

Decision 10/COP.12

Programme and budget for the biennium 2016–2017

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the financial rules for the Conference of the Parties to the UNCCD,³

Also recalling The Strategy,⁴

Further recalling decision 9/COP.9 on the programme and budget for the biennium 2010–2011,

Having considered the information contained in the documents prepared by the secretariat and the GM on the programme and budget,⁵

Programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017

1. *Approves* the programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017 in the amount of EUR 16,188,082 for the purposes specified in table 1 below;
2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government of Germany for its biennial voluntary contribution to the core budget of EUR 1,022,584 and its special contribution of EUR 1,022,584 (Bonn Fund) as host Government to the secretariat;
3. *Approves* the staffing table for the programme budget, as contained in table 2 below, subject to the reclassification approval by the Office of Human Resources Management of the post of Deputy Executive Secretary from D-1 to D-2;
4. *Recognizes* the important role of the secretariat in the implementation of the mandate of UNCCD and the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and in this regard requests the Executive Secretary to expedite the recruitment for vacant posts within the secretariat and in particular that of the Deputy Executive Secretary;
5. *Further recognizes* the need to increase the level of the working capital reserve and in this regard authorizes the Executive Secretary to draw on available cash resources from the core budget, including unspent balances, contributions from previous financial periods and miscellaneous income to increase the working capital reserve to 10 per cent for the biennium 2016–2017;
6. *Adopts* the indicative scale of contributions for 2016 and 2017 contained in the annex to this decision;
7. *Invites* all Parties to the Convention to note that contributions to the core budget are expected on or before 1 January of each year, in accordance with paragraph 14 (a) of the financial rules of the Conference of the Parties;
8. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary to make transfers between each of the main appropriation lines as set out in table 1 below, up to an aggregate limit of 20 per cent of the total estimated expenditure for those appropriation lines, provided that a further limitation

³ Decision 2/COP.1, annex.

⁴ Decision 3/COP.8.

⁵ ICCD/COP(12)/5, Corr.1 and Corr.2; ICCD/COP(12)/6-ICCD/CRIC(14)/2 and Corr.1; ICCD/COP(12)/7; ICCD/CRIC(14)/3; ICCD/COP(12)/8; ICCD/COP(12)/9; and ICCD/COP(12)/11 and Corr.1.

of up to minus 25 per cent of each such appropriation line shall apply, and *requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Conference of the Parties on any such transfers;

9. *Also authorizes* the Executive Secretary to establish lower-level positions in addition to the approved staffing table as set out in table 2 below within a budget for staff costs not to exceed EUR 10,581,075;

10. *Invites* the United Nations General Assembly to include, in the calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium 2016–2017, the sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies envisaged for the biennium;

11. *Approves* a contingency budget as set out in table 3 below, amounting to EUR 2,073,550, for conference servicing, to be added to the programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017 in the event that the General Assembly decides not to provide resources for these activities in the United Nations regular budget;

12. *Takes note* of the estimated additional costs of up to EUR 1,496,000, as set out in table 4 below, in the event that the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties is held in Bonn, Germany;

13. *Decides* that, to the extent that offsetting voluntary contributions for the purpose expressed in paragraph 11 do not reach this amount, the balance will be included in the contingency budget for conference servicing;

14. *Recognizes* that the holding of meetings of the UNCCD across all the five regions facilitates exchange of relevant experiences among Parties, encourages Parties to volunteer to host these meetings, and in this regard requests the Executive Secretary, where possible, to encourage rotation of the meetings among the regions, while mindful of the fact that hosting remains voluntary;

15. *Further decides* that in instances where the CRIC and the CST are to hold intersessional meetings, such meetings should preferably be held back-to-back;

16. *Takes note* of the funding estimates for the Special Trust Fund specified by the Executive Secretary in table 5 below, *decides* to allocate adequate resources for funding the preparatory regional coordination meetings back-to-back to the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties contemplating all Regional Implementation Annexes in a balanced and equitable manner, and *invites* Parties to make contributions to this Fund;

17. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth session on the status of income and expenditure and on budget performance, using a results-based approach;

18. *Notes* the ongoing discussions at the United Nations General Assembly on the requirements for After Service Health Insurance, and in the event that a decision is reached on the subject, *requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare a report for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth session;

19. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare a results-based budget and work programmes for the biennium 2018–2019, in line with decision 1/COP.12 on workplans, presenting budget scenarios and work programmes based on the projected needs for the biennium in (1) a zero nominal growth scenario; and (2) a scenario based on further recommended adjustments to the first scenario and their associated costs;

Financial performance of the Convention trust funds

20. *Takes note* of the financial statements for the bienniums 2012–2013 and 2014–2015, the report on financial performance and the reports on the implementation of the work

programmes for the biennium 2014–2015 of the secretariat and the Global Mechanism, and the status of contributions as at 30 September 2015;

21. *Notes* that The Strategy is due to expire in 2018, *authorizes* the Executive Secretary, on an exceptional one-time basis, to use up to and not exceeding EUR 300,000⁶ from the reserves of the Trust Fund for the Core Budget of the UNCCD, to facilitate the consideration of the post-2018 strategic priorities for the Convention by Parties, through the work of Intergovernmental Working Group on the future strategic framework of the Convention and, within the context of CRIC 15;

22. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary, on a one-time exceptional basis, to use an amount not exceeding EUR 120,000, from the reserves of the Trust Fund for the Core Budget of the UNCCD for the purpose of the budget of the Science-Policy Interface (SPI);

23. *Expresses appreciation* to Parties that have paid their contributions to the core budget in a timely manner;

24. *Calls upon* Parties that have not paid their contributions to the core budget to do so without delay, bearing in mind that contributions are expected on or before 1 January of each year;

25. *Urges* Parties with outstanding contributions to make a renewed effort to address this issue as expeditiously as possible to enhance the financial stability of the Convention through contributions by all Parties;

26. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to engage Parties with outstanding contributions with a view to the Parties entering into a voluntary plan to pay the outstanding contribution and to continue to report on the implementation of any arrangements regarding outstanding contributions;

27. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report on core budget contributions made by Parties for prior financial periods that have been received during the biennium 2016–2017;

28. *Expresses appreciation* for the contributions received from Parties to the Supplementary Fund, the Special Fund and the extrabudgetary funds of the GM;

Evaluation reports

29. *Takes note* of the proposed 2016–2017 workplan of the UNCCD Evaluation Office.

⁶ Of this amount, up to a maximum of EUR 100,000 is allocated for the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Future Strategic Framework of the Convention.

Table 1
Resource requirements by subprogramme
 (Euros)

<i>I. Secretariat programmes</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>Total core budget</i>
A. Executive direction and management	1 022 042	1 028 043	2 050 085
B. External relations, policy and advocacy	1 077 000	1 095 900	2 172 900
C. Knowledge management, science and technology	751 700	764 100	1 515 800
D. Facilitation of monitoring and implementation	1 209 000	1 228 600	2 437 600
E. Administrative services	1 281 864	1 227 187	2 509 051
<i>II. Global Mechanism</i>			
F. Global Mechanism	1 765 650	1 874 650	3 640 300
Subtotal (A-F)	7 107 256	7 218 480	14 325 736
III. Programme support costs (13%)	923 943	938 403	1 862 346
IV. Working capital reserve	0	0	0
TOTAL (I-IV)	8 031 199	8 156 883	16 188 082
Income			
Contribution from the host Government	511 292	511 292	1 022 584
Unspent balances from prior financial periods	100 000	100 000	200 000
Indicative contributions	7 419 907	7 545 591	14 965 498
TOTAL Income	8 031 199	8 156 883	16 188 082

Table 2
Staffing requirements

	Actual		Required	
	2015	2016	2016	2017
<u>Secretariat</u>				
A. Professional category and above				
ASG	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
D-2 ^a	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
D-1	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P-5	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
P-4	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
P-3	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
P-2	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
P-1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal A. Professional category and above	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
B. General Service category	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Total (A + B)	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00
^a Subject to the reclassification approval by the Office of Human Resources Management				
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	Actual		Required	
	2015	2016	2016	2017
<u>Global Mechanism</u>				
A. Professional category and above				
D-2	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
D-1	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
P-5	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
P-4	3.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
P-3	0.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
P-2	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Subtotal A. Professional category and above	9.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
B. General Service category	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Total (A + B)	13.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
Grand total	44.00	45.00	45.00	45.00

Table 3
Contingency budget for conference servicing
 (Euros)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>2014–2015</i>	<i>2016–2017</i>
United Nations meetings services	1 835 000	1 835 000
Programme support costs	238 550	238 550
TOTAL	2 073 550	2 073 550

Table 4
**Resource requirements for hosting the thirteenth session of the
 Conference of the Parties in Bonn**
 (Euros)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>2014–2015</i>	<i>2016–2017</i>
Incremental costs	1 204 000	1 204 000
Contingencies	120 000	120 000
Subtotal	1 324 000	1 324 000
Programme support costs	172 000	172 000
TOTAL	1 496 000	1 496 000

Table 5
**Estimated resource requirements for participation in the United Nations Convention
 to Combat Desertification process for the biennium 2016–2017**
 (Euros)

<i>Sessions</i>	<i>Estimated cost</i>
Fifteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention	900 000
Preparatory Regional meetings held back to back with COP 13	90 000
Thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties ^a	1 300 000
	2 290 000

^a Includes estimates for the participation of affected country representatives, e.g. national focal points, with a second rep from least developed countries, and science and technology correspondents.

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Annex I

Indicative scale of contributions for the core budget of the Convention for 2016–2017

<i>Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification^a</i>		<i>United Nations scale (^b)</i>	<i>Indicative scale of assessment for 2016</i>	<i>2016 indicative contributions (Euros)</i>	<i>Indicative scale of assessment for 2017</i>	<i>2017 indicative contributions (Euros)</i>	<i>Total amount payable (Euros)</i>	
1	Afghanistan	LDC	0.005	0.005	373	0.005	380	753
2	Albania		0.010	0.010	747	0.010	759	1,506
3	Algeria		0.137	0.138	10,231	0.138	10,404	20,635
4	Andorra		0.008	0.008	597	0.008	608	1,205
5	Angola	LDC	0.010	0.010	747	0.010	759	1,506
6	Antigua and Barbuda		0.002	0.002	149	0.002	152	301
7	Argentina		0.432	0.435	32,260	0.435	32,807	65,067
8	Armenia		0.007	0.007	523	0.007	532	1,055
9	Australia		2.074	2.087	154,878	2.087	157,502	312,380
10	Austria		0.798	0.803	59,592	0.803	60,601	120,193
11	Azerbaijan		0.040	0.040	2,987	0.040	3,038	6,025
12	Bahamas		0.017	0.017	1,269	0.017	1,291	2,560
13	Bahrain		0.039	0.039	2,912	0.039	2,962	5,874
14	Bangladesh	LDC	0.010	0.010	747	0.010	759	1,506
15	Barbados		0.008	0.008	597	0.008	608	1,205
16	Belarus		0.056	0.056	4,182	0.056	4,253	8,435
17	Belgium		0.998	1.004	74,527	1.004	75,789	150,316
18	Belize		0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
19	Benin	LDC	0.003	0.003	224	0.003	228	452
20	Bhutan	LDC	0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
21	Bolivia		0.009	0.009	672	0.009	683	1,355
22	Bosnia and Herzegovina		0.017	0.017	1,269	0.017	1,291	2,560
23	Botswana		0.017	0.017	1,269	0.017	1,291	2,560
24	Brazil		2.934	2.953	219,100	2.953	222,811	441,911
25	Brunei Darussalam		0.026	0.026	1,942	0.026	1,974	3,916
26	Bulgaria		0.047	0.047	3,510	0.047	3,569	7,079
27	Burkina Faso	LDC	0.003	0.003	224	0.003	228	452
28	Burundi	LDC	0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
29	Cabo Verde		0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
30	Cambodia	LDC	0.004	0.004	299	0.004	304	603
31	Cameroon		0.012	0.012	896	0.012	911	1,807

32	Central African Republic	LDC	0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
33	Chad	LDC	0.002	0.002	149	0.002	152	301
34	Chile		0.334	0.336	24,942	0.336	25,364	50,306
35	China		5.148	5.181	384,433	5.181	390,945	775,378
36	Colombia		0.259	0.261	19,341	0.261	19,669	39,010
37	Comoros	LDC	0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
38	Congo		0.005	0.005	373	0.005	380	753
39	Cook Islands		0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
40	Costa Rica		0.038	0.038	2,838	0.038	2,886	5,724
41	Côte d'Ivoire		0.011	0.011	821	0.011	835	1,656
42	Croatia		0.126	0.127	9,409	0.127	9,569	18,978
43	Cuba		0.069	0.069	5,153	0.069	5,240	10,393
44	Cyprus		0.047	0.047	3,510	0.047	3,569	7,079
45	Czech Republic		0.386	0.388	28,825	0.388	29,313	58,138
46	Democratic People's Republic of Korea		0.006	0.006	448	0.006	456	904
47	Democratic Republic of the Congo	LDC	0.003	0.003	224	0.003	228	452
48	Denmark		0.675	0.679	50,406	0.679	51,260	101,666
49	Djibouti	LDC	0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
50	Dominica		0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
51	Dominican Republic		0.045	0.045	3,360	0.045	3,417	6,777
52	Ecuador		0.044	0.044	3,286	0.044	3,341	6,627
53	Egypt		0.134	0.135	10,007	0.135	10,176	20,183
54	El Salvador		0.016	0.016	1,195	0.016	1,215	2,410
55	Equatorial Guinea	LDC	0.010	0.010	747	0.010	759	1,506
56	Eritrea	LDC	0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
57	Estonia		0.040	0.040	2,987	0.040	3,038	6,025
58	Ethiopia	LDC	0.010	0.010	747	0.010	759	1,506
59	European Union		2.500	2.500	185,498	2.500	188,640	374,138
60	Fiji		0.003	0.003	224	0.003	228	452
61	Finland		0.519	0.522	38,757	0.522	39,413	78,170
62	France		5.593	5.629	417,664	5.629	424,739	842,403
63	Gabon		0.020	0.020	1,494	0.020	1,519	3,013
64	Gambia	LDC	0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
65	Georgia		0.007	0.007	523	0.007	532	1,055
66	Germany		7.141	7.187	533,263	7.187	542,296	1,075,559
67	Ghana		0.014	0.014	1,045	0.014	1,063	2,108
68	Greece		0.638	0.642	47,643	0.642	48,450	96,093
69	Grenada		0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
70	Guatemala		0.027	0.027	2,016	0.027	2,050	4,066
71	Guinea	LDC	0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149

72	Guinea-Bissau	LDC	0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
73	Guyana		0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
74	Haiti	LDC	0.003	0.003	224	0.003	228	452
75	Honduras		0.008	0.008	597	0.008	608	1,205
76	Hungary		0.266	0.268	19,864	0.268	20,200	40,064
77	Iceland		0.027	0.027	2,016	0.027	2,050	4,066
78	India		0.666	0.670	49,734	0.670	50,577	100,311
79	Indonesia		0.346	0.348	25,838	0.348	26,276	52,114
80	Iran, (Islamic Republic of)		0.356	0.358	26,585	0.358	27,035	53,620
81	Iraq		0.068	0.068	5,078	0.068	5,164	10,242
82	Ireland		0.418	0.421	31,215	0.421	31,743	62,958
83	Israel		0.396	0.399	29,572	0.399	30,073	59,645
84	Italy		4.448	4.477	332,160	4.477	337,786	669,946
85	Jamaica		0.011	0.011	821	0.011	835	1,656
86	Japan		10.833	10.903	808,967	10.903	822,670	1,631,637
87	Jordan		0.022	0.022	1,643	0.022	1,671	3,314
88	Kazakhstan		0.121	0.122	9,036	0.122	9,189	18,225
89	Kenya		0.013	0.013	971	0.013	987	1,958
90	Kiribati	LDC	0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
91	Kuwait		0.273	0.275	20,387	0.275	20,732	41,119
92	Kyrgyzstan		0.002	0.002	149	0.002	152	301
93	Lao People's Democratic Republic	LDC	0.002	0.002	149	0.002	152	301
94	Latvia		0.047	0.047	3,510	0.047	3,569	7,079
95	Lebanon		0.042	0.042	3,136	0.042	3,190	6,326
96	Lesotho	LDC	0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
97	Liberia	LDC	0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
98	Libya		0.142	0.143	10,604	0.143	10,784	21,388
99	Liechtenstein		0.009	0.009	672	0.009	683	1,355
100	Lithuania		0.073	0.073	5,451	0.073	5,544	10,995
101	Luxembourg		0.081	0.082	6,049	0.082	6,151	12,200
102	Madagascar	LDC	0.003	0.003	224	0.003	228	452
103	Malawi	LDC	0.002	0.002	149	0.002	152	301
104	Malaysia		0.281	0.283	20,984	0.283	21,339	42,323
105	Maldives		0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
106	Mali	LDC	0.004	0.004	299	0.004	304	603
107	Malta		0.016	0.016	1,195	0.016	1,215	2,410
108	Marshall Islands		0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
109	Mauritania	LDC	0.002	0.002	149	0.002	152	301
110	Mauritius		0.013	0.013	971	0.013	987	1,958
111	Mexico		1.842	1.854	137,553	1.854	139,884	277,437

112	Micronesia (Federated States of)		0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
113	Moldova, Republic of		0.003	0.003	224	0.003	228	452
114	Monaco		0.012	0.012	896	0.012	911	1,807
115	Mongolia		0.003	0.003	224	0.003	228	452
116	Montenegro		0.005	0.005	373	0.005	380	753
117	Morocco		0.062	0.062	4,630	0.062	4,708	9,338
118	Mozambique	LDC	0.003	0.003	224	0.003	228	452
119	Myanmar	LDC	0.010	0.010	747	0.010	759	1,506
120	Namibia		0.010	0.010	747	0.010	759	1,506
121	Nauru		0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
122	Nepal	LDC	0.006	0.006	448	0.006	456	904
123	Netherlands		1.654	1.665	123,514	1.665	125,607	249,121
124	New Zealand		0.253	0.255	18,893	0.255	19,213	38,106
125	Nicaragua		0.003	0.003	224	0.003	228	452
126	Niger	LDC	0.002	0.002	149	0.002	152	301
127	Nigeria		0.090	0.091	6,721	0.091	6,835	13,556
128	Niue		0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
129	Norway		0.851	0.856	63,549	0.856	64,626	128,175
130	Oman		0.102	0.103	7,617	0.103	7,746	15,363
131	Pakistan		0.085	0.086	6,347	0.086	6,455	12,802
132	Palau		0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
133	Panama		0.026	0.026	1,942	0.026	1,974	3,916
134	Papua New Guinea		0.004	0.004	299	0.004	304	603
135	Paraguay		0.010	0.010	747	0.010	759	1,506
136	Peru		0.117	0.118	8,737	0.118	8,885	17,622
137	Philippines		0.154	0.155	11,500	0.155	11,695	23,195
138	Poland		0.921	0.927	68,777	0.927	69,942	138,719
139	Portugal		0.474	0.477	35,397	0.477	35,996	71,393
140	Qatar		0.209	0.210	15,607	0.210	15,872	31,479
141	Republic of Korea		1.994	2.007	148,904	2.007	151,427	300,331
142	Romania		0.226	0.227	16,877	0.227	17,163	34,040
143	Russian Federation		2.438	2.454	182,060	2.454	185,145	367,205
144	Rwanda	LDC	0.002	0.002	149	0.002	152	301
145	Saint Kitts and Nevis		0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
146	Saint Lucia		0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
147	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
148	Samoa		0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
149	San Marino		0.003	0.003	224	0.003	228	452
150	Sao Tome and Principe	LDC	0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
151	Saudi Arabia		0.864	0.870	64,520	0.870	65,613	130,133
152	Senegal	LDC	0.006	0.006	448	0.006	456	904

153	Serbia		0.040	0.040	2,987	0.040	3,038	6,025
154	Seychelles		0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
155	Sierra Leone	LDC	0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
156	Singapore		0.384	0.386	28,676	0.386	29,161	57,837
157	Slovakia		0.171	0.172	12,770	0.172	12,986	25,756
158	Slovenia		0.100	0.101	7,468	0.101	7,594	15,062
159	Solomon Islands	LDC	0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
160	Somalia	LDC	0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
161	South Africa		0.372	0.374	27,780	0.374	28,250	56,030
162	South Sudan	LDC	0.004	0.004	299	0.004	304	603
163	Spain		2.973	2.992	222,012	2.992	225,773	447,785
164	Sri Lanka		0.025	0.025	1,867	0.025	1,899	3,766
165	Sudan	LDC	0.010	0.010	747	0.010	759	1,506
166	Suriname		0.004	0.004	299	0.004	304	603
167	Swaziland		0.003	0.003	224	0.003	228	452
168	Sweden		0.960	0.966	71,689	0.966	72,904	144,593
169	Switzerland		1.047	1.054	78,186	1.054	79,510	157,696
170	Syrian Arab Republic		0.036	0.036	2,688	0.036	2,734	5,422
171	Tajikistan		0.003	0.003	224	0.003	228	452
172	Thailand		0.239	0.241	17,848	0.241	18,150	35,998
173	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		0.008	0.008	597	0.008	608	1,205
174	Timor-Leste	LDC	0.002	0.002	149	0.002	152	301
175	Togo	LDC	0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
176	Tonga		0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
177	Trinidad and Tobago		0.044	0.044	3,286	0.044	3,341	6,627
178	Tunisia		0.036	0.036	2,688	0.036	2,734	5,422
179	Turkey		1.328	1.337	99,170	1.337	100,850	200,020
180	Turkmenistan		0.019	0.019	1,419	0.019	1,443	2,862
181	Tuvalu	LDC	0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
182	Uganda	LDC	0.006	0.006	448	0.006	456	904
183	Ukraine		0.099	0.100	7,393	0.100	7,518	14,911
184	United Arab Emirates		0.595	0.599	44,432	0.599	45,185	89,617
185	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		5.179	5.212	386,748	5.212	393,299	780,047
186	United Republic of Tanzania	LDC	0.009	0.009	672	0.009	683	1,355
187	United States of America ^c		22.000	22.000	1,632,380	22.000	1,660,030	3,292,410
188	Uruguay		0.052	0.052	3,883	0.052	3,949	7,832
189	Uzbekistan		0.015	0.015	1,120	0.015	1,139	2,259
190	Vanuatu	LDC	0.001	0.001	74	0.001	75	149
191	Venezuela		0.627	0.631	46,822	0.631	47,615	94,437

192	Viet Nam		0.042	0.042	3,136	0.042	3,190	6,326
193	Yemen	LDC	0.010	0.010	747	0.010	759	1,506
194	Zambia	LDC	0.006	0.006	448	0.006	456	904
195	Zimbabwe		0.002	0.002	149	0.002	152	301
Total from Parties			99,518	100.000	7,419,907	100.000	7,545,591	14,965,498

^a Parties include States and regional economic integration organizations that are Parties as of 30 September 2015.

^b Least developed country.

^c The United States of America views its funding to the core budget of the Convention as a voluntary contribution.

Annex II

An overview of budget use in the context of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification results framework

<i>United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification strategic objectives</i>	<i>2016–2019 main outcomes</i>	<i>Outcome indicators</i>
1. Improvement in living conditions of affected populations	<p>1.1 Improved resilience to the effects of climate change of people living in affected areas</p> <p>1.2 Improved knowledge of reducing socio-economic and environmental vulnerability related to desertification/land degradation and drought (DLDD)</p>	<p>1.1 The extent to which the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) implementation by Parties contributes to climate change adaptation using land-based approaches</p> <p>1.2 Availability of information to improve socio-economic drivers of sustainable land management (SLM), with a particular focus on UNCCD priorities</p>

Approximate resource allocation under the core budget for the achievement of strategic objective 1 amounts to 4.4 million euros, including both staff and non-staff costs.

2. Improved condition of affected ecosystems	<p>2.1 Reduction of the area affected by land degradation</p> <p>2.2 Up-to-date information on the status of DLDD</p> <p>2.3 Targeted scientific inputs on addressing DLDD</p>	<p>2.1 The extent to which affected country Parties establish targets for addressing land degradation and rehabilitation</p> <p>2.2 Improved reporting on the status of DLDD, and related activities</p> <p>2.3 The extent to which scientific cooperation involving the UNCCD provides robust data and ideas for effective implementation</p>
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Approximate resource allocation under the core budget for the achievement of strategic objective 2 amounts to 5.4 million euros, including both staff and non-staff costs.

3. Generation of global benefits	3.1 SLM and combating DLDD contributes to, and benefits from, activities on climate change and biodiversity, as well as on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals	<p>3.1.a The extent to which the UNCCD implementation by Parties contributes to climate change mitigation using land-based approaches</p> <p>3.1.b The extent to which affected country Parties address DLDD, and biodiversity loss in a synergistic manner</p>
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Approximate resource allocation under the core budget for the achievement of strategic objective 3 amounts to 2.0 million euros, including both staff and non-staff costs.

<i>United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification strategic objectives</i>	<i>2016–2019 main outcomes</i>	<i>Outcome indicators</i>
4. Resource mobilization through partnerships	4.1 Improved access to resources for implementation 4.2 Enabling policy environments are improved for the UNCCD implementation at all levels	4.1 Scope and extent of funding sources to combat DLDD 4.2 The number of countries that have taken measures to develop enabling policy environments for the UNCCD implementation through partnerships

Approximate resource allocation under the core budget for the achievement of strategic objective 4 amounts to 2.5 million euros, including both staff and non-staff costs.
