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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

1. Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional level: Follow-up on policy frameworks and thematic issues: [3 (c)]

(ICCD/COP(14)/18, ICCD/COP(14)/19)

(i) Drought (ICCD/COP(14)/16 and ICCD/COP(14)/INF.3)

(ii) Sand and dust storms (ICCD/COP(14)/17)

(iii) New and emerging issues: land tenure (ICCD/COP(14)/20)

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

FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL MEETINGS

Friday, 6 September 2019

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

* p.m. 6th meeting Plenary Hall

1. Adoption of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology [5]

2. Organizational matters: [1]

(b) Election of officers other than the Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology

Closure of the session

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

* p.m.* 4th meeting Plenary Hall

1. Organizational matters: [1]

(d) Credentials of delegations
(ICCD/COP(14)/21)

2. Linking scientific knowledge with decision-making: review of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology and its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties. [4]

Action on draft decisions

* Immediately following the adjournment of the CST.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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8:30 – 9:45 a.m.	<hr/> GROUP OF AFRICAN STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-16
1 – 2 p.m.	<hr/> GROUP OF ARAB STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-03
9 – 10 a.m.	<hr/> GROUP OF ASIAN STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-17
8:45 – 9:45 a.m.	<hr/> GROUP OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-19
9 – 10 a.m.	<hr/> JUSCANZ <i>Closed meeting</i>	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) <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-20
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8 – 10 a.m.	Civil Society Organizations – Consultations	MET-13
8 p.m. – 12 a.m.	CST Contact Group (closed meeting)	MET-18
Time to be announced	CRIC Contact Group (closed meeting)	MET-21
6 – 8 p.m.	Joint CRIC-CST Contact Group (closed meeting)	MET-19
1 – 3 p.m.	Group of friends of the Chair on the New Delhi Declaration (closed meeting)	MET-14
6 – 8 p.m.	Drynet – Consultations (closed meeting)	MET-07

SIDE EVENTS

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8 – 10 a.m.	Ancient Grains and Water Management Practices for Sustainable Land Management (India Vertiver)	MET-06
8 – 10 a.m.	Regional initiative to counter land degradation in the Mediterranean, Near East and Eastern Europe – LANDMEDNET (FAO)	MET-07
1 – 3 p.m.	LDN Implementation through Greening Drylands Partnership (GDP) (Korea Forest Service)	MET-06
1 – 3 p.m.	Innovation, technology and local knowledge for fostering a global movement for restoration (WRI IUCN)	MET-07
1 – 3 p.m.	Oasiennes au Magreb et bonnes pratiques de la lutte contre la desertification:cas des projets Gassom et Devoasis (CARI Initiatives)	MET-09
1 – 3 p.m.	Gender equality: a key for achieving Land Degradation Neutrality (UN Women)	MET-10
1 – 3 p.m.	South African initiatives to achieve Land Degradation Neutrality targets by 2030 (South Africa)	MET-13

SIDE EVENTS

1 – 3 p.m.	Achieving land degradation neutrality 2030: Forest and land degradation rehabilitation in Indonesia (Indonesia)	MET-15
6 – 8 p.m.	We now have targets, but how do we achieve LDN? Decision Support Tools for planning and monitoring (Conservation International)	MET-06
6 – 8 p.m.	ACSAD's achievements in Implementation of UNCCD activities On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Convention 1994-2019 (ACSAD)	MET-09
6 – 8 p.m.	Accelerating Global Efforts on Combating Desertification towards Achieving SDGs in 2030 (JICA African Initiative for Combating Desertification (AI-CD))	MET-10
6 – 8 p.m.	Land Degradation Neutrality for Water Security and Drought (FAO)	MET-13
6 – 8 p.m.	The Role of the Private Sector in Financing Ecosystem Restoration and Land Degradation Neutrality (UNCCD/Mirova)	MET-15

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 4 September 2019

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

2nd meetingElection of officers other than the President [1 (c)]

(i) Election of Vice-Presidents

The Conference continued its consideration of the agenda sub-item

The Conference elected the following pending candidate as Vice-President of its fourteenth session: Ms. Barbara De Rosa- Joynt of the United States of America (from the Group of Western European and Other States). Also, the Conference appointed H.E. Mr. Carlos M. Rodriguez, Minister of Environment of Costa Rica as Rapporteur of the fourteenth session.

The Secretary of the Conference made an announcement.

The meeting was adjourned.

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

2nd meeting*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

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item.

The Rapporteur of the Committee (Italy) made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Eswatini and Saudi Arabia.

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

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item.

Introductory statements were made by the representatives of the UNCCD secretariat and the Global Environment Facility.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Eswatini, Switzerland, India, Lebanon, Angola, Saudi Arabia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cambodia and the European Union.

The representative of the Global Environment Facility responded to comments made and questions raised from the floor.

(b) Update on the Global Support Programme in support of UNCCD reporting

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item.

The Managing Director of the Global Mechanism made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Switzerland and India.

(c) Report by the Global Mechanism on progress made in the mobilization of resources for the implementation of the Convention

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item.

The Managing Director of the Global Mechanism made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Switzerland, Eswatini, the Dominican Republic, Colombia, the United States of America, the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Bangladesh, Iraq, Angola and Togo.

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.

Organization of work

The Chair (Philippines) made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee announced further revisions to the schedule of work of the Committee, as contained in the annex to document ICCD/CRIC(18)/1.

The Committee decided to proceed in accordance with its further revised schedule of work.

The meeting was adjourned.

3rd meeting*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*[3]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The representative of the UNCCD secretariat made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, the Dominican Republic, India, Argentina, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Egypt, the Syrian Arab Republic and the State of Palestine.

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

Development and promotion of activities for targeted capacity-building to further the implementation of the Convention[5]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The representative of the UNCCD secretariat made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Cambodia, Grenada, Kenya, Guyana, Egypt, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

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

Organization of work

The Chair (Philippines) made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee made an announcement.

The meeting was adjourned.

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

3rd meeting*Interfacing science and policy, and sharing knowledge: Monitoring framework for the strategic objective on drought*.....[3 (c)]

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item. The UNCCD secretariat introduced the agenda sub-item and the document.

Comments were made by the representatives of: Morocco, Indonesia, State of Palestine, China, Argentina, South Africa, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), United Arab Emirates, Senegal, Niger, Chile, India, United States of America, Guinea Bissau, Bolivia, Algeria, Eswatini (on behalf of the African Group), Peru, Canada, South Sudan, Egypt (on behalf of the Arab Group), Sri Lanka, Yemen

A statement was made by a representative of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

A representative of SPI and the UNCCD secretariat responded.

The CST Vice Chair presented concluding remarks on agenda item 3 (c).

The Committee concluded the general discussion on the agenda sub-item.

Items resulting from the work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2018–2019: Guidance to support the adoption and implementation of land-based interventions for drought management and mitigation, under objective 2..... [2(b)]

The Committee began consideration of the agenda sub-item.

The representatives of the UNCCD secretariat and SPI introduced the agenda sub-item and the document.

Comments were made by the representatives of: South Africa, Niger (on behalf of the African Group), Switzerland, Argentina, Morocco, China, India, Colombia, Chile, Japan and Sudan

Organization of work

The Committee decided to continue consideration of agenda item 2 b) in the fourth meeting of the Committee.

The Secretary of the Committee made an announcement.

The meeting was adjourned.

4th meeting*Items resulting from the work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2018–2019: Guidance to support the adoption and implementation of land-based interventions for drought management and mitigation, under objective 2* [2(b)]

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

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

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

The Committee concluded the general discussion on the agenda sub-item.

Organization of work

The Committee decided to continue discussion in the Contact Group at 4.30pm

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 UNCCD 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
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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 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.

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 SCIENCE / THE GEF EVENING

Thursday, 5 September

Day of Science

- 09.00 – 09.20 Overview of Science Day and introduction to Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN)
- 09.20 – 10.20 Introducing the IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land
- 10:20 – 11:30 Foundation for a healthy planet: The Enabling Environment for LDN
- 11:30 – 12:30 Tools and practices to achieve multiple benefits through LDN
- 12:30 – 13:30 Break For lunch
- 13:30 – 15:00 The diagnosis: Scientific Assessment to inform Policy
- 15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30 – 17:00 Regenerating a Liveable Planet

The GEF Evening

- 18.00 – 19.30 Networking cocktail reception (all welcome)
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TECHNOLOGY FAIR – DAY 3

Today, IFAD's projects are under the spotlight!

The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) is an international financial institution and a specialized agency of the United Nations dedicated to eradicating poverty and hunger in rural areas of developing countries.

They have supported 30 projects so far and you can learn more about four of them today, between 1 and 3 p.m., in Hall 5, just behind the India Pavilion.

Have a seat, get to know the other exhibitors and on top of that, prepare to be galvanized by the passionate speakers involved in those impressive projects empowering local communities of Niger and India.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LAND FOR LIFE PROGRAMME AT OUR BOOTH

Do you know the MERET Project of the Ministry of Agriculture of Ethiopia? Or Mathieu Ouédraogo from Burkina Faso?

They are both winners of the 2019 Land for Life Award and are attending this COP 14 to share their experiences and good practices in land restoration and sustainable land management on 10 September at the Rio Conventions Pavilion.

Until then, you can learn more about their achievements over the last three decades by visiting our booth and taking our special brochure "Decades of impacts".

A nice way to be inspired and start the day with a positive mind!

NEW CONFERENCE APP LAUNCHED

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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>
5 – 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 p.m on Thursday, 5 September 2019.

Further days will be communicated in forthcoming daily Journals.

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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