

Decision 13/COP.10

Assessment of the implementation of the Convention against performance indicators

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the extensive process undertaken by Parties in assessing the implementation of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018) (The Strategy) and the Convention, in accordance with decision 13/COP.9,

Recalling also decision 13/COP.9, in particular its annex III, and decision 11/COP.9 containing the terms of reference of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention,

Appreciating the financial support received from the Global Environment Facility, the European Union, Spain and Germany to fund the global programme and to facilitate capacity-building for reporting in the period 2010–2011,

Mindful of the deliberations and outcome of the various regional meetings organized in the context of the Regional Implementation Annexes of the Convention,

Having reviewed the comprehensive report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on its ninth session held in Bonn, Germany, from 21 to 25 February 2011,

Recognizing that significant steps have been taken to monitor and assess the implementation of The Strategy, such as the first reporting cycle by Parties and observers based on quantifiable indicators in 2010–2011, and that important lessons can be learned from these endeavours,

Operational objective 1: advocacy, awareness-raising and education

1. *Invites* Parties to review the means whereby awareness is being raised and to emphasize the most effective ways of communicating in order to reach larger audiences;
2. *Requests* the secretariat, in collaboration with partner organizations, to continue its advocacy role in combating desertification/land degradation and drought and to ensure that such issues are appropriately reflected in the agendas of relevant international meetings, as described in the work programme;
3. *Further invites* Parties, bearing in mind the Convention's comprehensive communication strategy, to step up their efforts to raise awareness of desertification/land degradation and drought, and its linkages with climate change and biodiversity loss in order to increase the level of understanding and hence of awareness of the support needed to implement the Convention effectively and to meet the global target for CONS-O-1 set by decision 13/COP.9, and *invites* developed country Parties to continue providing assistance;

Operational objective 2: policy framework

4. *Invites* Parties and the Convention's institutions to further analyse the reasons for the slow implementation rate of the national action programme alignment process and to

propose corrective measures for consideration by the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention at its eleventh session;

5. *Requests* affected country Parties and annexes to give priority to the alignment of national action programmes, subregional action programmes and regional action programmes with The Strategy, and *also requests* that adequate financial and technical support should continue to be made available to affected country Parties through their technical and financial partners;

6. *Further requests* the secretariat and the Global Mechanism to incorporate in the joint work programme of the next biennium efforts to provide additional technical support and to mobilize financial support for the process of formulation and/or alignment of national action programmes, subregional action programmes and regional action programmes;

7. *Invites* the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention to analyse why only a limited number of partnership agreements have been established and to explore the possibility of increasing the number of such agreements;

8. *Encourages* Parties to the three Rio conventions to consider the need to ensure synergistic planning and programming of the conventions at the national level with support from international organizations and financial institutions within their respective mandates or mechanisms for joint implementation, in accordance with decision 13/COP.9;

Operational objective 3: science, technology and knowledge

9. *Invites* affected country Parties to increase their efforts to establish or further improve existing national monitoring systems dealing specifically with desertification/land degradation and drought;

10. *Invites* developed country Parties and relevant organizations to provide additional technical and financial support to affected country Parties to establish, maintain and improve integrated desertification/land degradation and drought-specific national monitoring systems to contribute to the harmonization of diverse environmental monitoring systems;

11. *Furthermore invites* the Committee on Science and Technology to facilitate knowledge-based reviews and gap analyses in support of the alignment of national, subregional and regional action programmes with The Strategy;

Operational objective 4: capacity-building

12. *Requests* the secretariat and the Global Mechanism to make an effort to improve geographical balance with respect to support rendered for capacity-building as a matter of priority;

13. *Further requests* the Global Mechanism, within available resources, to provide adequate support to affected countries in assessing their financial needs for capacity-building and in incorporating them into integrated investment frameworks;

Review of financial flows for the implementation of the Convention

14. *Invites* the Parties to undertake the processes of aligning national action programmes and preparing integrated investment frameworks concurrently in order to cross-fertilize ideas and to avoid duplication and competition between the processes;

15. *Invites* affected country Parties, with support from the Global Mechanism, to increase their efforts to establish integrated investment frameworks with the aim of ensuring that at least 50 per cent of affected country Parties and subregional and regional entities have developed integrated investment frameworks by 2014;

16. *Requests* the Global Mechanism to further analyse the difficulties encountered by Parties in developing and implementing integrated investment frameworks in order to provide sound guidance for the achievement of the related targets, for consideration by the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention at its eleventh session;
17. *Invites* developed countries, multilateral institutions, the Global Mechanism and the secretariat to provide additional support to eligible affected country Parties, taking into consideration geographical balance, in their efforts to develop integrated investment frameworks, and *further requests* the Global Mechanism to increase its efforts to mobilize new and additional financial resources;
18. *Requests* the Global Mechanism to assist affected country Parties in exploring non-traditional and innovative channels of financial resources;
19. *Invites* the Global Mechanism to increase its efforts to mobilize financial support for concrete implementable activities and projects for affected country Parties;
20. *Calls on* the secretariat and the Global Mechanism, within their respective mandates and as provided in their biennial work programmes, and *invites* developed country Parties to provide assistance for the resource assessment and planning needed at the national level and also to facilitate the formulation of appropriate project proposals at the national level;
21. *Invites* the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention to analyse the reason why the majority of country-level investments related to the Convention are either not considered to contribute or do not contribute to the implementation of national action programmes, and to explore possible solutions for consideration by Parties at the national level;

Preliminary analysis of information contained in the report from the secretariat on the operational objectives of The Strategy

22. *Requests* the secretariat to maintain and update the lists created for consolidated indicators 2 and 11 (official documents and decisions, and lists relating to knowledge-sharing systems) with a view to providing new data for the forthcoming reporting;
23. *Further requests* that the secretariat provide a first trend analysis with reference to participation by civil society organizations and science and technology institutions in the forthcoming reporting process;
24. *Recognizes* the limited use of information provided under consolidated performance indicator 12 (number of science and technology networks, institutions or scientists engaged in research mandated by the Conference of the Parties), and *requests* the secretariat to consider options for further refinement including, as appropriate, replacement or deletion of one or more of the five performance indicators proposed as part of the mid-term evaluation;
25. *Revisits* decision 13/COP.9, in particular annex III of that decision, as well as section III, paragraph 10 (a), of the annex to decision 11/COP.9, and *requests* the secretariat to submit its report on the assessment of implementation, together with the other reporting entities, to the sessions of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention held between ordinary sessions of the Conference of the Parties.

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