



## NOTE VERBALE

The secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) presents its compliments to the diplomatic missions and has the honour to inform that the **nineteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC 19)** to the UNCCD will be organized online **from 15 to 19 March 2021**.

**Meetings of affected country Parties of the Convention's regional implementation annexes** for Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, Northern Mediterranean and Central and Eastern Europe in preparation to CRIC 19 will be also organized online starting February 2021. Further information on the regional meetings will be shared in a separate communication.

In due consideration of the above, the secretariat of UNCCD has the honour to invite your Government to participate in CRIC 19.

The **provisional agenda** (ICCD/CRIC(19)/1) and the pre-session documentation will be made available on the UNCCD CRIC19 webpage<sup>1</sup> and the UNCCD Conference app . The CRIC 19 will review the effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional levels including updates on the voluntary land degradation neutrality target setting process, operationalization of the Land Degradation Neutrality Fund and implementation of the Drought Initiative. The Intergovernmental Working Group on effective policy and implementation measures for addressing drought under the UNCCD will present its interim report for consideration by Parties at CRIC19.

The secretariat would be grateful if your Government would kindly nominate the representative(s) who will attend CRIC 19. **Online registration will be available from 15 January 2021 at the following link: [www.unccd.int/cric-19-online-registration](http://www.unccd.int/cric-19-online-registration).**

In order to assist delegations in preparing for the conference detailed information referring to the online registration and access to the online session will be also made available on the UNCCD CRIC19 webpage.

The secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the diplomatic missions the assurances of its highest consideration.

(Signed UNCCD seal)  
Bonn, 17 December 2020

### Distribution:

To Parties and observer States to the United Nations Convention on Combat Desertification through their national focal points and diplomatic missions

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<sup>1</sup> Please check the CRIC19 pre-session documentation at the following link:  
<https://www.unccd.int/official-documents/cric-19-bonn-2021>