



Report of the Meeting of the Bureau of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) of the Fourteenth Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP)

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Invited: Co-Chair of the Science and Policy Interface (SPI), Nichole Barger

- REPORT -

I. Opening and Welcome address

1. Mr. Bongani Simon Masuku (Eswatini), Chair of the CST opened the meeting, and welcomed the Bureau members, Ms. Nicole Barger, SPI co-Chair and the staff of the secretariat with appreciation to all for attending at a time when the world is still hindered by the challenges of COVID-19. He acknowledged the dedication of the Bureau, the SPI and the secretariat, and thanked them for their hard work and commitment with the hope of continuing in this spirit until the final delivery of the CST and SPI work programme at COP15.
2. In his welcoming address, Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary of the UNCCD thanked the Bureau and highlighted the crisis of COVID-19 to humanity and its impetus to enforced transformation of humanity's attitudes towards science. He emphasized the importance to connect science with decision-making as well as the need to reinforce the scientific understanding on land and human health. He also expressed the urgency for positive transformation in how land is used and managed, underscoring the potential to leverage advanced technologies in improving the capacity for the pursuit of sustainable land management. The Executive Secretary re-emphasized the COP decisions on land restoration, land governance, drought, gender, and land tenure, all of which are critical elements of what will be needed to drive transformative change and accelerate the achievement of goals of the 2030 sustainable development agenda and UNCCD 2030 strategic framework. He also encouraged the CST/SPI to help Parties distil accessible knowledge from science and communicate this knowledge in a comprehensive manner enabling policy-makers and the public to make scientifically informed decisions.

II. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

3. The provisional agenda and schedule of work for this CST Bureau meeting were considered and adopted by the Bureau without amendments.



III. Follow-up to the COP14 decisions related to CST and SPI work program 2018-2019

4. The Bureau was updated on the follow-up activities to decisions 16/COP.14, 17/COP.14 and 20/COP.14 on the three synthesis reports resulting from thematic objectives assessment and coordination activities of the SPI Work Programme 2018-2019.

a. SPI objectives

- i. **SPI Objective 1.1:** In response to the request from decision 16/COP.14 regarding soil carbon measurement, the SPI, in collaboration with the Global Soil Partnership (GSP) Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils (ITPS), contributed to the review of three reports i.) Technical Specifications for the preparation of the Global Soil Organic Carbon Sequestration Potential Map (GSOCsequ)¹, ii) A protocol for measurement, monitoring, reporting and verification of soil organic carbon in agricultural landscapes” (GSOC MRV Protocol) and ii) Manual of Good Soil Organic Carbon (SOC) Practices.
- ii. **SPI objective 1.2:** In response to the request from decision 16/COP.14 regarding the creation of an enabling environment for the achievement of LDN and decision 26/COP.14 on land tenure, the secretariat is working, with FAO in a participatory stakeholder engagement process as well as contributing to the development of country-based case studies with the aim of producing a technical guide on how to integrate the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure (VGGTs) into the implementation of the Convention, and this work is being supported by a consultant with extensive experience in UNCCD processes as well as the evaluation of the implementation of the VGGTs.
- iii. **SPI Objective 2:** In response to decision 17/COP.14 on the land-drought nexus, the secretariat has engaged a consultancy service to support work on enhancing knowledge of drought resilience in collaboration with International Agricultural Research Center (CGIAR), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Convention on Biological Diversity (CDB) and Integrated Drought Management Programme (IDMP) and World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies (WOCAT). This work will focus on i) mapping existing information on distribution and dynamics of drought tolerant species and animal breeds in context of climate change, and ii) stocktaking best cases on specie selection in strengthening drought resilience of the food production and restoration; iii) operating a structured online information sharing platform to enrich drought toolbox and supporting restoration, and iv) improving accessibility of the regions to this information platform.
- iv. In response to decision 17/COP.14, coordination on common understanding of definitions relevant to drought risk and land management, and their cross-sectoral nature have been incorporated into the SPI's on-going two scientific assessments. One SPI member has been assigned to bridge the SPI work on land use planning and drought resilience. SPI observers from relevant international organizations will lead the process on coordinating concepts and definitions of the two technical reports.

¹ <http://www.fao.org/global-soil-partnership/resources/highlights/detail/en/c/1308261/>



b. Coordination activities

5. By decision 20/COP.14, Parties requested the secretariat to update the direct and indirect drivers of land degradation in the reporting template to reflect the influence of consumption and production patterns and flows, and also to explore i) enhancing UNCCD reporting through the compilation of the spatial extent and status of relevant restoration and rehabilitation activities at national and subnational levels; and ii) sharing lessons learned and success stories emerging from interventions that consider land as integrated socio-ecological systems.
6. The Bureau was updated by the secretariat on its contribution to the work of FAO and UNEP on the development of a monitoring approach for the UN Decade for Ecosystem Restoration and to leverage the relevant aspects in the UNCCD reporting, if it is useful and feasible.
7. The Bureau was informed that the secretariat is embracing the consideration of the influence of consumption and production as indirect drivers to land degradation and confirmed its work to list those indirect indicators in the national reporting template.
8. The Bureau considered the report on this item and embraced the work that has been done and the plan for further work. It also requested to be provided with more substantial information on the activities with more background details to the work.
9. The Bureau requested the secretariat to provide more information on how far the COP decisions has been fulfilled. Therefore, periodical communication or mid-term report were proposed by the Bureau members to allow the progress on draft official documents to be followed.

IV. Progress made on and challenges facing the SPI work programme 2020-2021

a. SPI objectives

10. The Bureau received updates from the secretariat on the status and progress of both SPI work programme objectives, with acknowledgement to the current status of work, contracting individual consultants / consultant team, identifying roles and responsibilities and revising timelines on the future work in supporting the SPI.
11. Related to SPI objective 1, the status of the demonstration (GEO-LDN competition) and status of scientific assistance to the Global Mechanism of the UNCCD were also introduced. Related to objective 2, outlines of the technical report and emerging themes to be considered were also introduced, including drought resilience and health, and influence of advanced technology to the monitoring and assessment tools.
12. The Bureau recognized that the work of the SPI has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic which resulted in the need for the secretariat to assess, and where necessary, revise priorities in the overall UNCCD programme of work. This was followed by a presentation to the SPI towards an updated understanding of the relationship between the pandemic and resilience of communities and ecosystems, which has been embraced on both SPI objectives. In addition, the secretariat and the SPI have navigated the challenges that have arisen in the longer than anticipated process of consultancies procurement.



b. Coordination activities with intergovernmental scientific panels and bodies.

13. The Bureau acknowledged the updates provided by the secretariat on the SPI coordination activities with i) the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), ii) Intergovernmental Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), iii) Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils (ITPS), iv) International Resources Panel of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP-IRP), v) Integrated Drought Management Programme (IDMP), vi) Global Land Indicator Initiative (GLII) of the UN Human Settlement Programme. Specifically:
- i.* IPBES: Review of two draft scoping reports 1) nexus assessment² and 2) transformative change assessment³, and identified potential entry points which could be readily leveraged by UNCCD policy makers; the draft Workshop Report on Biodiversity and Pandemics along with SPI co-Chair's recommendations in session on incorporation of the LDN response hierarchy and the role of land use planning in pandemic risk prevention.
 - ii.* ITPS: Review of three reports on soil organic carbon measurement⁴ and a report titled "Gender and Sustainable Soil Management".
 - iii.* IPCC: Review of the first order of the IPCC Special Report on Land and Climate Change as well as the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6).
 - iv.* IDM: Review of two publications on integrated drought management and on drought and water scarcity.
 - v.* UNEP-IRP: Participation in the UNEP-IRP global consultation on mineral governance, other three reviews are anticipated in 2021.
 - vi.* GLII: the secretariat plans to explore synergies on bridging existing SDG indicators on land tenure and gender in the UNCCD reporting process, synergies in response to COVID-19 and build resilience in local and regional systems, and the rural-urban dynamics for SPI objective 1 technical report.
14. The Bureau was also informed of the upcoming activities with IPCC, ITPS and IDMP and UNEP-IRP in coming year.
15. The secretariat also reported on the results of its efforts to follow up on the proposal of the previous CST Bureau to encourage that ecological connectivity be included in the future work programme of the IPBES. Building on this work, through support from the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), the secretariat is working to bring this topic to the post-2020 biodiversity monitoring framework and is exploring how the topic of restoration connectivity might contribute to the second edition of the Global Land Outlook (GLO2).
16. The Bureau received well the information and look forward to further background and substantive information on the activities of coordination.

c. Contributing to UNCCD process

17. By decision 18/COP.14, Parties requested that the SPI assume a primary role in the quality assurance of the second edition of the Global Land Outlook (GLO2), and review and, as

² Draft scoping report on assessing the interlinkages among biodiversity, climate, water, food, energy and health

³ Draft scoping report on assessing the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and the determinants of transformative change (thematic assessment) to achieve the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity

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appropriate, contribute to the development of other UNCCD evidence-based communications. The secretariat reported to the CST Bureau that three SPI members had been named to the GLO Steering Committee and had participated in meetings focused on the GLO2 the work plan. The secretariat is also outlining the steps for scientific review, including those specific points which will involve the SPI.

18. By decision 23/COP.14, Parties decided to establish an intergovernmental working group (IWG) on effective measures for addressing drought under the UNCCD, with membership comprises Parties, international organizations, the SPI, Civil Society Organizations and Key Stakeholders. The secretariat reported the progress made and the contributions from the SPI.

d. Improving communication between the SPI and CST Bureau

19. The Bureau pointed out that there is no communication gap between the SPI and the CST Bureau as the members of the Bureau serve on the SPI. However, concern was raised about the high volume of email communications which have been challenging to manage. The Bureau agreed that an appropriate way to share documents online via SharePoint should be put in place. They also requested that the secretariat ensure more background information and briefing notes are shared in advance of any meeting to ensure adequate time for Bureau members to understand the background and actions taken.
20. The Bureau emphasized that they needed to be informed not only on procedural matters but also on substantive scientific information since more science is needed by the CST Bureau and the Parties in order to make the work of the SPI more relevant on the ground between COPs.
21. The Bureau, therefore, requested the secretariat to improve the effectiveness of the CST Bureau and the SPI through enhanced internal communication.

V. Explore ways to improve visibility and continuity of the scientific foundation by SPI for policy development relevant to UNCCD

22. The Bureau meeting held in December 2019 requested the secretariat to consider ways to promote and support SPI work, and decision 19/COP.14 requested the secretariat to continue mobilize resources to support the activities of the SPI.
23. The Bureau received updates from the secretariat on the following:
 - a. **Building on the impact of the SPI led “Science Day”** at COP14 there is need for planning for a similar event at COP15 to promote visibility of the scientific foundation for policy development within the UNCCD.
 - b. **Creating additional opportunities for the engagement of early career scientists** in SPI work to improve influence of the SPI in new generation of scientists.
 - c. **Ways to further the continuous engagement of the Science and Technology correspondents (STCs)** in the process of the Convention and enhancing communication on the work of the SPI with the STCs (decision 19/COP.13).
 - d. **Resources mobilization for effective functioning of the SPI** and effective use of Parties’ support to SPI



24. **On sub-item a and b**, the Bureau reviewed and appreciated the two SPI-inspired proposals, one for the initial draft of a second SPI Science Day to be held in the context of COP15, and the another for the piloting of an early-career scientist fellowship programme to support the SPI. This work has been led by the independent scientist co-Chair of the SPI working with the secretariat; it will be further discussed in the 13th SPI meeting. The Bureau requested further information on several facets of the programme, including eligibility and the application procedure envisioned for the programme after the pilot.
25. **On sub-item c**, the Bureau considered the relevant communications from the secretariat to the STCs on CST and SPI related work including the open call on the SPI renewal, and involvement of STCs in the national reporting technical review. The secretariat expressed the possibility to explore ways to involve the STCs who have the capacity, where it is possible, in CST-CRIC collaboration in reporting matters. The CST Bureau revisited the reality that there were no scientific regional meetings and the STCs were not financed to participate in the regional preparatory meetings to the COP, a reality which reduced their preparation for the CST session.
26. The Chair emphasized to the secretariat the importance of keeping the National Focal Points (NFPs) informed simultaneously when communicating with STCs. The secretariat reassured the Bureau that communications with STCs, even those deemed primarily relevant to scientific and technological issues, would also be copied to NFPs and has taken note to do so.
27. The Bureau pointed out the need for addressing the needs of National Focal Points (NFPs) and Science and Technology Correspondents (STCs) to have more information on the ground.
28. **On sub-item d**, decision 19 /COP.14, operative paragraph 2 and operative paragraph 7 requested the secretariat to continue mobilizing resources for the effective functioning and support the activities of the SPI. The Bureau considered budget revenue and expenditure for SPI related activities up to 30 October, which indicated the following:
 - i. the total revenue for SPI is EUR 432,725, while the expenditure incurred from all sources in total is EUR 267,955, leaving a balance of EUR 167,770.
 - ii. the current discussion with potential donors on additional funding amounted to EUR 398,000.
29. The Bureau noted that SPI members are allocated with multiple tasks and the secretariat supporting staff appear also to be stretched to capacity. The Bureau observed the savings from the reduced cost of physical meetings and travel and enquired about the possibility of using these savings to support additional human resources. The secretariat indicated that use of consultancies could be a flexible way to support the secretariat's science team from extra budgetary funds, for example, for short term senior consultants to support the SPI work. Other ways may include support through collaborate partnerships, Junior Professional Officer Programme, as well as secondments.

VI. Coordination and collaboration between the Committee for Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC) and CST regarding national reporting



30. By decision 11/COP.14, Parties noted with appreciation the good cooperation between the two subsidiary bodies of the Convention in matters relating to the development of the methodologies for the UNCCD indicators and encouraged the two subsidiary bodies of the Convention to work with their bureaus to continue the good collaboration on topics related to methodology development for the reporting indicators.
31. The Bureau received updates on reporting matters in 4 aspects (i) Revision of the Good Practice Guidance (GPG) on SDG Indicator 15.3.1 (land-based progress indicators for strategic objective 1); (ii) Development of a GPG on drought reporting (strategic objective 3); (iii) Re-evaluation of the current biodiversity indicator and/or associated metrics; (iv) approaches of gender reporting; and (v) next steps on each of this, particular an forthcoming invitation to the Bureau to review the GPG drafts.
32. The Bureau thanked the secretariat for the report and expressed interest in future collaboration with the CRIC Bureau.

VII. Progress made regarding sharing knowledge and supporting communication

33. By decision 15/COP.1 on the Terms of Reference of the CST, Parties decided the functions of CST be related to recommendations on ways and means to identify, use and exchange information regarding technology, knowledge, know-how and practices relevant to DLDD. By Decision 19/ COP.14⁵, the secretariat was requested to continue the expansion and further enhancement of the UNCCD Knowledge Hub in response to the needs and priorities of country parties to facilitate the dissemination of relevant knowledge to all stakeholders, and to continue to share information on knowledge-sharing systems, recent publications and other relevant desertification/land degradation and drought and sustainable land management information through the UNCCD Knowledge Hub. By decision 18/COP.14, Parties requested SPI to contribute to the development of other UNCCD evidence-based communications.
34. The Bureau considered two reports from the secretariat on enhancing the transfer of knowledge, including scientific knowledge, through development of online knowledge sharing platform and products, and the presentation on improving science supported communication with stakeholders and the public (e.g., common language for key messages).
35. The Bureau acknowledged the UNCCD knowledge sharing products including the Drought Toolbox, the forthcoming Sand and Dust Storm (SDS) Toolbox, the UNCCD podcast series, capacity building, and efforts to create more interactive publications of, for example, SPI technical reports and publications related to SLM best practices. They also acknowledged the importance to translate science to knowledge can be accessed by more public.
36. The Bureau was updated on the progress on CST and SPI supporting communication, and the plan of further work on the review of the SPI communication strategy, the proposal to have a virtual Science Day and Land based Actions for youth before COP.15. The CST Bureau was informed of a proposal from the secretariat for the potential assignment of a communication coordinator from the SPI to enhance the communication strategy for further consideration.

VIII. Planning towards CST15/COP15 and documentation forecast



37. The Bureau revisited decision 21/COP.14 operative paragraph 3 which requests the secretariat to circulate a provisional annotated agenda and appropriate documentation, including a set of clear and concise recommendations, and decision 32/COP.14 OP5 which requests the secretariat to circulate a clearly written and properly formatted single document with all draft decisions for consideration by Parties in all six official languages of the United Nations, at least six weeks prior to COP15.
38. The Bureau members were introduced for further consideration, a forecast of the necessary documentation to be considered by the CST Bureau, including i.) the agenda of the CST 15, ii) three synthesis reports resulting from the two thematic objective assessments and coordination activities defined in the SPI work programme 2020-2021, iii) a report on science policy interfacing, and possibly (iv) a CRIC/CST joint report on improving the procedures for communication of information.
39. The Bureau also envisaged procedures and timelines for the preparation of the CST15 pre-session documents including draft CST decisions under three scenarios of COP convening date, in order to ensure timely delivery to CST15/COP.15, even while adapting to impacts of the uncertainty of the COVID-19. The timelines and milestones are as follows:
 - a. Option1: if the COP.15 is held in September 2021, the agenda and pre-session documents should be finalized by the secretariat on 17 May and 31 May in 2021 respectively and submitted to UNOG by 14 June 2021 and 28 June 2021.
 - b. Option2 if the COP.15 is held on 04-15 October in 2021, the agenda and pre-session documents should be finalized at secretariat on 14 June and 28 June in 2021 respectively and submitted to UNOG on 12 July and 26 July 2021.
 - c. Option 3 if the COP.15 is held on 29 Nov.-10 December 2021, the agenda and pre-session documents should be finalized at secretariat on 9 and 23 August in 2021 respectively and submitted to UNOG on 6 and 20 Sept 2021.
40. The Bureau received well this information and will consider thoroughly this agenda item in the next planning CST Bureau meeting.

IX. Next meetings

41. Taking into consideration the uncertainty of the COVID-19 impacts on the on-going work of the CST and its SPI, and the envisaged procedure and timelines for preparations for the CST15 and COP15, the Bureau considered the proposed next meetings with agreement of a tentative plan as follows:
 - a. for late December 2020 or early next year, a joint CST and CRIC Bureau meeting focusing on the collaboration and coordination between CST and CRIC on reporting and preparation for the relevant agenda items of CRIC19,



- b. for late February 2021, a CST Bureau meeting to review the work programme and the draft deliverables of the SPI, setting the stage and milestones towards CST15/COP15 and formulate the list of documents to be considered by CST15, and
 - c. for late June 2021, a CST Bureau meeting to review the proposed draft CST15 pre-session documents and draft decisions.
42. The Bureau received well the proposal and requested the secretariate to make further consultations and proposal of the exact dates for confirmation by the CST Bureau.

X. Wrap-up and closing remarks

43. In the closing remarks, Tina Birmpili, Deputy Executive Secretary, thanked the CST Bureau for their dedication on the work and apologized for the unexpected length of the virtual meeting, especially to the Asian representative who was attending the meeting at night. She confirmed that the secretariat well received the requests from the Bureau and will make follow-up to improve communication with the Bureau, and explore ways to enhance support to the work of the Bureau.
44. Following the Deputy Executive Secretary's statement, the CST Chair thanked once more all the participants and secretariat, and then officially closed the meeting.





Annex I – CST Bureau meeting agenda

Date: Tuesday, 3rd November 2020
Virtual Platform: Zoom
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Invited: co-Chair of the Science and Policy Interface (SPI), Nichole Berger for agenda Items I-V

- PROVISIONAL AGENDA -

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 - b. Coordination activities
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 - b. Coordination activities with 6 intergovernmental panels and bodies
 - c. Contribution to UNCCD process GLO2 and IWG
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Annex II. Tentative schedule of work

Tuesday 3rd November 2020	
13:50-13:59	Connection check
14:00 – 14:10	<p>I. Welcome address by the secretariat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening of the meeting and introduction of the CST Bureau members by the CST Chair • Welcome address by the secretariat (Executive Secretary) (6 minutes)
14:10 – 14:20	<p>II. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair of the CST introduce the agenda and organization of the work • Adoption <p><u>At end of this session, group photos will be taken by screen shot.</u></p>
14:20-14:45	<p>III. Follow-up to the COP14 decisions related to SPI Work Program 2018-2019</p> <p>Three presentations on from the secretariat on the follow-up activities (4 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. SPI objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Obj1 - Obj2 b. Coordination activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Enhancing reporting-land degradation drivers, rehabilitation and restoration activities, land as socioeconomical systems <p><i>10 minutes interventions</i></p>
14:45-15:45	<p>IV. Progress made on and challenges facing the SPI work programme 2020-2021</p> <p>Five presentations from the secretariat (5 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. SPI objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Obj1. Integrated land use planning & landscape management and LDN - Obj2. Ecosystems &population resilience to drought <p><i>5 minutes interventions</i></p> b. Coordination activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - with 6 intergovernmental panels and bodies <p><i>5 minutes interventions</i></p> c. Contribution to UNCCD process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contributions to GLO2 - Contributions to IWG <p><i>5 minutes interventions</i></p> d. Discussion on improving communication between the SPI and CST Bureau (10 minutes)
15:45-15:55	Break



15:55-16:20	<p>V. Explore ways to improve visibility and continuity of the scientific foundation by SPI for policy development relevant to UNCCD</p> <p>Three presentations from the secretariat</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. b. Presentation on “Science day” & earlier career scientists for the SPI (<i>5 minutes</i>)c. Introduction on CST STCs (<i>2 minutes</i>)d. Presentation on resources mobilization(<i>3minutes</i>) <p><i>10 minutes interventions</i></p>
16:20-16:40	<p>VI. Coordination and collaboration between the CRIC and CST regarding national reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation by the secretariate (<i>7 minutes</i>) <p><i>10 minutes interventions</i></p>
16:40-17:00	<p>VII. Progress made regarding sharing knowledge and supporting communication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two presentations from the secretariat (<i>4 minutes each</i>)<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Knowledge sharing- Contributions to communications <p><i>10 minutes interventions</i></p>
17:00-17:15	<p>VIII. Planning towards CST15/COP15 and documentation forecast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation on procedures and envisaged timelines for preparation of documentation of CST15/COP15 by the secretariate (<i>3 minutes</i>) <p><i>10 minutes discussion</i></p>
17:15-17:20	<p>VIII. Next meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposed next meetings by the secretariate followed by <i>discussion</i>
17:20-17:30	<p>IX. Wrap up and closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Statement from the secretariat by the Deputy Executive Secretary (<i>5 minutes</i>)• Wrap up and closing by the CST Chair



Annex III. List of participants

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