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Programme and budget

Programme and budget for the biennium 2018–2019

Multi-year workplans of the Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies

Draft decision submitted by the Chair of the Committee of the Whole

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 3/COP.8 and XX/COP.13 (on the future strategic framework of the Convention),

Having reviewed documents ICCD/COP(13)/8-ICCD/CRIC(16)/2 and ICCD/CRIC(16)/3,

Underlining the importance of the efficient and coordinated functioning of the Convention's institutions and subsidiary bodies in supporting Parties in their implementation of the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework (to be adopted),

1. *Approves* the strategic orientation of the secretariat, the Global Mechanism, the Committee on Science and Technology and the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, as contained in the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) results framework for 2018–2021 in the annex to this decision;
2. *Requests* the secretariat, the Global Mechanism, the Committee on Science and Technology and the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention to utilize the UNCCD results framework for 2018–2021 in the annex to this decision, organizing their work in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the Convention and decisions taken at the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties, and in line with the guidance outlined in the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework (to be adopted);

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3. *Also requests* the secretariat and the Global Mechanism to prepare a multi-year workplan for the Convention (2020–2023), utilizing the results-based management approach, to be considered at the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties.

Annex

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification results framework for 2018–2021

<i>UNCCD strategic objectives</i>	<i>2018–2021 main outcomes</i>	<i>Outcome indicators</i>	<i>2018–2019 main outputs</i>
1. To improve the condition of affected ecosystems, combat desertification/land degradation, promote sustainable land management and contribute to land degradation neutrality (LDN)	<p>1.1 Reduction of the area affected by desertification/land degradation</p> <p>1.2 Up-to-date information of the status of desertification/land degradation</p> <p>1.3 Affected country Parties use science-based policy-relevant information deriving from the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in addressing desertification/land degradation, promoting sustainable land management and contributing to LDN</p>	<p>1.1 Affected country Parties implement activities towards achieving the targets they have set for addressing land degradation and rehabilitation</p> <p>1.2 Affected country Parties report on the status of land degradation and related activities</p> <p>1.3 Scientific cooperation involving the UNCCD delivers policy-relevant science-based information for addressing desertification/land degradation, promoting sustainable land management and contributing to LDN</p>	<p>- Technical advice, partnerships and access to capacity-building to support countries in implementing activities towards their voluntary LDN targets and combating desertification/land degradation</p> <p>- A functional reporting system for the progress indicators and for other reporting requirements that may derive from the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework (to be adopted)</p> <p>- Support to the Science-Policy Interface (SPI) in refining its guidance on LDN implementation</p>
2. To improve the living conditions of affected populations	<p>2.1 Affected country Parties use land-based activities for improving stability and security</p> <p>2.2 Gender issues are increasingly taken into account in plans to address desertification/land degradation and drought</p>	<p>2.1 The potential of land-based activities in improving security and stability is recognized</p> <p>2.2 Affected country Parties use the UNCCD guidance and technical advice on integrating gender issues into UNCCD implementation and design of transformative LDN projects</p>	<p>- Support to the 3S initiative on sustainability, stability and security in Africa</p> <p>- Partnerships and policy guidance on using sustainable land management for increasing economic opportunities and generating stability</p> <p>- Technical advice, policy guidance and partnerships on integrating gender issues and promoting gender equality in UNCCD implementation and design of transformative LDN projects</p>

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3. To mitigate, adapt to, and manage the effects of drought in order to enhance resilience of vulnerable populations and ecosystems	<p>3.1 The effects of drought are better mitigated and managed, building on the support and information deriving from the UNCCD</p> <p>3.2 Early warning concerning drought and/or sand and dust storms is increasingly applied, building on the support and information deriving from the UNCCD</p>	<p>3.1 Affected country Parties use the UNCCD guidance and technical advice concerning drought and sand and dust storms</p> <p>3.2 Partnerships and collaboration are established on early warning concerning drought and/or sand and dust storms</p>	<p>- Support to the SPI in preparing its guidance on land-based interventions for drought management and mitigation</p> <p>- Technical advice, policy guidance and partnerships on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early warning systems for drought and sand and dust storms • Drought risk reduction • Sand and dust storm source mitigation
4. To generate global environmental benefits through effective implementation of the UNCCD	4.1 The UNCCD process contributes to, and benefits from, synergies with the other Rio conventions and related cooperation processes on climate change and biodiversity	<p>4.1 The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services take into account the inputs from the UNCCD</p> <p>4.2 Development of joint indicators with the other Rio conventions advances</p>	<p>- Support to the SPI in delivering UNCCD priorities and concerns to scientific processes under other conventions</p> <p>- Cooperation on the joint indicators and selected thematic topics with the other Rio conventions</p> <p>- Technical advice and partnerships on integrating land-based activities, particularly those on voluntary LDN targets, into national plans concerning climate change and biodiversity</p> <p>- United Nations system-wide communication strategy for the celebrations to mark the end of the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification in 2020</p>
5. To mobilize substantial and additional financial and non-financial resources to support the implementation of the Convention by building effective partnerships at global and national level	5.1 Improved access to resources for implementation	<p>5.1 Scope of funding sources to address land degradation</p> <p>5.2 Affected country Parties have improved capacity to translate their project ideas for UNCCD implementation into high-quality projects</p>	<p>- Strategic partnerships and collaboration with international financial institutions</p> <p>- Support for the preparation of projects on combating desertification/land degradation and drought and for achieving voluntary LDN targets</p>