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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

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)

Introduction and discussion

2. 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: implications for the United Nations
Convention to Combat Desertification [2]

- (a) Integration of Sustainable Development Goal 15 and related 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)

Introduction and discussion

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 Vice- 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)

Introduction and discussion

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)

Introduction and discussion

**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)

Introduction and discussion

FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL MEETINGS

Wednesday, 4 September 2019

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

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 2nd meeting Plenary Hall

1. Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional levels: [2]
 - (a) Review of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on its seventeenth session (ICCD/CRIC(17)/9)
2. Securing of additional investments and relations with financial mechanisms: [4]
 - (a) Report by the Global Environment Facility on the financing of programmes and projects concerning desertification/land degradation and drought (ICCD/CRIC(18)/5)
 - (b) Update on the Global Support Programme in support of UNCCD reporting (ICCD/CRIC(18)/6)
 - (c) Report by the Global Mechanism on progress made in the mobilization of resources for the implementation of the Convention (ICCD/CRIC(18)/7)

Introduction and discussion

3 – 6 p.m. 3rd meeting Plenary Hall

1. Securing of additional investments and relations with financial mechanisms: [4]
 - (c) Report by the Global Mechanism on progress made in the mobilization of resources for the implementation of the Convention (ICCD/CRIC(18)/7) (*continued*)
2. Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and formats of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties: Outcomes of the work of the Committee on Science and Technology on a monitoring framework for the strategic objective on drought (ICCD/COP(14)/CST/7-ICCD/CRIC(18)/4) [3]

Introduction and discussion

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 3rd meeting Main Committee Room

1. Interfacing science and policy, and sharing knowledge: [3]

(c) Monitoring framework for the strategic objective on drought
(ICCD/COP(14)/CST/7 - ICCD/CRIC(18)/4)

Introduction and discussion

3 – 6 p.m. 4th meeting Main Committee Room

1. Items resulting from the work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the
biennium 2018–2019 (continued): [2]

(b) - Guidance to support the adoption and implementation of land-based interventions for
drought management and mitigation, under objective 2 (ICCD/COP(14)/CST/3)

Introduction and 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 – 9:45 a.m. **GROUP OF AFRICAN STATES** MET-16
Closed meeting

1 – 2 p.m. **GROUP OF ARAB STATES** MET-03
Closed meeting

9 – 10 a.m. **GROUP OF ASIAN STATES** MET-17
Closed meeting

8:45 – 9:45 a.m. **GROUP OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE** MET-19
CARIBBEAN STATES
Closed meeting

9 – 10 a.m. **JUSCANZ** MET-15
Closed meeting

OTHER MEETINGS

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8 – 10 a.m.	Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for the Northern Mediterranean (Annex IV) <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-05
8.30 – 10 a.m.	Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Central and Eastern Europe (Annex V) <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-20

8 – 10 a.m.	AI-CD follow-up meeting <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-09
8 – 10 a.m.	Civil Society Organizations – Consultations	MET-13

SIDE EVENTS

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8 – 10 a.m.	Integrated Drought Risk Management (IDRM) to enhance resilience to Agricultural Drought (WMI)	MET-07
8 – 10 a.m.	Protection sociale ciblant les ménages vulnérables pour faire face à la secheresse dans le Sud de Madagascar (Madagascar)	MET-10
1 – 3 p.m.	Accelerating LDN Implementation through Strengthened Science-Policy-Practice Interface: Experiences of the BES-Net Trialogue in Anglophone Africa (UNDP)	MET-06
1 – 3 p.m.	Land Degradation Neutrality for better Land Use Planning (UNEP)	MET-07
1 – 3 p.m.	The backdrop of LDN and the Restoration Decade: Future projections for the world on the extent and impacts of land use and land degradation from UNCCD's GLO1 (Netherlands PBL)	MET-10
1 – 3 p.m.	Water scarcity, drought and erratic climate behavior – How to mitigate their multi-sectoral impact on livelihoods of the most vulnerable? Insights from India (UNICEF)	MET-13
1 – 3 p.m.	Sustainable capacity building: empowering individuals and communities to act in challenging times (Brahma Kumaris)	MET-15
6 – 8 p.m.	A Unique Approach to Massive-Scale Land Restoration via EverGreen Everage Systems (ICRAF)	MET-06
6 – 8 p.m.	Raising Ambition to Reverse the Loss of Nature: The India Case (India National Biodiversity Authority)	MET-07
6 – 8 p.m.	Présentation du Guide des négociations et du Guide interactif en ligne (partnership with UNCCD) (IFDD)	MET-09
6 – 8 p.m.	Decision support for mainstreaming and scaling out sustainable land management to achieve LDN (Tunisia)	MET-10
6 – 8 p.m.	Water-Energy-Food-Nexus: Benefits for Resource Security (UNIDO)	MET-13
6 – 8 p.m.	Art for Greening Campaign (Eritrea)	MET-15

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 2 September 2019

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

1st meeting.....*Opening of the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties by the President of the thirteenth session*

Mr. Sun, Guoji Director General, Department of Combating Desertification National Forestry and Grassland Administration of China, opened the meeting on behalf of the COP 13 President H.E. Mr. Zhang Jianlong and delivered his opening statement.

Election of the President..... [1(a)]

The Conference elected by acclamation His Excellency Mr. Prakash Javadekar, Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, of the Republic of India, as President of the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP14).

The President of the Conference made a statement.

A statement was also made by H.E. Mr. Babul Supriyo, Minister of State, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, of the Republic of India on behalf of the host country.

A statement was further made by Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

Statements were made by the representatives of the State of Palestine (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union and its Member States), the Democratic Republic of Congo (on behalf of the Regional Implementation Annex for Africa (Annex I)), Iraq (on behalf of the Asia-Pacific Group), Grenada (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), Malta (on behalf of the Regional Implementation Annex for Northern Mediterranean (Annex IV)), Belarus (on behalf of Regional Implementation Annex for Central and Eastern Europe (Annex V)) and Saudi Arabia (on behalf of the Arab Group).

A statement was also made by a representative of the Indian Organization Gram Bharati Samiti (GBS).

Organizational matters: 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)]

The Conference began its consideration of the item and adopted its provisional agenda as orally corrected and the proposed schedule of work for the session.

*Election of officers other than the President.....[1(c)]**i) Election of Vice-Presidents*

The Conference elected the following candidates as Vice-Presidents of its fourteenth session: Mr. Jean Ilunga Muneng of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Mr. Kamaye Maazou of Niger (from the group of African States), H.E. Abdulrahman Alfadley, Minister of Environment, Water, and Agriculture of Saudi Arabia (from the group of Asia-Pacific States), H.E. Mr. Carlos M. Rodriguez, Minister of Environment of Costa Rica and H.E. Robert Browne, Minister of Health of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (from the group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Mr. Andrey Kuzmich of Belarus and Mr. Ashot Vardevanyan of Armenia (from the group of Eastern European States) and Mr. Franz Breitwieser of Austria (from the group of Western European and Other States).

A statement was made by the President of the Conference.

Establishment of the Committee of the Whole..... [1(f)]

Following past practice, the Conference decided to establish a Committee of the Whole and to allocate to the Committee the agenda items detailed in paragraph 16 of the agenda (agenda items 2 a), b) and c), 3 b),c) and d), 6 a),b) and c) and 7 a), b) and c)).

Mr. Trevor Benn (Guyana) was appointed as the Chair of COW.

Accreditation of intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations and representatives from the private sector, and admission of observers ...[1(e)]

The Conference decided to accredit, as observers, the organizations and private sector entities listed in documents ICCD/COP(14)/15 and ICCD/COP(14)/15/Add.1.

Establishment of Friends of the Chair Group

Following consultations among constituencies, a *Friends of the Chair Group* on matters relating to the “New Delhi Declaration” was established.

The meeting was adjourned.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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
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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

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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>
3 – 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

Formalities relating to funding for eligible participants will be carried out in the DSA payment office on the first floor from 9 a.m. until 5.00 p.m on Tuesday, 3 September 2019.

Further days will be communicated in forthcoming daily Journals.

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/>.

Today's programme: DAY OF SYNERGIES

Tuesday, 3 Sep

11:15 – 12:45	Climate co-benefits of programmes to combat land degradation (Centre for Science and Environment)
13:00 – 14:30	Economics of land degradation (Development Alternatives, WOTR & The ELD Initiative)
18:00 – 20:00	Art for Greening: Role of artistic works to combat desertification with tree planting and enlightened hearts (Eritrea) - Refreshments will be served

EXHIBITION AREA IS OPEN!

The Minister of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Mr. Prakash Javadekar, and the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD, Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, visited the Exhibition Area yesterday, which is now officially opened!

Come and visit us, and don't forget to take our three new SPI reports and briefs about Realizing Carbon Benefits of Sustainable Land Management Practices, Creating an Enabling Environment for Land Degradation Neutrality and The Land-Drought Nexus.

You like our Global Land Outlook and Great Green Wall publications but can't carry too much in your luggage? Please ask for our Pocket Library, providing 25 titles to scan and consult online!

Come and visit us. Our welcoming team will assist you in taking your picture in our #UNCCDCOP14 photo frame and will guide you through our resourceful website.

TECHNOLOGY FAIR

Today is your chance to attend the first presentation of the second edition of the Technology Fair.

The economics of sustainable land management in scientific, political and public discourses in Kyrgyzstan, Namibia and Kenya will be highlighted by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and the Economics of Land Degradation Initiative, at 1pm, Hall 5.

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

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