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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

10 a.m.– 1 p.m. 5th meeting Plenary Hall

Special segment [Item 5]

High-Level Segment Opening ceremony:

- *Welcome address by H.E. Mr. Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of India and President of the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth session*
- *Welcome address by H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India*
- *Statement by H.E. Mr. Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines*
- *Statement by the United Nations Deputy Secretary General, Ms. Amina Mohammed*
- *Welcome address by the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification*
- *Statement by H.E. Mr. Zhang Jianlong, Minister of State Forestry Administration of China and COP 13 President*
- *Special statements on behalf of regional and interest groups*

3 – 6 p.m. 6th, 7th, 8th meetings

Special segment [Item 5]

Round table 1: Land, climate and renewable energy MET-16

Round table 2: Rural and urban communities – failing or flourishing together MET-17

Round table 3: Fostering a global movement for ecosystem restoration MET-19

FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL MEETINGS

Tuesday, 10 September 2019

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 9th meeting Plenary Hall

Special segment [Item 5]

Interactive dialogue 1: A values-based approach to land stewardship

Interactive dialogue 2: Healthy land – healthy people

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

Special segment [Item 5]

High-Level Segment: Formal Statements Session

Provisional List of Speakers

Italy

Bhutan

Seychelles

Haiti

Central African Republic

Cameroun

Niger

Malawi

Burkina Faso

Ghana

Burundi

Costa Rica

Guinea

Lebanon

Cambodia

Indonesia

Benin

Cote d'Ivoire

Eritrea

African Union

3 – 6 p.m. 11th meeting Plenary Hall

Interactive dialogue 3: Boosting sustainable value chains for land-based business

Final discussions by ministers and other high-ranking officials

Closing ceremony

2:30 – 3 p.m.	COP 14 Press conference	MET-02
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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 6 September 2019

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

3rd meeting *Appointment of facilitators of Contacts Groups*

The Committee appointed Mr. R.B. Lal (India) as the facilitator of Contact Group 1 on Programme and Budget.

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

(c) *Follow-up on policy frameworks and thematic issues*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

(iii) *New and emerging issues: land tenure*

The representative of the UNCCD secretariat made an introductory statement and orally corrected the report submitted under this issue.

Statements were made by the representatives of the European Union, Saudi Arabia, Ghana (on behalf of the African Group), China, Eswatini, Lebanon, India, Japan, Yemen, South Africa, Switzerland, Colombia, Argentina, the Dominican Republic, Kenya, Chile, Oman, Zimbabwe, Namibia, the State of Palestine, the Philippines, Brazil, Benin, Angola, Haiti and Guyana.

The representative of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations made a statement.

A statement was also made by the observer of the Holy See.

A statement was also made by the representative of “Cenesta” (the Islamic Republic of Iran) on behalf of Civil Society Organizations.

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

Organization of work

The Chair (Guyana) made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee made an announcement.

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

6th meeting The CST Vice-Chair called to order the sixth meeting of the Committee on Science and Technology Committee on Science and Technology (CST14)

Items resulting from the work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2018–2019 [2 (a), (b) and (c)]

The Committee resumed consideration of the agenda 2 sub-items a), b) and c) took action on the following draft proposals:

“Follow up on the work programme of the “Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2018–2019” (ICCD/COP (14)/CST/L.1), “Follow-up on the work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2018–2019: Objective 2” (ICCD/COP(14)/CST/L.5) and “Policy-oriented recommendations resulting from the cooperation with other intergovernmental scientific panels and bodies” (ICCD/COP (14)/CST/L.6).

The Committee adopted the draft proposals contained in documents ICCD/COP(14)/CST/L.1 as orally corrected, ICCD/COP(14)/CST/L.5 and ICCD/COP (14)/CST/L.6 as presented and concluded its consideration of agenda item 2 sub-items a), b) and c) and of agenda item 2 as a whole.

Items on Interfacing science and policy, and sharing knowledge: “The Science-Policy Interface, the UNCCD Knowledge Hub, and the analysis, dissemination and accessibility of best practices” [3 (a), (b) and c]

The Committee resumed consideration of the agenda 3 sub-item a) and b) took action on the following draft proposals:

“Interfacing science and policy, and sharing knowledge” (ICCD/COP(14)/CST/L.2) and “Work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2020–2021” (ICCD/COP(14)/CST/L.3).

The Committee adopted the draft proposals contained in documents ICCD/COP(14)/CST/L.2 and ICCD/COP(14)/CST/L.3 as presented.

In connection with agenda item 3 sub-item c), the CST Vice-Chair informed the Committee that relevant CST matters were agreed in the joint CRIC/CST Contact group and further integrated in a final draft proposal to be submitted for adoption under the CRIC.

The committee concluded its consideration of agenda 3 sub-items a), b) and c) and of agenda item 3 as a whole.

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

The Committee resumed consideration of the agenda item and took action on the following draft proposal: “Programme of work for the fifteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology” (ICCD/COP(14)/CST/L.4).

The Committee adopted the draft proposals contained in document ICCD/COP(14)/CST/L.4 as presented.

The Committee concluded its consideration of agenda item 4.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, India and Niger (on behalf of the African Group).

“Adoption of the Report of the Committee on Science and Technology” . . . [5]

The Rapporteur Mr. Ahmed Senyaz of Turkey, Vice-Chair and Rapporteur of the Committee, made a summary of the outcomes.

The Committee approved the draft report of the session.

The Committee concluded its consideration of agenda item 5.

“Election of officers other than the Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology” [1 (b)]

The Committee elected Ms. Anna Louise of Italy, Mr. Ratko Ristic of Serbia, Mr. Pablo Viegas of Argentina and Ms. Karma Dema Dorji of Bhutan as Vice-Chairs of the fifteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology.

The Committee concluded its consideration of agenda item 5

The Vice-Chair made concluding remarks.

The meeting was adjourned.

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

4th meeting Mr. Jigmet Takpa, Joint Secretary at the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change and national focal point of the UNCCD, called to order the fourth meeting of the Fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 14) on behalf of H.E. Mr. Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of India a Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of India and President of the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties.

Credentials of delegations [1(d)]

The Conference considered agenda item 1 sub-item (d) and approved the report contained in document ICCD/COP/(14)/21 “*Credentials of Delegations. Report of the Bureau to the Conference of the Parties*”.

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]

The Vice-Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology, Mr. Carl Kojo Fiati (Ghana), presented the report of the Committee.

The Conference adopted the draft proposals contained in documents ICCD/COP(14)/CST/L.1 (as orally corrected), ICCD/COP (14)/CST/L.2, ICCD/COP(14)/CST/L.3, ICCD/COP(14)/CST/L.4, ICCD/COP(14)/CST/L.5 and ICCD/COP(14)/CST/L.6, adopted as presented and concluded action on the recommendations of the fourteenth session of the CST.

A statement was made by India.

The Secretary of the Conference made an announcement on the programme of work.

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
Ms. Stephanie Gastrow; e-mail: sgastrow@unccd.int
- For round table 2) Ms. Morgane Chiocchia, e-mail: mchiocchia@unccd.int
Ms. Barbara Bendandi, e-mail: bbendandi@unccd.int
Ms. Norah Ngeny; e-mail: nngeny@unccd.int;
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- For interactive Dialogue 1) Mr. Alexander Asen, e-mail: aasen@unccd.int;
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Ms. Aurélie Lhumeau, e-mail: alhumeau@unccd.int

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

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.

BUS SCHEDULE AND SERVICES

Delegations at COP 14 are kindly advised to check the bus schedule at the FICCI Office located behind the registration area. This is also the place to request shuttles beyond service hours.

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 events at the Rio Conventions Pavilion are web-casted. The web-cast link and detailed programme are available at <http://www.riopavilion.org/unccd-cop14-new-delhi-india/>.

Today's programme: THE GEF DAY

Monday, 9 September

13:30 – 14:00	Setting the stage on Transformational Change in Land Degradation projects
14:00 – 14:40	The role of multiple stakeholder platforms from global to local levels
14:40 – 15:00	Keynote by GEF CEO Naoko Ishii on Land-based transformation
15:00 – 15:30	The business perspective: a discussion with business leaders
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee break with networking opportunities</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Great Green Wall Initiative
16:30 – 17:00	Scaling up and Replication
17:00 – 17:30	Sustainability: transformation through effective and sustainable stakeholder involvement
17:30 – 18.00	Questions and Answers Session and Wrap-up

TECHNOLOGY FAIR – DAY 5

The Technology fair took a break for the weekend and has a powerful comeback with three compelling presentations today:

- *10 a.m.: The Kubuqi Model – A private sector driving business model for eco-restoration of large-scale degraded ecosystem*

Over the last decades, Elion Resources Groups developed an afforestation strategy and an ecological business plan relying on the resources of the desert. Today, more than one third of the desert is covered with vegetation and an integrated business model has been established. Presented by Elion Resources Group; Speaker: Dr. Cai Mantang, Chief Science Advisor

- *10:30 a.m.: Digital approaches towards Sustainable Soil Management*

GIZ and MANAGE will be presenting the digital platform Network for information on Climate Change for Sustainable Soil Management (SSM). This platform is based on open source technologies and provides localized advisories to the farmers towards climate resilience and SSM practices. The advisory processes are through network-based knowledge management approaches and feedback from the farmers. Presented by the Indian office of Deutsche Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ); Speakers: Dr. Jabir Ali, Dr. Indraneel Ghosh and Mr. Himanshu

- *1 p.m.: Green Entrepreneurship and Technology Education*

How to innovate in educational methods and tools for African kids and young people to develop new and appropriate skills. Empowering new generations of Green Champions able to develop green technology, solve problems, fulfil needs and produce green goods, according to land degradation neutrality challenges. Presented by Actions sans frontières, Madagascar; Speaker: Mr. Frederic Andrianome Rakotovoavy

WE ARE BACK AT THE BOOTH

For a perfect start to the second week of COP 14, please stop by the UNCCD booth in the Exhibition Area (Hall-5) before attending the GEF Day at the Rio Conventions Pavilion (MET-11).

Have you heard about the Ankara Initiative? Launched at COP 12, it supports the global sustainable development agenda and leverages the lessons learned from Turkey's past experience and approaches to land management. Learn more about it in the special brochure available at the booth.

And good news for French speakers! We received all three new SPI Reports in French, so please come and ask for your copy.

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>
9 – 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.

Delegates or other participants who would need badges outside of the Registration Desk opening hours are requested to contact Ms. Katheryn Jimenez.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION KITS

Official delegations to COP 14 are kindly made aware of the conference information kits which can be picked up at the counter to the left of the registration area.

CREDENTIALS

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

FUNDING FOR ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

Formalities relating to funding for eligible participants will be communicated in forthcoming daily Journals and on the screens.

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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