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The reporting and review process of the UNCCD

Procedures for communication of information, as well as the quality and formats of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties

Status report on the 2017–2018 reporting and review process

Note by the secretariat

Summary

This document provides a status report on the 2017–2018 reporting process. It contains information on reports submitted by 31 August 2018, the formal deadline for submission of inputs from reporting entities, including reports that have undergone a data quality improvement exercise undertaken in consultations with country Parties.

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I. Introduction

1. By its decision 15/COP.13, the Conference of the Parties (COP) requested the secretariat and the Global Mechanism, as relevant, to undertake a number of improvements in the way reporting would be undertaken for the 2017–2018 reporting process. Following provisions of decision 22/COP.11, the secretariat was also requested to provide default data for land based indicators which necessitated an overhaul of the PRAIS portal. Finally, the conventions institutions needed to adjust reporting modalities to comply with the new strategic framework for UNCCD implementation that was adopted by Parties at COP 13.

2. Reporting templates and other reporting tools (reporting manual and glossary) were issued during the first quarter of 2018. They were made available in the six official languages of the United Nations. Technical assistance was provided through an online help desk throughout the reporting period, and regional training workshops were conducted from March to May 2018.¹ Financial assistance was also provided to eligible countries to contribute to national costs for reporting.²

II. Status of the 2017–2018 reporting process

3. In consultation with the Bureau of the CRIC, a reporting time frame was envisaged whereby reports should have been submitted by 31 July 2018 with a view to completing the documentation required for CRIC 17. As part of an exchange between the Executive Secretary and the Bureau of the CRIC the status of the reporting exercise was reviewed resulting in the deadline for report submission to be extended to 31 August 2018.

4. By 31 August 2018, 141 of 196 Parties had submitted their national reports (annex, table 1). Forty-eight reports (or 88 per cent of the expected reports) were from Africa (annex, table 2); 36 (or 65 per cent) from Asia (annex, table 3); 27 (or 82 per cent) from Latin America and the Caribbean (annex, table 4); 9 (or 75 per cent) from Northern Mediterranean countries (annex, table 5); and 12 (or 80 per cent) from Central and Eastern European countries (annex, table 6), as well as 8 (or 29 per cent) from Parties that do not belong to a regional, submitted their reports, totalling 100 per cent.

5. Table 1 in the annex contains information on the reports uploaded on the PRAIS portal. Tables 2 to 7 in the annex contain information on the reporting process by reporting entity, as well as by region and subregion, where applicable.

¹ Technical assistance was provided through the Global Support Programme (GSP II), funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), implemented by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Global Mechanism as executing agency. The GSP aims at increasing the quantity and improving the quality of information available for the review of the implementation of the Convention

² Financial assistance was provided through the GEF enabling activities funding in support of the reporting.

Annex

Status of the 2017–2018 reporting process by regional implementation annex

Table 1
Overview of the 2017–2018 reporting process
 (as at 31 August 2018)

	<i>Reports received</i>	<i>Reports due</i>	<i>% (reports received/due)</i>	<i>Reports received after the deadline</i>
	141	196	72	5³
<i>Annex I – Africa</i>	48	54	88	
<i>Annex II – Asia</i>	37	55	67	1
<i>Annex III - Latin America and the Caribbean</i>	27	33	82	1
<i>Annex IV - Northern Mediterranean</i>	9	12	75	1
<i>Annex V - Central and Eastern Europe</i>	12	15	80	
<i>Parties not belonging to a regional implementation annex</i>	8	27	29	2

³ Australia, Cuba, Finland, Greece and Turkmenistan submitted their reports after the deadline. The reports are available online however the information submitted was not part of the preliminary analysis.

Table 2
Reports received from affected country Parties of Annex I (Africa)

	<i>Reports received</i>	<i>Reports due</i>	<i>% (reports received/due)</i>
Central Africa	10	10	100
Burundi			
Cameroon			
Central African Republic			
Chad			
Congo			
Democratic Republic of the Congo			
Equatorial Guinea			
Gabon			
Rwanda			
Sao Tome and Principe			
Eastern Africa	6	9	66
Comoros			
Eritrea			
Ethiopia			
Somalia			
Sudan			
Uganda			
Southern Africa	12	14	85
Angola			
Botswana			
Lesotho			
Madagascar			
Malawi			
Mauritius			
Namibia			
Seychelles			
South Africa			
Swaziland			
Zambia			
Zimbabwe			
Western Africa	15	15	100
Benin			
Burkina Faso			
Cabo Verde			
Côte d'Ivoire			
Gambia			
Ghana			

	<i>Reports received</i>	<i>Reports due</i>	<i>% (reports received/due)</i>
Guinea			
Guinea-Bissau			
Liberia			
Mali			
Niger			
Nigeria			
Senegal			
Sierra Leone			
Togo			
Northern Africa	5	6	83
Algeria			
Egypt			
Mauritania			
Morocco			
Tunisia			
Total Africa	48	54	88

Table 3
Reports received from affected country Parties of Annex II (Asia)

	<i>Reports received</i>	<i>Reports due</i>	<i>% (reports received/due)</i>
South-East Asia	8	10	80
Cambodia			
Indonesia			
Lao People's Democratic Republic			
Malaysia			
Myanmar			
Philippines			
Thailand			
Viet Nam			
West Asia	9	13	69
Iran (Islamic Republic of)			
Iraq			
Jordan			
Kuwait			
Oman			
Qatar			
Saudi Arabia			
United Arab Emirates			
State of Palestine			
Pacific	6	15	40
Cook Islands			
Fiji			
Nauru			
Palau			
Papua New Guinea			
Samoa			
Central Asia	4	5	80
Kazakhstan			
Kyrgyzstan			
Tajikistan			
Uzbekistan			
East Asia	3	4	75
China			
Mongolia			
Republic of Korea			

	<i>Reports received</i>	<i>Reports due</i>	<i>% (reports received/due)</i>
South Asia	7	8	88
Afghanistan			
Bangladesh			
Bhutan			
India			
Maldives			
Pakistan			
Sri Lanka			
Total Asia	37	55	67

Table 4
Reports received from affected country Parties of Annex III (Latin America and the Caribbean)

	<i>Reports received</i>	<i>Reports due</i>	<i>% (reports received/due)</i>
Mesoamerica	7	8	88
Belize			
Costa Rica			
El Salvador			
Guatemala			
Honduras			
Mexico			
Panama			
South Cone	5	5	100
Argentina			
Brazil			
Chile			
Paraguay			
Uruguay			
Andean	5	5	100
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)			
Colombia			
Ecuador			
Peru			
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)			
Caribbean	10	15	66
Antigua and Barbuda			
Dominican Republic			
Dominica			
Grenada			
Guyana			
Haiti			
Jamaica			
Saint Kitts and Nevis			
Saint Lucia			
Suriname			
Total Latin America and the Caribbean	27	33	82

Table 5
Reports received from affected country Parties of Annex IV (Northern Mediterranean)

	<i>Reports received</i>	<i>Reports due</i>	<i>% (reports received/due)</i>
Albania			
Cyprus			
Hungary			
Israel			
Italy			
Portugal			
Slovenia			
Spain			
Turkey			
Total Northern Mediterranean countries	9	12	75

Table 6
Reports received from affected country Parties of Annex V (Central and Eastern Europe)

	<i>Reports received</i>	<i>Reports due</i>	<i>% (reports received/due)</i>
Armenia			
Belarus			
Bosnia and Herzegovina			
Georgia			
Latvia			
Montenegro			
Republic of Moldova			
Romania			
Russian Federation			
Serbia			
Slovakia			
Ukraine			
Total Central and Eastern European countries	12	15	80

Table 7

Reports received from Parties not belonging to a regional implementation annex

	<i>Reports received</i>	<i>Reports due</i>	<i>% (reports received/due)</i>
Austria			
Belgium			
Czech Republic			
France			
Germany			
Japan			
Poland			
Switzerland			
Total Parties not belonging to a regional implementation annex	8	27	29