PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

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

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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

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
CONFERECE OF THE PARTIES

3 – * p.m. .......................... 2nd meeting ........................................... Plenary Hall

Election of officers other than the President ................................. [1 (c)]

(i) Election of Vice-Presidents

COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

* – 6 p.m. .......................... 3rd meeting ............................................... Plenary Hall


(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

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

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
**Forthcoming Official Meetings**

**Thursday, 5 September 2019**

**Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention**

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. .................................. 4th meeting .................................................. Plenary Hall

Development and promotion of activities for targeted capacity-building to further the implementation of the Convention (ICCD/CRIC(18)/8) ........................................ [5]

*Introduction and discussion*

**Committee on Science and Technology**

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. ................................. 5th meeting .......................... Main Committee Room

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

(a) The Science-Policy Interface, the UNCCD Knowledge Hub, and the analysis, dissemination and accessibility of best practices

   (ICCD/COP(14)/CST/5)

(b) Work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2020–2021

   (ICCD/COP(14)/CST/6)

*Introduction and discussion*

2. Procedural matters: Programme of work for the fifteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology: .................................................. [4]

*Introduction and discussion*

**Conference of the Parties**

3 – 6 p.m. ................................. 3rd meeting .......................... Plenary Hall

Inclusion of activities of civil society organizations within the official programme of work of the Conference of the Parties

- Open dialogue session
MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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

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

8:45 – 9:45 a.m.  
GROUP OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN STATES  
Closed meeting  
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9 – 10 a.m.  
JUSCANZ  
Closed meeting  
MET-15

OTHER MEETINGS

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8.30 – 10 a.m.  
Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Central and Eastern Europe (Annex V)  
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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 3 September 2019

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1st meeting..................... The Chair (Guyana) made an introductory statement.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The Chair made a statement regarding the agenda items allocated to the Committee by the Conference of the Parties.

Establishment of Contact Groups and appointment of facilitators

The Committee decided to establish the following Contact Groups: Contact Group 1 on programme and budget, and Contact Group 2 on other COW-related matters.

The Committee also decided that the Chair of the Committee of the Whole would serve as the facilitator of the first meetings of the Contact Groups, on the understanding that the respective facilitators would be appointed once identified.

Programme and budget ................................................. [6]

(a) Programme and budget for the biennium 2020-2021

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item.

An introductory statement was made by the representative of the UNCCD Secretariat.

(b) Financial performance for the Convention trust funds

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item.

Introductory statements were made by the representatives of the UNCCD Secretariat and the United Nations Board of Auditors.

(c) Report of the Evaluation Office

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item.

An introductory statement was made by the representative of the UNCCD Secretariat.

A statement was made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union).
The representative of the UNCCD Secretariat responded to the comments made from the floor.


(a) Integration of the Sustainable Development Goal 15 and related target 15.3 into the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and land degradation neutrality

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item.

An introductory statement was made by the representative of the UNCCD Secretariat.

Statements were made by the representatives of Eswatini (on behalf of the African Group), Switzerland, Colombia, China, Guyana, the European Union, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States of America, Belarus, Egypt, Brazil, the Republic of Korea, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Argentina.

A statement was also made by a representative of Civil Society.

The Managing Director of the Global Mechanism responded to comments made and questions raised from the floor.

(b) Modalities, criteria and terms of reference for a midterm evaluation of the UNCCD 2018-2030 Strategic Framework

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item.

An introductory statement was made by the representative of the UNCCD Secretariat.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), China, the United States of America, Switzerland, the Philippines and Saudi Arabia.

The representative of the UNCCD Secretariat responded to comments made and questions raised from the floor.

Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional level ................................................................. [3]

(d) Securing of additional investments and relations with financial mechanisms: Global Mechanism

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item.

The Managing Director of the Global Mechanism made a statement.
Organization of work

The Chair made a statement.

COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

1st meeting ....... The Chair (Philippines) opened the eighteen session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and made an introductory statement.

Opening Statements

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

Statements were made by the representatives of Namibia (as representative of the Regional Implementation Annex for Africa (Annex I)), Lebanon (as representative of the Regional Implementation Annex for Asia Pacific States (Annex II)), Guyana (as representative of the Regional Implementation Annex for Latin America and the Caribbean (Annex III)), Malta (as representative of the Regional Implementation Annex for Northern Mediterranean (Annex IV)), Georgia (as representative of the Regional Implementation Annex for Central and Eastern Europe (Annex V)) and the European Union.

A representative of the non-governmental organization “Both Ends” delivered a statement on behalf of civil society organizations.

Organizational matters: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work .................. [I (a)]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document ICCD/CRIC (18)/1.

The representative of the UNCCD secretariat made a statement.

The Committee approved the tentative schedule of work as contained in the annex to document ICCD/CRIC(18)/1 as orally revised.

Establishment of a Contact Group and appointment of a facilitator

The Committee decided to establish a Contact Group on matters relating to the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and appointed Ms. Skumsa Ntshanga of South Africa as facilitator.

Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional levels ......................................................... [2]
(b) Multi-year workplans of the Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies

(c) Performance of the Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-items.

The Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, Mr. Pradeep Monga, made an introductory statement.

Organization of work

The Chair made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee made an announcement.

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1st meeting ………..Opening of the fourteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST 14)

Opening Statements

The fourteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology was opened by Mr. Carl Kojo Fiati (Ghana), Vice Chair of the CST, who delivered his opening statement.

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

Statements were made by the representatives of Eswatini (on behalf of the African Group), Finland (on behalf of European Union and its Member States), Bhutan (on behalf of the Asia-Pacific Group), Colombia (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), Malta (on behalf of the Regional Implementation Annex for Northern Mediterranean (Annex IV)), Russia (on behalf of the Regional Implementation Annex for Central and Eastern Europe (Annex V)).

A statement was also made by a representative of the civil society.

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

The Committee began its consideration of the item and adopted its provisional agenda and schedule of work.
Election of officers other than the Chair of the CST - Appointment of the Rapporteur of the Committee .............................. [1 (b)]

The CST Vice-Chair, Mr. Ahmed Senyaz of Turkey was appointed by the Committee as Rapporteur of the CST 14.

Items resulting from the work programme of the SPI for the biennium 2018-2019: Refined guidance for implementation of land degradation neutrality, under objective 1 ................................. [2 a)]

The Committee began its consideration of the item. The UNCCD secretariat introduced the agenda sub-item. The following Science-Policy Interface (SPI) representatives delivered their presentations: Ms. Mariam Akhtar-Schuster, Mr. Jean-Luc Chotte, Mr. Ermias Betemariam and Ms. Marioldy Sanchez Santívañez.

Comments were made by representatives of: India, Argentina, Senegal, United States of America, Morocco, Thailand, Switzerland, Saudi Arabia, Niger, Iraq, South Africa, Egypt, Bangladesh, Iran, Italy, Indonesia, Niger (on behalf of the African Group), Sudan, Syria and Oman.

The Committee decided continue consideration of agenda item 2 a) in the second meeting of the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

2nd meeting ................Items resulting from the work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2018–2019: Refined guidance for implementation of land degradation neutrality, under objective 1 ................................. [2 (a)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the agenda sub-item.

The representatives of the SPI and the UNCCD secretariat responded to comments.

A statement was made by the representative of South Africa.

The CST Vice Chair presented concluding remarks on agenda item 2 (a).

The Committee concluded the general discussion on the agenda sub-item.
The Committee began the consideration of the agenda sub-item. The UNCCD secretariat introduced the agenda sub-item.

Presentations were made by the SPI representatives Ms. Mariam Akhtar-Schuster and Ms. Nicole Barger.

Comments were made by the representatives of: Switzerland, Saudi Arabia, India, Japan, Republic of Tanzania, Togo, Niger (on behalf of the African Group) and Cambodia.

The representatives of SPI and the UNCCD secretariat responded.

The CST Vice Chair made concluding remarks.

Establishment of a Contact Group and Appointment of a facilitator

The Committee decided to establish a Contact Group on matters relating to the Committee on Science and Technology and appointed Mr. Matti Nummnelin of Finland as facilitator.

The Committee decided to hold a joint CST-CRIC Contact Group meeting on Thursday, 5 Sept.

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: biorr@unccd.int
  Mr. Furkan Dosdogru, e-mail: fdosdogru@unccd.int
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- For round table 2) Ms. Morgane Chiocchia, e-mail: mchiocchia@unccd.int
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  Mr. Utchang Kang, e-mail: ukang@unccd.int
  Ms. Susan Lakop, e-mail: slakop@unccd.int

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- For interactive Dialogue 2) Mr. Utchang Kang, e-mail: ukang@unccd.int
  Mr. Daniel Tsegai, e-mail: dtsegai@unccd.int

- For interactive Dialogue 3) Mr. Juan Carlos Mendoza, e-mail: jcmaendez@unccd.int
  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 14, 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.

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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:

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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 Wednesday, 3 September 2019, and Thursday, 4 September 2019.

Further days will be communicated in forthcoming daily Journals.
**RIJO 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).


Today’s programme: MORNING SESSION TO THINK ABOUT GREEN ENVIRONMENT/AFTERNOON SESSION ON GENDER CAUCUS

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**VISIT THE EXHIBITION AREA**

Between two meetings or before attending a side event at the Rio Pavilion, you are welcome to visit our booth and chat with the staff!

Hall 5 is on the way to the food court, you can’t miss it.

The Desertification Atlas was a great success: we hope you were lucky enough to get your own copy… But there are plenty of other informative brochures and attractive publications waiting for you, that you might find appealing too.

We will receive new items in the next days… stay tuned!

**TECHNOLOGY FAIR**

The center of the Exhibition Area located in Hall 5 (behind MET-11) is the meeting point to learn more about new and innovative technologies from various countries.

Exhibitors have the opportunity to showcase their work and projects in a casual and friendly atmosphere.

Today we have not one, not two, but three distinct presentations on two different topics:

- Land Degradation Neutrality and satellite remote sensing to monitor desertification.
- The National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) based in India will give a preview of their data products and services. They have an incredible collection of images from Indian and foreign remote sensing satellites in their archives, facilitating disaster management. A fascinating technology, coming right to you at the Technology Fair!
- “Why Land Degradation Neutrality matters and how is it done?” Representants from Costa Rica will then take part to a discussion led by the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ).

The first presentation will start at 1pm: we are looking forward to seeing 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.

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