

Decision 12/COP.8

Functioning of the Committee on Science and Technology

The Conference of the Parties,

Recognizing the need to facilitate the work of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) Bureau by, inter alia, holding an intersessional meeting,

Taking note of the report of the CST Bureau contained in document ICCD/COP(8)/CST/4 and the observations made by the CST during its eighth session,

Bearing in mind the proposed 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018) referred to in decision 3/COP.8, and in particular the implementation framework for the CST,

1. *Requests* the secretariat to facilitate the convening of at least one intersessional meeting of the CST Bureau per year for the review of decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties (COP) and other related matters regarding the work of the CST, especially the planning and organization of the next session of the CST;
2. *Further requests* the CST Bureau in discharging its duties to increase cooperation with other conventions and relevant scientific processes;
3. *Decides* to consider the possibility of the CST holding one intersessional meeting and one shorter meeting that will be held in conjunction with the COP.

*3rd plenary meeting
7 September 2007*