



---

## **Conference of the Parties**

### **Fourteenth session**

New Delhi, India, 2–13 September 2019

Items 1 (b) and (f) of the provisional agenda

### **Organizational matters**

#### **Adoption of the agenda**

#### **Organization of work, including the sessions of the subsidiary bodies**

## **Provisional agenda and annotations**

### **Note by the secretariat**

## **I. Provisional agenda**

1. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Election of the President;
  - (b) Adoption of the agenda;
  - (c) Election of officers other than the President:
    - (i) Election of Vice-Presidents;
    - (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;
  - (d) Credentials of delegations;
  - (e) Accreditation of intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations and representatives from the private sector, and admission of observers;
  - (f) Organization of work, including the sessions of the subsidiary bodies.
2. 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: implications for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification:
  - (a) Integration of Sustainable Development Goal 15 and related target 15.3 into the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and land degradation neutrality;



- (b) Modalities, criteria and terms of reference for a midterm evaluation of the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework;
  - (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).
- 3. Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional level:
  - (a) Report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties;
  - (b) Promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and international organizations, institutions and agencies;
  - (c) Follow-up on policy frameworks and thematic issues:
    - (i) Drought;
    - (ii) Sand and dust storms;
    - (iii) New and emerging issues: land tenure;
  - (d) Securing of additional investments and relations with financial mechanisms: Global Mechanism.
- 4. Linking scientific knowledge with decision-making: review of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology and its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties.
- 5. Special segment:
  - (a) Parallel ministerial/high-level round tables:
    - (i) Round table 1: Land, climate and renewable energy;
    - (ii) Round table 2: Rural and urban communities – failing or flourishing together;
    - (iii) Round table 3: Fostering a global movement for ecosystem restoration;
  - (b) Interactive dialogue 1: A values-based approach to land stewardship;
  - (c) Interactive dialogue 2: Healthy land – healthy people;
  - (d) Interactive dialogue 3: Boosting sustainable value chains for land-based business.
- 6. Programme and budget:
  - (a) Programme and budget for the biennium 2020–2021;
  - (b) Financial performance for the Convention trust funds;
  - (c) Report of the Evaluation Office.
- 7. Procedural matters:
  - (a) Participation and involvement of civil society organizations in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification;
  - (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;
  - (c) Programme of work for the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties.
- 8. Report on the session.

## II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

### 1. Organizational matters

#### *Venue and opening of the session*

1. Pursuant to provisions contained in decision 36/COP.13 and subsequent consultations with the Government of India, the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) will be held in New Delhi, India from 2 to 13 September 2019. A document containing general information for participants has been prepared by the secretariat (ICCD/COP(14)/INF.1).

ICCD/COP(14)/INF.1 – Information for participants. Note by the secretariat

2. The fourteenth session of the COP (COP 14) will be opened by the President of COP 13.

#### (a) Election of the President

3. The President of COP 13 will propose the election of the President of COP 14.

#### (b) Adoption of the agenda

4. *Background:* In accordance with decision 35/COP.13 and other relevant decisions, the secretariat has prepared a provisional annotated agenda for COP 14 (ICCD/COP(14)/1), as well as other documents needed for its deliberations.

5. *Action:* The COP will be invited to adopt its agenda and schedule of work for the session.

ICCD/COP(14)/1 – Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the secretariat

#### (c) Election of officers other than the President

##### (i) Election of Vice-Presidents

6. *Background:* Decisions 1/COP.1 and 20/COP.2 (rule 22 of the rules of procedure).

7. *Action:* The COP will be invited to elect nine Vice-Presidents from among the representatives of the Parties present at the session. This election will take place at the opening meeting of the COP on 2 September.

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

8. *Background:* Decision 25/COP.10, which amended paragraph 1 of rule 22 and rule 31 of the rules of procedure (contained in decision 1/COP.1, as amended by decision 20/COP.2).

9. *Action:* The COP will be invited to complete its consultations and elect the Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) at the final meeting of COP 14.

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

10. *Background:* Rule 31 of the rules of procedure, as amended by decision 20/COP.2, provides for the election by the COP of Chairs of subsidiary bodies other than the CST, unless the COP decides otherwise. In accordance with paragraph 8 of the annex to decision 13/COP.13, the Chair of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC) is elected at the final meeting of the session of the CRIC, held in conjunction with the sessions of the COP, and will assume office immediately.

11. *Action:* The COP will be invited to complete its consultations and elect the Chair of the CRIC.

**(d) Credentials of delegations**

12. *Background:* In accordance with rules 19 and 20 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau of the COP will examine the credentials of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers and submit its report to the COP for decision. This report on credentials will be contained in document ICCD/COP(14)/21. An information document to reflect the status of ratification of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) has been prepared by the secretariat (ICCD/COP(14)/INF.4).

13. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the report of its Bureau and adopt a decision on this matter.

ICCD/COP(14)/21 – Credentials of delegations. Report of the Bureau to the Conference of the Parties<sup>1</sup>

ICCD/COP(14)/INF.4 – Status of ratification of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. Note by the secretariat

**(e) Accreditation of intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations and representatives from the private sector, and admission of observers**

14. *Background:* In accordance with the provisions of article 22, paragraph 7, of the Convention, of rules 6 and 7 of the rules of procedure, and of decision 26/COP.1, a list of intergovernmental organizations and civil society organizations (CSOs), including non-governmental organizations proposed for accreditation at COP 14, is contained in document ICCD/COP(14)/15. By its decision 5/COP.10, the COP adopted revised procedures for the accreditation of CSOs and representatives from the private sector to the COP and their participation in meetings and processes of the UNCCD.

15. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider this matter and decide on the admission of observers as appropriate.

ICCD/COP(14)/15 – Accreditation of intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations and representatives from the private sector, and admission of observers. Note by the secretariat

**(f) Organization of work, including the sessions of the subsidiary bodies***Establishment of a Committee of the Whole and allocation of its tasks*

16. *Background:* The practice followed at previous sessions of the COP has been to establish at the opening plenary meeting a sessional Committee of the Whole (COW) open to the participation of all Parties. The COP may wish to follow the same practice at COP 14. The COW will recommend draft decisions for adoption by the COP. Its Chair will have the authority to delegate work, as appropriate, to drafting groups. The COP may allocate the following items to the COW:

(a) 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: implications for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification:

- (i) Integration of Sustainable Development Goal 15 and target 15.3 into the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and land degradation neutrality;
- (ii) Modalities, criteria and terms of reference for a midterm evaluation of the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework;
- (iii) 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);

<sup>1</sup> Document to be issued in-session.

- (b) Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional level:
- (i) Report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties;
  - (ii) Promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and international organizations, institutions and agencies;
  - (iii) Follow-up on policy frameworks and thematic issues:
    - Drought;
    - Sand and dust storms;
    - New and emerging issues: land tenure;
  - (iv) Securing of additional investments and relations with financial mechanisms: Global Mechanism;
- (c) Programme and budget for the biennium 2020–2021;
- (d) Financial performance for the Convention trust funds;
- (e) Report of the Evaluation Office;
- (f) Procedural matters:
- (i) Participation and involvement of civil society organizations in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification;
  - (ii) Participation and involvement of the private sector in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the business engagement strategy;
  - (iii) Programme of work for the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties;
  - (iv) Any other matters deemed to be appropriate.

17. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider following the practice described in paragraph 15 above.

*Committee on Science and Technology*

18. The CST is tentatively scheduled to meet from 3 to 5 September in the morning and on 6 September in the afternoon. In accordance with decision 23/COP.13 and other relevant decisions, the secretariat has prepared a provisional agenda for the Committee's session (ICCD/COP(14)/CST/1), as well as other documents needed for its deliberations.

ICCD/COP(14)/CST/1 – Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the secretariat
--

*Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention*

19. The CRIC is tentatively scheduled to meet from 3 September in the afternoon to 5 September in the morning and on 11 September in the afternoon and 12 September in the morning. In accordance with decision 13/COP.13 and other relevant decisions, the secretariat has prepared a provisional agenda for the Committee's work (ICCD/CRIC(18)/1), as well as other documents for the session.

ICCD/CRIC(18)/1 – Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the secretariat
---

*Initial segment*

20. It is proposed in the tentative schedule of work that COP 14 be divided into three segments. During the initial segment, from 2 to 6 September, in addition to the CST and CRIC sessions, the COW would initiate its work.

*Open dialogue sessions*

21. In accordance with decision 35/COP.13 and further to the request of the COP in decision 5/COP.9 to ensure that the programme of work of the COP includes open dialogue sessions with the civil society in the first week of the COP, in order to ensure the effectiveness of its input in the deliberations of the COP, two half-day sessions have been planned for this purpose on 5 September in the afternoon and 11 September in the morning.

*Special segment*

22. In accordance with decision 35/COP.13, interactive dialogue sessions among ministers and other high-ranking officials will be conducted on the occasion of the special segment on 9 and 10 September.

*Concluding segment*

23. During the concluding segment, the COP will consider all decisions not previously adopted. It will decide the date and venue of the fifteenth session of the COP, taking account of:

(a) The pertinent legislative provisions of article 22, paragraph 4, of the Convention, rule 4, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure, rule 3 of the rules of procedure and decision 1/COP.2;

(b) Any offer to host the fifteenth session and meet the additional financial costs.

24. The COP will also decide the date and venue of the nineteenth session of the CRIC, taking into account decision 13/COP.13 on the terms of reference of the CRIC, its operations and its schedule of meetings, and any further decision on the matter taken during the current session.

25. The proposed schedule allows for the concluding plenary meeting on 13 September. Accordingly, all negotiations should be concluded by 12 September.

*Times of meetings*

26. In order to avoid incurring overtime expenses, the tentative schedule aims to make best use of the facilities available during normal working hours of the session (from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00).

## **2. 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: implications for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification**

### **(a) Integration of Sustainable Development Goal 15 and target 15.3 into the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and land degradation neutrality**

27. *Background:* By its decision 3/COP.13 and recalling decision 3/COP.12, the COP invited Parties that formulate voluntary targets to achieve land degradation neutrality (LDN) to ensure that their LDN targets and the activities to achieve these targets are directly linked to their national Sustainable Development Goal agendas and create leverage and synergies with their countries' climate and biodiversity agendas. Furthermore, the Parties are invited to use the monitoring and evaluation approach adopted in decision 7/COP.13, including the progress indicators therein, and, as needed, add additional indicators to monitor, evaluate and communicate progress towards achieving the LDN target.

28. The same decision invited all Parties and multilateral and bilateral partners to scale up and facilitate effective financing for combating desertification/land degradation and

drought (DLDD), achieving LDN, and advancing the implementation of the Convention in reference to decision 14/COP.13.

29. By its decision 3/COP.13, paragraph 3, all Parties are further invited to enhance the implementation of the Convention and Sustainable Development Goals by: (a) fostering national-level synergies among the three Rio conventions; (b) strengthening national-level coordination and cooperation among those responsible for addressing DLDD, socioeconomic development, finance, food and water security, agriculture, environment, etc., as appropriate; (c) seeking to leverage the cross-cutting benefits of sustainable land management (SLM) in national-level policies and programmes relating to poverty reduction, food and water security, agriculture, environment, finance, etc., as appropriate; and (d) engaging all relevant stakeholders.

30. By its decision 3/COP.13, paragraph 4, the COP requested the secretariat, the Global Mechanism (GM) and appropriate UNCCD bodies, including the Science-Policy Interface (SPI), within their respective mandates, to continue to develop partnerships to support the implementation of the Convention and LDN to provide scientific and technical support to the Parties by, inter alia, developing guidance for leveraging the implementation of the Convention and land degradation neutrality, identifying project opportunities and connecting respective partners for the further development of implementation initiatives, including transformative land degradation neutrality projects and programmes, promoting gender responsive approaches and providing advisory support for nationally accredited institutions to the climate finance and other sustainable development finance institutions.

31. Furthermore, the COP requested the same entities to contribute to the 2018 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, with the aim of highlighting countries' progress towards the implementation of the Convention and, as appropriate, the achievement of their voluntary LDN targets.

32. Parties also requested the Executive Secretary to report to the COP at its fourteenth session on the implementation of decision 3/COP.13. This report is contained in document ICCD/COP(14)/2.

33. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the implementation of decision 3/COP.13 and to agree on any further steps, as appropriate.

ICCD/COP(14)/2 – Integration of Sustainable Development Goal 15 and target 15.3 into the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and land degradation neutrality. Report by the Executive Secretary

**(b) Modalities, criteria and terms of reference for a midterm evaluation of the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework**

34. *Background:* By its decision 13/COP.13, paragraph 4, it was decided that the COP, through its Bureau, is to prepare appropriate modalities, criteria and terms of reference for a midterm evaluation of the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework with a view to their adoption at COP 14.

35. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the proposals of the Bureau of the COP as contained in document ICCD/COP(14)/3 and to adopt decisions, as appropriate.

ICCD/COP(14)/3 – Modalities, criteria and terms of reference for a midterm evaluation of the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework. Note by the secretariat

**(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)**

36. *Background:* By its decision 4/COP.13, paragraph 3, the COP requested the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to: (a) develop a short communication plan with objectives, key messages and channels to consistently advance the Convention's positions and identity, based on the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework; (b) translate

agreed UNCCD advocacy policy frameworks into appropriate communication tools and platforms; (c) increase awareness of SLM among the general public; (d) strengthen the Convention's branding and ensure the Convention's website, social media channels, newsletter and library information services contain dynamic and interactive content; and (e) enhance the effectiveness of media outreach.

37. In paragraph 4 of the same decision the COP invited the Parties and the international community to support the secretariat to better promote awareness of best practices related to DLDD.

38. The COP requested the secretariat to report on progress made in the implementation of decision 4/COP.13 at COP 14. This report is contained in document ICCD/COP(14)/4.

39. *Action:* The COP is invited to consider the actions taken during the reporting period through the implementation of the UNCCD communication plan and the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (2010–2020).

ICCD/COP(14)/4 – Report on progress made in the 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). Note by the secretariat

### **3. Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional level**

#### **(a) Report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties**

40. *Background:* By its decision 13/COP.13, the COP decided to renew the mandate of the CRIC as a standing subsidiary body of the COP to assist it in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention and the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework. In the same decision, the COP adopted the terms of reference of the CRIC, which, inter alia, define the mandate and functions of the CRIC.

41. Pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2 (d), of the Convention, the COP will review reports submitted by its subsidiary bodies and provide guidance to them. In accordance with decision 13/COP.13, the CRIC shall report regularly to the COP on all aspects of its work and in particular through draft decisions prepared at sessions held in conjunction with ordinary sessions of the COP, where necessary, for consideration and adoption by the COP.

42. *Action:* The COP will be invited at its plenary meeting on 13 September to consider the report of the eighteenth session of the CRIC and to adopt decisions as appropriate.

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

43. *Background:* By its decision 9/COP.13, the COP invited the Group on Earth Observation to support the efforts of Parties to the UNCCD in implementing the Convention by providing space-based information and in situ measurements to assist countries in fulfilling the reporting requirements for Sustainable Development Goal indicator 15.3.1 and fostering data access, national data capacity-building and the development of standards and protocols.

44. In paragraph 2 of the same decision, the COP requested the secretariat and appropriate Convention bodies and institutions, within their respective mandates and existing resources, to: (a) continue working with the Interagency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators to finalize the methodology and data management protocols for Sustainable Development Goal indicator 15.3.1 and begin coordination related to national, regional and global reporting according to the protocols established within the Sustainable Development Goal indicator framework; (b) build on and strengthen collaboration with relevant United Nations entities and the Rio conventions secretariats, as well as development partners and relevant international organizations, to support gender mainstreaming at all levels, but especially at the national and subnational

levels, activities on sand and dust storms, drought monitoring, preparedness and early warning systems, drought vulnerability assessments and drought risk mitigation measures.

45. In paragraph 3 of the same decision, the COP requested both the secretariat and the GM, according to their respective mandates and within existing resources, to continue to fulfil their respective roles in the established partnerships and any new partnerships in order to further enhance the implementation of the Convention and the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework.

46. The COP requested the secretariat to report to the COP at its fourteenth session on progress made in implementing decision 9/COP.13. This information is contained in document ICCD/COP(14)/5.

47. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the relevant document and take any further action, as appropriate.

ICCD/COP(14)/5 – Promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and international organizations, institutions and agencies. Note by the secretariat

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

*Migration*

48. *Background:* By its decision 28/COP.13, paragraph 1, the COP invited Parties, as appropriate, to: (a) promote the positive role that measures taken to implement the Convention can play to address DLDD as one of the drivers that causes migration; and (b) enhance international cooperation that aims to promote the positive role SLM can play to address DLDD as one of the drivers that causes migration.

49. In addition, in paragraph 2 of the same decision, the COP requested the secretariat to: (a) support Parties upon request in implementing the actions mentioned in paragraph 47 above; (b) commission, in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, subject to the availability of resources, a study on the role that measures taken to implement the Convention can play to address DLDD as one of the drivers that causes migration so as to promote the objectives of the Convention; (c) support regional and international cooperation and initiatives that aim to promote the positive role SLM can play to address DLDD as one of the drivers that causes migration; and (d) strengthen cross-sectoral cooperation with other United Nations agencies and programmes, regional and international organizations, and stakeholders to share information on the linkages between DLDD and migration.

50. The COP requested the secretariat to report to the COP at its fourteenth session on progress made in implementing decision 28/COP.13. This information is contained in document ICCD/COP(14)/19.

51. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the relevant document and take any further action, as appropriate.

ICCD/COP(14)/19 – The positive role that measures taken under the Convention can play to address desertification/land degradation and drought as one of the drivers that causes migration. Note by the secretariat

*Gender*

52. By its decision 30/COP.13, paragraph 1, the COP requested Parties and other stakeholders to further mainstream gender equality and empowerment of women and girls into DLDD-related policies and activities, as appropriate, to implement the Convention and the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework.

53. In paragraph 4 of the same decision, the COP requested the secretariat and the GM to partner with the Rio conventions, UN Women and other relevant United Nations entities, international organizations and development partners to roll out the action plan and to

support Parties in piloting the action plan and in enhancing synergies and promoting women's and girls' empowerment in the implementation of the Convention.

54. In paragraph 5 of the same decision, the COP requested the UNCCD secretariat to: (a) subject to the availability of resources, facilitate consultations among Parties, UNCCD institutions and bodies, United Nations entities and other stakeholders, including civil society, on the effectiveness of the Gender Action Plan based on the piloting experiences; (b) report on the findings of their consultations to Parties and recommend possible amendments to the Gender Action Plan for Parties' consideration at COP 14 with a view to further improving the action plan and its implementation.

55. The COP requested the secretariat to report to the COP at its fourteenth session on progress made in implementing decision 30/COP.13. This information is contained in document: ICCD/COP(14)/18.

56. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the relevant document and take any further action, as appropriate.

ICCD/COP(14)/18 – Follow-up on policy frameworks and thematic issues: Gender. Note by the secretariat

(i) *Drought*

57. By its decision 29/COP.13, paragraph 1, the COP invited Parties to: (a) use, as appropriate, the Drought Resilience, Adaptation and Management Policy framework, in order to strengthen their capacity to enhance drought preparedness and provide an appropriate response to drought; (b) pursue a proactive approach on integrated drought management in the process of developing national drought policies; (c) develop a comprehensive system on drought preparedness; (d) promote drought resilience building which is gender-responsive and which prioritizes people in vulnerable situations; and (e) consider utilizing the Global Framework on Water Scarcity in Agriculture initiative as a knowledge-sharing partnership to help countries develop their drought preparedness plans.

58. In paragraph 2 of the same decision, the COP invited all Parties, multilateral and bilateral partners, and international financing mechanisms to scale up and facilitate effective financing for the implementation of drought mitigation measures at all levels.

59. In paragraph 3 of the same decision, the COP requested the SPI, as contained in decision 21/COP.13, as part of its work programme for the biennium 2018–2019, to provide technical guidance to Parties in order to support the adoption and implementation of land-based interventions for drought management and mitigation.

60. In paragraph 4 of the same decision, the COP also requested the secretariat and appropriate UNCCD institutions and bodies, including the SPI, within their respective mandates to: (a) implement the drought initiative for the biennium 2018–2019; (b) support countries to develop and implement national drought management policies, as well as the establishment and strengthening of comprehensive drought monitoring, preparedness and early warning systems; (c) take a leading role at the institutional level through the strengthening of existing strategic partnerships and the establishment of new strategic partnerships on drought preparedness with relevant stakeholders at all levels, with a view to ensuring coherence, coordination and complementarity; (d) develop and finalize the technical guidelines to assist Parties in the implementation of the Drought Resilience, Adaptation and Management Policy Framework; (e) assist Parties, as appropriate, in using the Drought Resilience, Adaptation and Management Policy framework; (f) increase awareness on drought issues, including through capacity building, to develop national drought management policies based on the principles of risk reduction; and (g) promote North-South cooperation, South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation, including the transfer of appropriate technology and up-to-date methodologies necessary for developing and improving drought monitoring, seasonal forecasts, preparedness and early warning and information delivery systems.

61. In paragraph 5 of the same decision, the COP requested the secretariat to prepare a report for the next COP on the need, if any, for additional arrangements on drought.

62. The COP requested the secretariat to report to the COP at its fourteenth session on progress made in implementing decision 29/COP.13. This information is contained in documents ICCD/COP(14)/16 and ICCD/COP(14)/INF.3.

63. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the relevant documents and take any further action, as appropriate.

ICCD/COP(14)/16 – Follow-up on policy frameworks and thematic issues: Drought. Note by the secretariat

ICCD/COP(14)/INF.3 – Options for additional arrangements for drought under the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. Note by the secretariat

(ii) *Sand and dust storms*

64. By its decision 31/COP.13, paragraph 1, the COP invited Parties to: (a) use, as appropriate, the Policy Advocacy Framework to combat Sand and Dust Storms, on a voluntary basis, in policy development and implementation for sand and dust storms at national and regional or international levels; (b) mainstream sand and dust storms issues in national disaster risk reduction policies; (c) explore anthropogenic source mitigation in national voluntary land degradation neutrality target-setting and options to integrate source mitigation measures into national voluntary land degradation neutrality target-setting, as appropriate; and (d) promote cooperation on sand and dust storms and facilitate information exchange and knowledge sharing and transfer, as appropriate, in the affected areas.

65. In paragraph 2 of the same decision, the COP requested, subject to the availability of resources, the secretariat and appropriate UNCCD institutions and bodies to collaborate with other relevant United Nations entities and specialized organizations in the process of assisting Parties in implementing the Policy Advocacy Framework to combat Sand and Dust Storms, in particular anthropogenic sand and dust storms source mitigation and strengthening of resilience.

66. The COP requested the secretariat to report to the COP at its fourteenth session on progress made in implementing decision 31/COP.13. This information is contained in document ICCD/COP(14)/17.

67. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the relevant document and take any further action, as appropriate.

ICCD/COP(14)/17 – Follow-up on policy frameworks and thematic issues: sand and dust storms. Note by the secretariat

(iii) *New and emerging issues: land tenure*

68. *Background:* In accordance with rule 10 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau of the COP decided at its second intersessional meeting on 26 February 2019 to add a sub-agenda item to the draft provisional agenda of COP 14 to address land tenure. The Bureau of the COP also requested the secretariat to submit to the Bureau recommendations as possible elements for a document to be tabled at COP 14. This information is contained in document ICCD/COP(14)/20.

69. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the relevant document and take any further action, as appropriate.

ICCD/COP(14)/20 – New and emerging issues: land tenure. Note by the secretariat

**(d) Securing of additional investments and relations with financial mechanisms**

*Global Mechanism*

70. *Background:* By its decision 1/COP.13, the COP approved the strategic orientation of the secretariat, the GM, the CST and the CRIC as contained in the UNCCD results framework for 2018–2021.

71. In paragraph 2 of the same decision, the COP requested the CST, the CRIC, the GM and the secretariat to utilize the UNCCD results framework for 2018–2021 in organizing their work in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the Convention and decisions taken at COP 13, and in line with the guidance outlined in the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework.

72. In the same decision, the COP also requested the secretariat and the GM to prepare a multi-year workplan for the Convention (2020–2023), utilizing the results-based management approach, to be considered at COP 14.

73. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the reports on this matter (documents ICCD/COP(14)/7-ICCD/CRIC(18)/2 and ICCD/COP(14)/8) and to take any action, as appropriate.

ICCD/COP(14)/7-ICCD/CRIC(18)/2 – Comprehensive multi-year workplan for the Convention (2020–2023) and two-year costed work programme for the Convention (2020–2021). Note by the secretariat

ICCD/COP(14)/8 – Financial performance for the Convention trust funds. Note by the secretariat

**4. Linking scientific knowledge with decision-making: review of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology and its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties**

74. *Background:* By its decision 9/COP.1, the COP decided that the review, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2 (d) of the Convention, of the report of the CST, including its recommendations to the COP and its programme of work, and the provision of guidance to it, would be a standing item on its agenda.

75. The CST will transmit to the COP draft decisions resulting from the deliberations coming from the items included in the agenda of its fourteenth session, in line with decision 23/COP.13.

76. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the report of the fourteenth session of the CST and to adopt decisions, as appropriate.

## 5. Special segment

### (a) Parallel ministerial/high-level round tables

(i) *Round table 1: Land, climate and renewable energy*

(ii) *Round table 2: Rural and urban communities – failing or flourishing together*

(iii) *Round table 3: Fostering a global movement for ecosystem restoration*

### (b) Interactive dialogue 1: A values-based approach to land stewardship

### (c) Interactive dialogue 2: Healthy land – healthy people

### (d) Interactive dialogue 3: Boosting sustainable value chains for land-based business

77. *Background:* In accordance with decision 35/COP.13, interactive dialogue sessions with relevant stakeholders including ministers and other high-ranking officials will be conducted on the occasion of the special segment on 9 and 10 September. Parallel ministerial/high level round-table discussions focusing on the following topics: (a) Land, climate and renewable energy; (b) Rural and urban communities – failing or flourishing together; and (c) Fostering a global movement for ecosystem restoration will be held on 9 September. Three consecutive interactive dialogue sessions on the following topics: (a) A values-based approach to land stewardship; (b) Healthy land – healthy people; and (c) Boosting sustainable value chains for land-based business are planned for 10 September. An information note on the special segment of the COP at its fourteenth session is contained in document ICCD/COP(14)/INF.2.

78. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the outcomes of the special segment.

ICCD/COP(14)/INF.2 – Note on the special segment of the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth session. Note by the secretariat

## 6. Programme and budget

79. Article 22, paragraph 2 (g) of the Convention calls on the COP to approve a programme and budget for its activities, including those of its subsidiary bodies, and to undertake the necessary arrangements for their financing.

### (a) Programme and budget for the biennium 2020–2021

80. *Background:* The COP, in paragraph 18 of decision 10/COP.13, requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a results-based budget and work programmes for the biennium 2020–2021, in line with decision 1/COP.13 on work plans, presenting budget scenarios and work programmes based on the projected needs for the biennium in (a) a zero nominal growth scenario; and (b) a scenario based on further recommended adjustments to the first scenario and their associated costs. The above-mentioned requests from the COP are addressed in document ICCD/COP(14)/6.

81. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the proposed programme and budget for the biennium 2020–2021 and take decisions, as appropriate.

ICCD/COP(14)/6 – Programme and budget for the biennium 2020–2021. Note by the secretariat

ICCD/COP(14)/7-ICCD/CRIC(18)/2 – Comprehensive multi-year workplan for the Convention (2020–2023) and two-year costed work programme for the Convention (2020–2021). Note by the secretariat

**(b) Financial performance for the Convention trust funds**

82. *Background:* In accordance with the financial rules of the COP, an interim statement of accounts for the first year of the financial period and a final audited statement of accounts for the full financial period shall be provided to Parties. In decision 10/COP.13, the COP requested the Executive Secretary to report to the COP at its fourteenth session on the status of income and expenditure and budget performance, using a results-based approach. Information on this matter is contained in document ICCD/COP(14)/8. The statement of accounts should be read in conjunction with document ICCD/CRIC(18)/3, which contains the report on the implementation of the costed 2018–2019 work programmes of the secretariat, the CRIC, the CST and the GM.

*Audited financial statements for the Convention trust funds*

83. The audited financial statements for the Convention trust funds are contained in documents ICCD/COP(14)/9 and ICCD/COP(14)/10.

*Report on the status of contributions to the Convention trust funds for the biennium 2018–2019*

84. The status of contributions to the trust funds for the biennium 2018–2019 is presented in document ICCD/COP(14)/11.

85. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the relevant documents on the financial performance of the Convention and take a decision, as appropriate.

ICCD/COP(14)/8 – Financial performance for the Convention trust funds. Note by the secretariat

ICCD/CRIC(18)/3 – Report on the performance of Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies (2018–2019). Note by the secretariat

ICCD/COP(14)/9 – Audited financial statements for the Convention trust funds for the biennium 2018–2019 as at 31 December 2018. Note by the secretariat

ICCD/COP(14)/10 – Audited financial statements for the Convention trust funds for the biennium ended 31 December 2017, including the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors. Note by the secretariat

ICCD/COP(14)/11 – Report on the status of contributions to the Convention trust funds for the biennium 2018–2019. Note by the secretariat

**(c) Report of the Evaluation Office**

86. *Background:* The United Nations regulations and rules governing programme planning, monitoring and evaluation<sup>2</sup> request a regular, periodic evaluation of all programmes, and the integration of the evaluation plans with the programme budget cycle. These regulations and rules further state that the evaluation findings shall be communicated to Member States through intergovernmental bodies in order to facilitate the reconsideration of existing mandates, policies, strategies and objectives, the substantive content of programmes and its utility to the users.

87. Accordingly, the findings and recommendations of the UNCCD evaluations in 2018–2019 and related action taken, as well as the 2020–2021 Evaluation Office workplan, will be presented to Parties at COP 14 as contained in document ICCD/COP(14)/12.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations regulations and rules governing programme planning, the programme aspects of the budget, the monitoring of implementation and the methods of evaluation (ST/SGB/2016/6).

88. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the evaluation findings and recommendations and the 2020–2021 Evaluation Office workplan and take decisions, as appropriate.

ICCD/COP(14)/12 – Report of the Evaluation Office. Note by the secretariat

## 7. Procedural matters

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

89. *Background:* By its decision 5/COP.13, the COP requested the Civil Society Organization Panel (CSO Panel), through the secretariat, to report to the COP at its fourteenth session on its activities during the forthcoming biennium.

90. In the same decision, the COP requested the secretariat, in collaboration with the CSO Panel, and subject to the availability of resources, to take the necessary measures to implement the recommendations of the independent evaluation.

91. In the same decision, the COP also requested the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to facilitate the renewal of the membership of the CSO Panel for two years in January 2018.

92. The COP requested the secretariat to report to the COP at its fourteenth session on the implementation of this decision.

93. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the information contained in document ICCD/COP(14)/13 and take any action, as appropriate.

ICCD/COP(14)/13 – Participation and involvement of civil society organizations in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. Note by the secretariat

### (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

94. *Background:* By its decision 6/COP.13, the Parties took note of the results of the initiatives undertaken within the business engagement strategy of the Convention and requested the secretariat and the GM to continue engaging the private sector. The COP also requested the secretariat to increase and enhance engagement with the private sector to promote implementation of the Convention and work to that effect in meetings and processes of the Convention, as appropriate.

95. In paragraph 3 of the same decision, the COP requested the secretariat to report on the implementation of that decision at COP 14.

96. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the information contained in document ICCD/COP(14)/14 and take any action, as appropriate.

ICCD/COP(14)/14 – Participation and involvement of the private sector in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. Note by the secretariat

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

97. *Background:* In accordance with decision 9/COP.1, which listed items to be included as standing items on COP agendas, and following upon decision 35/COP.13 regarding the programme of work of the COP at its fourteenth session, the COP may wish to review its programme of work for the next session as appropriate.

98. *Action:* The COP will be invited to review its programme of work for its fifteenth session and adopt a decision on this matter.

## **8. Report on the session**

99. A draft report of the session will be prepared for adoption at the concluding plenary meeting on 13 September, in accordance with established practice.

100. *Action:* The COP will be invited to adopt the report of its fourteenth session and authorize its Rapporteur to finalize the report after the session, with the assistance of the secretariat and under the guidance of the President.

## Annex

### Tentative schedule of work for the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties

Monday, 2 September 2019		
	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
P L E N A R Y	<i>Informal consultations</i>	<p><i>Opening of the session by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth session</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organizational matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Election of the President</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Statement by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth session</i></p> <p><i>Statement on behalf of the host country</i></p> <p><i>Statement by the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification</i></p> <p><i>Statements by the representatives of the United Nations, its specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations</i></p> <p><i>Statements by the representatives of regional and interest groups</i></p> <p><i>Statement by a representative of non-governmental organizations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adoption of the agenda <i>(ICCD/COP(14)/1)</i></li> <li>- Election of officers other than the President: Election of Vice-Presidents</li> <li>- Accreditation of intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations and representatives from the private sector, and admission of observers <i>(ICCD/COP(14)/15)</i></li> <li>- Organization of work, including the sessions of the subsidiary bodies</li> </ul>

Tuesday, 3 September 2019		
	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m. <sup>3</sup>
C O W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programme and budget               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Programme and budget for the biennium 2020–2021 <i>(ICCD/COP(14)/6 , ICCD/COP(14)/7- ICCD/CRIC(18)/2)</i></li> <li>- Financial performance for the Convention trust funds <i>(ICCD/COP(14)/8, ICCD/CRIC(18)/3)</i></li> <li>- Audited financial statements for the Convention trust funds <i>(ICCD/COP(14)/9, ICCD/COP(14)/10)</i></li> <li>- Report on the status of contributions to the Convention trust funds (2018–2019) <i>(ICCD/COP(14)/11)</i></li> <li>- Report of the Evaluation Office <i>(ICCD/COP(14)/12)</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: implications for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Integration of Sustainable Development Goal 15 and target 15.3 into the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and land degradation neutrality <i>(ICCD/COP(14)/2)</i></li> <li>- Modalities, criteria and terms of reference for a midterm evaluation of the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework <i>(ICCD/COP(14)/3)</i></li> <li>- Securing of additional investments and relations with financial mechanisms:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Global Mechanism <i>(ICCD/COP(14)/7-ICCD/CRIC(18)/2, ICCD/COP(14)/8)</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<sup>3</sup> From Tuesday morning (3 September) to Thursday morning (5 September) and on Friday afternoon (6 September), the subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the Parties (COP), the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) and the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC) will meet and carry out their work according to their respective agendas. The CRIC will also meet on 11 September in the afternoon and 12 September in the morning.

Thursday, 5 September 2019		
	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
P L E N A R Y	---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusion of activities of civil society organizations within the official programme of work of the Conference of the Parties               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Open dialogue session</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Friday, 6 September 2019		
	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m. <sup>4</sup>
C O W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional level               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Follow-up on policy frameworks and thematic issues:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Drought <i>(ICCD/COP(14)/16 and ICCD/COP(14)/INF.3)</i></li> <li>- Sand and dust storms <i>(ICCD/COP(14)/17, ICCD/COP(14)/18 and ICCD/COP(14)/19)</i></li> <li>- New and emerging issues: land tenure <i>(ICCD/COP(14)/20)</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	---
P L E N A R Y	---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organizational matters               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Credentials of delegations (ICCD/COP(14)/21)<sup>5</sup></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Consideration of the preliminary report of the Committee of the Whole</i></li> <li>• Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional level               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Linking scientific knowledge with decision-making: review of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology and its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties</li> </ul>

<sup>4</sup> COP to follow immediately after the adjournment of the CST.

<sup>5</sup> Document to be issued in-session.

<b>Monday, 9 September 2019</b>		
	<b>10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</b>	<b>3 p.m. – 6 p.m.</b>
P L E N A R Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special segment:</li> </ul> <p><i>Opening of the High-Level Segment</i></p> <p><i>Welcome address by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth session</i></p> <p><i>Welcome address by the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification</i></p> <p><i>Special statements on behalf of regional and interest groups</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special segment:</li> </ul> <p><i>Round table 1: Land, climate and renewable energy</i></p> <p><i>Round table 2: Rural and urban communities – failing or flourishing together</i></p> <p><i>Round table 3: Fostering a global movement for ecosystem restoration;</i></p>

<b>Tuesday, 10 September 2019</b>		
	<b>10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</b>	<b>3 p.m. – 6 p.m.</b>
P L E N A R Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special segment:</li> </ul> <p><i>Interactive dialogue 1: A values-based approach to land stewardship</i></p> <p><i>Interactive dialogue 2: Healthy land – healthy people</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special segment:</li> </ul> <p><i>Interactive dialogue 3: Boosting sustainable value chains for land-based business</i></p> <p><i>Final discussions by ministers and other high-ranking officials</i></p> <p><i>Closing ceremony</i></p>

<b>Wednesday, 11 September 2019</b>		
	<b>10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</b>	<b>3 p.m. – 6 p.m.</b>
P L E N A R Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusion of activities of civil society organizations within the official programme of work of the Conference of the Parties: open dialogue session</li> </ul>	---

<b>Thursday, 12 September 2019</b>		
	<b>10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</b>	<b>3 p.m. – 6 p.m.</b>
C O W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: implications for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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) (<i>ICCD/COP(14)/4</i>)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional level                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promotion and strengthening relationships with other relevant conventions and international organizations, institutions and agencies (<i>ICCD/COP(14)/5</i>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procedural matters                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Participation and involvement of civil society organizations in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (<i>ICCD/COP(14)/13</i>)</li> <li>- Participation and involvement of the private sector in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the business engagement strategy (<i>ICCD/COP(14)/14</i>)</li> <li>- Programme of work for the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>Friday, 13 September 2019</b>		
	<b>10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</b>	<b>3 p.m. – 6 p.m.</b>
P L E N A R Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional level                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Organizational matters                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Election of officers other than the President:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Election of the Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology</li> <li>- Election of the Chair of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>Consideration of the report of the Committee of the Whole</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>Adoption of the report of the Conference of the Parties</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on the session</li> </ul>