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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

3 – 6 p.m. 4th meeting Plenary Hall

1. Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional levels: [Item 2]

(a) Review of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on its seventeenth session

Action on draft proposal ICCD/CRIC(18)/L.4

(b) Multi-year workplan for Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies;

(c) Performance of Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies

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. [Item 3]

Action on draft proposal ICCD/CRIC(18)/L.2

3. Securing of additional investments and relations with financial mechanisms: [Item 4]

(a) Report by the Global Environment Facility on the financing of programmes and projects concerning desertification/land degradation and drought

Action on draft proposal ICCD/CRIC(18)/L.1

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

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

Action on draft proposal ICCD/CRIC(18)/L.6

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

Action on draft proposal ICCD/CRIC(18)/L.3

5. Procedural matters: Programme of work for the nineteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention [Item 6]

Action on draft proposals ICCD/CRIC(18)/L.5 and ICCD/CRIC(18)/L.7

6. Adoption of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention [Item 7]

7. Organizational matters: Election of officers other than the Chair of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention [Item 1(b)]

Closure of the eighteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation on the Convention

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

* p.m. 5th meeting Plenary Hall

1. 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: implications for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. [Item 2]
 - (a) Modalities, criteria and terms of reference for a midterm evaluation of the UNCCD 2018-2030 Strategic Framework

Action on draft proposal

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

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

Action on draft proposals ICCD/COP(14)/L.4 and ICCD/COP(14)/L.6

- (ii) Sand and dust storms

Action on draft proposal ICCD/COP(14)/L.2

3. Procedural matters [item 7]
 - (a) Participation and involvement of civil society organizations in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
Action on draft proposals ICCD/COP(14)/L.1 and ICCD/COP(14)/L.3
 - (b) Participation and involvement of the private sector in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the business engagement strategy
Action on draft proposals

* *Immediately following the conclusion of the 4th meeting of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention.*

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

- ** p.m. 13th meeting Plenary Hall
1. Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional level. [Item 3]
 - (a) Report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties
Action on draft proposals
 2. Consideration of the report of the Committee of the Whole

** *Immediately following the conclusion of the 5th meeting of the Committee of the Whole.*

FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL MEETINGS

Friday, 13 September 2019

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 14th meeting Plenary Hall

1. Organizational matters. [Item 1]

(c) Election of officers other than the President

(ii) Election of the Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology

(iii) Election of the Chair of the Committee for the Review of the
Implementation of the Convention

2. Consideration of the report of the Committee of the Whole

3 – 6 p.m. 15th meeting Plenary Hall

7. Report on the session [Item 8]

Action on draft proposal ICCD/COP(14)/L.7

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.	<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
8:30 – 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

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 – 10 a.m.	Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Central and Eastern Europe (Annex V) <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-20
2 – 3 p.m.	Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for the Northern Mediterranean (Annex IV) <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-05

Time to be announced	CoW Contact Group on Budget <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-08
Time to be announced	COW Contact Group on other matters <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-18
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	COP Bureau <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-14
8 – 10 a.m.	Civil Society Organizations – Consultations <i>(open meeting)</i>	MET-13

SIDE EVENTS

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8 – 10 a.m.	Hydro-climate services to improve decision-making on drought (UNCCD)	MET-06
8 – 10 a.m.	From global frameworks to local actions: the change that (upcoming) global reports can bring to policies and action on sustainable land management (Drynet CARI)	MET-10
1 – 3 p.m.	Financing and setting up Enabling Activities for UNCCD under GEF7 (GEF)	MET-02
1 – 3 p.m.	Land Degradation Neutrality: The case of Food Security and Poverty Alleviation (UNCCD, GM)	MET-06
1 – 3 p.m.	Promoting synergies: the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2030, Sustainable Land Management, Financing and the SDGs (UN Forum of Forest)	MET-07
1 – 3 p.m.	Geospatial and Earth Observation technologies for monitoring Land degradation (OSS)	MET-09
1 – 3 p.m.	Land degradation Neutrality in the Arab World (AOAD)	MET-10
1 – 3 p.m.	Monitoring and combating land degradation in pastoral areas: are participatory approaches important? (FAO)	MET-13
6 – 8 p.m.	Watershed Management and Sustainable Development Goals (TERI)	MET-06

SIDE EVENTS

6 – 8 p.m.	Gouvernance et Neutralité en matière de dégradation des terres au Burkina Faso (Burkina Faso)	MET-07
6 – 8 p.m.	Combating desertification and drought through the Climate funding windows: OSS's as facilitator to direct access Climate Finance to combat desertification, land degradation and the effects of drought in Africa: challenges and opportunities by OSS Desertification and climate change interconnection: Climate funding opportunities provided by regional accredited entities (OSS)	MET-09
6 – 8 p.m.	Inventory and Planning. The experiences and Knowledge of Combat desertification and ecosystem civilization building in China (Academy of Forestry)	MET-10
6 – 8 p.m.	Mountains Estimating the impacts of land degradation and climate variability on vulnerability to food insecurity in mountain areas (FAO)	MET-15

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 11 September 2019

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

12th meeting *Organizational matters - Inclusion of activities of non-governmental organizations within the official programme of work of the Conference of the Parties: open dialogue sessions* [1]

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

The Conference resumed its consideration of the agenda item. The topic of the open dialogue session was entitled: "Intergenerational cooperation for Land Restoration including land tenure security, green jobs and migration".

The moderator of the Open Dialogue Session, Mr. Emmanuel Seck from ENDA Tiers Monde Senegal, made opening remarks.

Under Part I entitled “Testimonies for Legacy”, presentations were made by Ambassador Byong Hyon Kwon of Future Forest, Ms. Yugratna Srivastava, Chairman of Youngo, India, Mr. Bhawani Shanker Kusum, India and Mr. Alvaro Alfaro, Plant for the Planet, Chile.

The moderator made remarks.

Under Part II entitled “Learning from the Ground”, presentations were made by Mr. Moses Chabuka from Neno Active Youth in Development-Malawi (Africa), Ms. Juan Riet from Ciedur-Uruguay (Latin America and Caribbean), Mr. Oindila Basu, IFSA, India (Asia), Ms. Mathilde Bourjac from CARI, France (WEOG) and Ms.Sophiko Akhobadze from REC-Caucasus, Georgia (Eastern Europe).

Comments were made by the representatives of India, Chile, European Union and its Member States, Indonesia, Switzerland, Senegal and the United States of America.

A statement was made by the representative of ACSAD.

A statement was also made by a representative of Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

A statement was made by a representative of the Holy See.

The UNCCD Executive Secretary Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw made a statement.

The Moderator made closing remarks.

Mr. Jigmet Takpa, Joint Secretary at the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change and national focal point of the UNCCD presented concluding remarks on behalf of H.E. Mr. Prakash Javadekar, President of the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties.

The Secretary of the Conference made an announcement.

Mr. Jigmet Takpa made an announcement.

The meeting was adjourned.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

4th meeting *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: implications for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification [Item 2]*

(c) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification communication plan and the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (2010–2020)

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 India, Switzerland and Brazil.

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 [item 3]

(b) Promotion and strengthening relationships with other relevant conventions and international organizations, institutions and agencies

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 India and the Republic of Korea.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, the Arab Center for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands and the United Nations Forum on Forests.

A statement was also made by a representative of “Both Ends” on behalf of civil society organizations.

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

Procedural matters [item 7]

(a) Participation and involvement of civil society organizations in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

Introductory statements were made by the representative of the UNCCD secretariat and the Chair of the UNCCD Civil Society Organizations panel.

The representative of India made a statement.

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

(b) Participation and involvement of the private sector in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the business engagement strategy

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 India and Brazil.

A statement was also made by a representative of “Both Ends” on behalf of civil society organizations.

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

(c) Programme of work for the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties

The Chair made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chair made a statement.

The Deputy Executive Secretary made an announcement.

The meeting was adjourned.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AVAILABLE

The list of participants has been made available online and can also be viewed at the document distribution counter. Please download your copy of the document on the UNCCD COP 14 webpage

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: SCREENING OF THE GREAT GREEN WALL DOCUMENTARY

Thursday, 12 September

13:15–14:45 First screening

15:45–17:15 Second screening

LAST PRESENTATION AT THE TECH FAIR 2019

We hope you enjoyed the 15 presentations offered by the exhibitors during the past days.

It was truly inspiring to hear and learn about different practices and innovations regarding the land and nexus issues.

Today will be the chance for this year:

1 p.m. Land matters – Integrating soil degradation concerns and solutions into policy processes

Soil protection is important! Sustainable soil protection is vital if we want soil to continue to support humanity and the ecosystem benefits we depend on for our survival. However, policy often fails to acknowledge this, or is incapable to identify solutions while at the same time many academics and practitioners still struggle to support and stimulate decision-making.

This Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) intends to help understand how to support policy making for sustainable soil protection and rehabilitation. The course intends to develop the capacity of policy advisors, research staff of national or international research institutions and practitioners. The MOOC will reflect on the main challenges, mechanisms and entry points of integrating soil degradation into specific policymaking processes.

Presented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

Speaker: Mr. David Kersting

LAST CHANCE TO PICK UP PUBLICATIONS AT THE BOOTH

Today is the last official opening day of the wonderful Exhibition Area ... time flies.

The three new SPI Reports and Briefs will be exhibited and free for you to bring back, to read on the plane or back home.

We have a few copies left of the Global Land Outlook, as well as of the Thematic reports by region.

And if you are lucky, you will be given an extra souvenir from COP 14 ... don't be shy and visit us between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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.

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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>
12 – 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

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

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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 Mr. 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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