



Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

Eighteenth session

New Delhi, India, 3–12 September 2019

Item 1 (a) of the provisional agenda

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

Dates and venue of the session

1. Pursuant to provisions contained in decision 36/COP.13 and further consultations with the host government of the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 14), the eighteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC 18) will be held from 3 to 12 September 2019 in New Delhi, India.

Provisional agenda

2. According to the terms of reference of the CRIC, set out in decision 13/COP.13, the provisional agenda for the sessions of the CRIC is to be prepared by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Bureau of the CRIC.
3. Decision 13/COP.13 was taken into account when compiling the provisional agenda for this document along with other relevant decisions of the COP, including decision 1/COP.13, decision 8/COP.13, decision 11/COP.13, decision 13/COP.13, decision 15/COP.13, decision 16/COP.13 and decision 18/COP.13.

Documentation

4. Please note that COP 14 will be a paperless session. Accordingly, official pre-session documents will be made available on the website of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD): <www.unccd.int>. Official documents produced in session will also be posted on the web and limited quantities may be printed on demand only.

1. Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

5. The CRIC will have before it for consideration and adoption the provisional agenda contained in this document. A tentative schedule of work for the session is contained in annex I to this document and developed in the sections below.

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

Purpose of the session

6. In accordance with paragraph 15 of the terms of reference of the CRIC, as contained in the annex to decision 13/COP.13, the CRIC will address the items on its agenda at its eighteenth session with a view to formulating draft decisions, where necessary, for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the COP.

Opening of the session

7. CRIC 18 will be opened by the Chair of the CRIC, who was elected at COP 13.¹ In accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the COP and paragraph 8 of the annex

¹ ICCD/COP(13)/21, paragraph 14.

to decision 13/COP.13, the Chair of the CRIC 19 shall be elected at the final meeting of the COP and shall assume office immediately.

Organization of work

8. The CRIC may wish to consider the following scenario: at the opening session on 3 September 2019, the Chair of the CRIC will call for the adoption of the agenda and organization of work. This will be followed by the consideration of items 2 to 5 of the agenda, which will continue through its meeting on 5 September.

9. At its concluding meeting on 12 September, following the completion of the review of the substantive agenda items, the CRIC will consider the programme of work for its nineteenth session, adopt its report, including where necessary the draft decisions for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the COP, and elect officers other than the Chair of the CRIC. At the plenary meeting of the COP on 13 September, the CRIC draft decisions will be submitted to the COP for consideration and possible adoption.

(b) Election of officers other than the Chair of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

10. *Background:* Pursuant to paragraphs 7 and 8 of the terms of reference of the CRIC, as contained in the annex to decision 13/COP.13, four Vice-Chairs shall constitute the Bureau of the CRIC, together with the Chair, elected by the COP in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the COP. They shall be elected with due regard to the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution and adequate representation of affected country Parties, particularly those in Africa, while not neglecting affected country Parties in other regions. They shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms.

11. *Action:* In accordance with this decision, the Chair will call for the election of these officers at the final meeting of the CRIC. The Vice-Chairs elected, of whom one shall act as Rapporteur, shall assume their office immediately.

2. Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional levels

(a) Review of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on its seventeenth session

12. *Background:* In accordance with the annex of decision 13/COP.13, the CRIC is invited at sessions held during ordinary sessions of the COP, inter alia, to review the final report of sessions held between ordinary sessions of the COP containing its recommendations on further steps to be taken to facilitate effective implementation of the Convention.

13. At its seventeenth session, the CRIC undertook an assessment of information submitted by Parties as part of the 2017–2018 UNCCD reporting process, especially progress indicators relating to strategic objectives 1 to 5, including a review of financial flows for the implementation of the Convention. The CRIC 17 report contains the conclusions and recommendations of the CRIC on: (a) strategic objectives 1 to 5; (b) land degradation neutrality; (c) the implementation of the UNCCD Gender Action Plan adopted at the thirteenth session of the COP;² (d) identifying emerging innovative financing opportunities to combat land degradation; (e) improving the procedures for the communication of information as well as the quality and formats of reports to be submitted to the COP; and (d) positions presented by civil society representatives.

14. *Action:* the CRIC will be invited to review the report of its seventeenth session and to formulate draft decisions for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the COP.

ICCD/CRIC(17)/9 – Report of the seventeenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, held in Georgetown from 28 to 30 January 2019

² Decision 30/COP.13.

(b) Multi-year workplan for Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies

15. *Background:* By its decision 1/COP.13, the COP requested the secretariat and the Global Mechanism to prepare a multi-year workplan for the Convention (2020–2023), utilizing the results-based management approach. By its decision 10/COP.13, the COP requested the Executive Secretary to prepare results-based work programmes for the biennium 2020–2021.

16. In paragraph 15 (a) of the annex to its decision 13/COP.13, the COP entrusted the review of the multi-year workplans of Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies to the CRIC at sessions held in conjunction with the COP.

17. *Action:* The CRIC will be invited to review the multi-year workplan for the Convention (2020–2023) and formulate a draft decision for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the COP.

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

(c) Performance of Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies

18. *Background:* By its decision 10/COP.13, the COP requested the Executive Secretary to report on the budget performance, using a results-based approach.

19. In the annex to its decision 13/COP.13, the COP entrusted the review of the performance of Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies, using a results-based management approach, to the CRIC at sessions held in conjunction with the COP.

20. *Action:* The CRIC will be invited to assist the COP in the review of the performance of Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies to foster the implementation of the Convention and to make any recommendations it may wish to forward to the COP for action.

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

3. Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and formats of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties

Outcomes of the work of the Committee on Science and Technology on a monitoring framework for the strategic objective on drought

21. *Background:* By its decision 15/COP.13, paragraph 8, the COP considers the need for a specific indicator for the strategic objective on drought, which is contained in the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework adopted by Parties at COP 13.

22. Taking into consideration that the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) assisted in defining and identifying monitoring frameworks for the other strategic objectives, including indicators, the COP requested the CST to also assist in considering the need for a specific indicator for strategic objective 3.

23. Since this issue touches on UNCCD reporting and scientific considerations, it is of importance to both the CRIC and the CST. Therefore, document ICCD/COP(14)/CST/7-ICCD/CRIC(18)/4 will be discussed in both the CRIC and CST plenary sessions. It is proposed to convene a joint CRIC/CST contact group for this agenda item to ensure that the draft decision forwarded to the COP contains input from the two subsidiary bodies.

24. *Action:* The CRIC and CST will be invited to consider the report on this matter and jointly make any recommendations that the two subsidiary bodies may wish to forward to the COP for action.

ICCD/COP(14)/CST/7-ICCD/CRIC(18)/4 – Outcomes of the work of the Committee on Science and Technology on a monitoring framework for the strategic objective on drought

4. Securing of additional investments and relations with financial mechanisms

(a) Report by the Global Environment Facility on the financing of programmes and projects concerning desertification/land degradation and drought

25. *Background:* The Convention addresses the need to promote the mobilization of adequate, timely and predictable financial resources, including new and additional funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF). By its decision 9/COP.1, the COP decided to include, as a standing item on its agenda, a review of available information on the financing of the Convention by multilateral agencies and institutions, including information on the activities of the GEF concerning desertification, as specified in article 20, paragraph 2 (b), of the Convention.

26. The memorandum of understanding between the UNCCD and the GEF, adopted under decision 11/COP.13, provides that the GEF will prepare a report to be submitted to each regular session of the COP, through the UNCCD secretariat, on the financing of programmes and projects concerning desertification/land degradation and drought. Furthermore, decision 12/COP.13, paragraph 4, invites the GEF to continue its support for the implementation of the Convention under the Seventh Replenishment phase of the GEF. Also, in paragraph 8, of the same decision the Conference of the Parties invites the GEF to report on the implementation of decision 12/COP.13 as part of its next report to the fourteenth session of the COP.

27. *Action:* The CRIC will be invited to review the report submitted by the GEF and to make any recommendations it may wish to forward to the COP for action.

ICCD/CRIC(18)/5 – Report by the Global Environment Facility on the financing of programmes and projects concerning desertification/land degradation and drought

(b) Update on the Global Support Programme in support of UNCCD reporting

28. *Background:* By its decision 15/COP.13, the COP requested the secretariat and the Global Mechanism and invited the United Nations Environment Programme to coordinate their support at the global, regional and national level (through the Global Support Programme II and umbrella projects) in order to provide targeted and timely support to capacity-building for reporting. It also requested the continuation of capacity-building measures on approaches available to establish monitoring systems for reporting to the UNCCD through the Global Support Programme.

29. *Action:* The CRIC will be invited to review the report submitted by the Global Mechanism and to make recommendations it may wish to take forward to the COP for action.

ICCD/CRIC(18)/6 – Report by the Global Mechanism on update on the Global Support Programme in support of UNCCD reporting

(c) Report by the Global Mechanism on progress made in the mobilization of resources for the implementation of the Convention

30. *Background:* By its decision 14/COP.13, the COP requested the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism to continue to explore and develop innovative financing mechanisms and funding options to advance the implementation of the Convention and to report at COP 14 on progress made in this area.

31. Furthermore, by its decision 18/COP.13, the COP requested the secretariat, in collaboration with the Global Mechanism, to collect case studies on land degradation neutrality implementation identified by Parties and prepare a synthesis for presentation to the COP at its fourteenth session.

32. *Action:* The CRIC will be invited to review the report submitted by the Global Mechanism and to make any recommendations it may wish to forward to the COP for action.

ICCD/CRIC(18)/7 – Report by the Global Mechanism on progress made in the mobilization of resources for the implementation of the Convention

5. Development and promotion of activities for targeted capacity-building to further the implementation of the Convention

33. *Background:* By its decision 8/COP.13, paragraph 1, the COP requested the secretariat to facilitate, within available resources, the implementation of the Convention in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through the enhancement, strengthening and promotion of capacity-building.

34. *Action:* The CRIC is invited to consider the secretariat’s report on the action taken to ensure implementation of decision 8/COP.13, and the conclusions and recommendations made within the same to further enhance the capacity-building process.

ICCD/CRIC(18)/8 – Report on the development and promotion of activities for targeted capacity-building to further the implementation of the Convention

6. Procedural matters

Programme of work for the nineteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

35. In accordance with rule 33 of the rules of procedure of the COP,³ the CRIC is to submit to the COP, for adoption, a tentative programme of work for the next session of the Committee.

7. Adoption of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

36. *Background:* Paragraph 4 of the Annex to decision 13/COP.13 states that the CRIC shall report regularly to the COP on all aspects of its work, particularly through draft decisions prepared at sessions held in conjunction with ordinary sessions of the COP, where necessary, for consideration and adoption by the COP. Such decisions shall contain substantive elements aimed at facilitating the effective implementation of the Convention, including targets as well as the assigned responsibilities and expected financial implications of their implementation, as necessary.

37. *Action:* The report of the CRIC on its eighteenth session, including draft decisions, where necessary, shall be submitted to the COP for its consideration and, as appropriate, adoption.

³ As contained in decision 1/COP.1.

Annex**Tentative schedule of work for the eighteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention**

Tuesday, 3 September 2019	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
	<p><i>Opening of the eighteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC) by the Chair of the CRIC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizational matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (ICCD/CRIC(18)/1)</i> • Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional levels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Multi-year workplan for Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies (ICCD/COP(14)7-ICCD/CRIC(18)/2)</i> - <i>Performance of Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies (ICCD/CRIC(18)/3)</i>

Wednesday, 4 September 2019	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional levels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Review of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on its seventeenth session (ICCD/CRIC(17)/9)</i> • Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and formats of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Outcomes of the work of the Committee on Science and Technology on a monitoring framework for the strategic objective on drought (ICCD/COP(14)/CST/7-ICCD/CRIC(18)/4)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Securing of additional investments and relations with financial mechanisms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Report by the Global Environment Facility on the financing of programmes and projects concerning desertification/land degradation and drought (ICCD/CRIC(18)/5)</i> - <i>Update on the Global Support Programme in support of UNCCD reporting (ICCD/CRIC(18)/6)</i>

Thursday, 5 September 2019	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Securing of additional investments and relations with financial mechanisms (<i>continued</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Report by the Global Mechanism on progress made on mobilization of resources for the implementation of the Convention (ICCD/CRIC(18)/7)</i> • Development and promotion of activities for targeted capacity-building to further the implementation of the Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Report by the secretariat on the development and promotion of activities for targeted capacity-building to further the implementation of the Convention (ICCD/CRIC(18)/8)</i> 	

Wednesday, 11 September 2019	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulation of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, including, where necessary, draft decisions for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the Conference of the Parties • Adoption of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

Thursday, 12 September 2019	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedural matters – Programme of work for the nineteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention. • Adoption of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention • Organizational matters – Election of officers other than the Chair of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention 	