

## Decision 10/COP.9

### Collaboration with the Global Environment Facility

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* articles 5, 6, 20, in particular paragraph 2(b), and 21 of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification,

*Recalling also* its decisions 6/COP.6, 6/COP.7 and 6/COP.8 on collaboration with the Global Environment Facility,

*Recalling further* decision 3/COP.8, in particular paragraph 35,

*Taking note* of the report of the secretariat contained in document ICCD/CRIC(8)/3 and the report of the Global Environment Facility contained in document ICCD/CRIC(8)/3/Add.1,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Global Environment Facility for its continued support for the implementation of the Convention and its focus on enhancing sustainable land management policies and initiatives;
2. *Takes note* of the analysis provided by the secretariat of the Global Environment Facility, which shows that more than 80 per cent of the financial resources for the focal area on land degradation (primarily desertification and deforestation) was effectively committed by the midterm of the fourth replenishment of the Facility, indicating that a high level of demand exists for resources for this focal area;
3. *Invites* developed country Parties and other donors to the Global Environment Facility to provide in the fifth replenishment of the Facility adequate, timely and predictable financial resources for the focal area on land degradation with the aim of supporting the implementation of the 10-year strategic plan and framework for enhancing the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018) (The Strategy);
4. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to inform and consult, as appropriate, in a timely manner the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties and the Executive Secretary of the Convention on any further developments regarding the allocation of resources that involve the focal area of land degradation;
5. *Also invites* the Global Environment Facility to continue implementing policy reforms in order to enhance its effectiveness and efficiency in the implementation of the Convention in affected developing country Parties and other eligible country Parties, particularly with regard to the Facility project cycle, the transparency of resource allocation and results monitoring and learning;
6. *Further invites* the Global Environment Facility to facilitate access by affected country Parties, particularly those in Africa, to the full range of Facility funds available for the

implementation of projects and programmes relating to land degradation and desertification, including through the expansion of the programmatic approach;

7. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to include, in its reports to the Conference of the Parties, an analysis of the activities to combat land degradation in drylands that have been funded through the Special Climate Change Fund, the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Kyoto Protocol Adaptation Fund;

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to ensure that the two-year joint work programme of the secretariat and the Global Mechanism gives due attention to coordination and liaison with the Global Environment Facility with the aim of establishing exchanges as regards preferred policy approaches that lead to resource mobilization;

9. *Also requests* the Global Mechanism to finalize its strategy to operationalize its complementary role to the Global Environment Facility, as requested in The Strategy;

10. *Welcomes* the joint initiative of the United Nations Environment Programme, the Global Environment Facility and the Convention secretariat as contained in document ICCD/CRIC(8)/INF.3 to engage in a long-term capacity-building initiative relating to monitoring the implementation of The Strategy and the Convention, which will enhance national reporting under the Convention;

11. *Urges* stakeholders to look for synergies in monitoring environmental conventions through the use of similar indicators and similar methodological approaches relating to data collection and assistance for affected country Parties for the preparation of national reports;

12. *Requests* the Executive Secretary and *invites* the Chief Executive Officer/Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility, as a financial mechanism of the Convention, to report to the Conference of the Parties at its tenth session on the implementation of this decision.

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2 October 2009*