online and on the app a day prior to the high-level segment.”

TRAVEL DATES FOR MINISTERS ATTENDING THE HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT

In order to facilitate a smooth arrival and departure of Ministers attending the High-Level Segment of COP 13, delegations are kindly requested to communicate their flight details, copy of the passport as well as hotel accommodation to Mrs. Frederika Teixeira (e-mail: teixeira2@un.org) at least 72 hours prior to the arrival.

NEW CONFERENCE APP LAUNCHED

The new UNCCD conference app provides an easy tool for participants of official UNCCD events to have access to the latest conference schedules, all official documents and other relevant information related to the UNCCD process and conference logistics.

The UNCCD conference app is relevant for all delegates and other participants of all sessions of the UNCCD Conference of Parties (COP), the Committee of Science and Technology (CST) and the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC).



Please use the QR code on the right to easily download the app.

REGISTRATION FOR DELEGATES

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>
2 – 13 September 2019	Every day	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.

CREDENTIALS

Delegations are advised to contact Mr. Gerardo Gúnera-Lazzaroni, Legal Officer, Office O-13 (Ground Floor). Telephone: +91-7428494333 as soon as possible.

FUNDING FOR ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

The payment of daily subsistence allowances will begin this week, the details of which will be provided in the daily Journal of 3 September 2019.

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), in partnership with the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

The Rio Conventions Pavilion runs from 3-13 September 2019 and will take place in MET 11. The detailed programme is available at <http://www.riopavilion.org/unccd-cop14-new-delhi-india/>.

GRAND OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION AREA

Ready, set, go! Our cordial staff is expecting you for the next 12 days, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the UNCCD booth #14-16, located in the Exhibition Area (Ground floor, Hall 5).

It is definitely worth the detour! You can check out more than 30 publications and you are free to bring them home for further consultation. SPI reports, comic books, brochures about major UNCCD's issues and priorities... we have all of that and more!

New this year: take a picture with delegates or colleagues in our COP 14 frame using our customized props, post it on Twitter tagging #UNCCDCOP14 and find your photo on our social media screen on the second floor, just outside the Banquet Hall!

And of course, don't leave without your SDGs pin to display your colors throughout the event...

Visit us daily to discuss with us, learn more about UNCCD and leave with a souvenir.

Come and see for yourself and spread the word!

TECHNOLOGY FAIR – TAKE 2

Based on its success during COP 13 in Ordos, we are excited to introduce you to the 2nd edition of the Technology Fair, that will take place behind the India Pavilion, in the middle of the Exhibition and Technology Fair Area. Sixteen presentations from half a dozen countries will be held until 12 September.

From "Community-based technologies and practices for sustainable land and water management in Niger" to "Technologies of Consciousness for Sustainable Farming of Low Carbon Footprint in India", you will witness the latest and most effective technology and innovation in action. Enough to inspire everyone, from private sector enterprises to land users and policy makers.

The first presentation will be hosted by The Economics of Land Degradation (ELD) Initiative on Tuesday, 3 September at 1 pm. See you there!

STATEMENTS OF DELEGATIONS

By its latest legislation, namely General Assembly resolution 73/270 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.

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 Kayhan Ul (kul@unccd.int) in office O12 (Phone: +91-7428494358) by 3 p.m. of the previous day, at the latest.

ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SERVICE

Delegations are advised that official information on COP 14 can be found on the UNCCD website at <<http://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

OFFICE	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Documents	Document distribution counter; 2nd floor, Hall-6	
Registration of Participants	At the entrance of the conference venue	Ms. Katheryn Jimenez Phone: +91-7428494351
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