

## Decision 13/COP.12

### Assessment of the implementation of the Convention against the operational objectives of The Strategy

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* decisions 11/COP.9, 13/COP.9, 13/COP.10 and 13/COP.11,

*Also recalling* decision 22/COP.11,

*Bearing in mind* decision 3/COP.12,

*Recognizing* the need to improve national reports as effective tools to strengthen the implementation of the Convention, contributing to advocacy, awareness-raising and education,

*Also recognizing* that the scientific contribution to the implementation of the UNCCD should focus on providing applied scientific solutions, traditional knowledge and innovative approaches, and technology transfer, while replicating successful SLM practices at ground level in order to achieve concrete benefits for affected populations and ecosystems,

*Further recognizing* the importance of scaling up and increasing the number of voluntary land degradation neutrality pilot projects and taking into account the Sustainable Development Goals in the NAP alignment process, as appropriate,

*Emphasizing* the need to strengthen the roles of the CST and the Science-Policy Interface, especially with regards to the implementation of SLM practices, with a view to improving the living conditions of affected populations, as well as cooperation between scientists and policymakers,

*Also emphasizing* the importance of national monitoring systems for policy- and decision-makers and other users, and their usefulness to complement information from international data sets,

#### **Operational Objective 1: Advocacy, awareness-raising and education**

1. *Invites* those country Parties having reported a percentage of national awareness of DLDD and its synergies lower than their national targets to step up their communication and education efforts in order to meet their targets, including, as appropriate, through the mobilization of resources for the capacity-building of social communicators, such as the media, CSOs, practitioners and social networks;
2. *Also invites* Parties unable to collect reliable quantitative data about national awareness of DLDD to provide information on national initiatives and practices for achieving operational objective 1;
3. *Further invites* Parties to assess and increase the effectiveness of their advocacy activities and methods of communication regarding DLDD-related issues through various means – including internet-based tools and participatory approaches – with a view to reaching and changing the behaviour, mentality and attitude of a wider audience;
4. *Encourages* affected country Parties to continue monitoring the implementation of their NAPs with regard to policy, measures and actions undertaken in the fields of advocacy, awareness-raising and education;

5. *Invites* Parties to promote DLDD-awareness in their national educational programmes;
6. *Also invites* developed country Parties to support the least developing countries by providing, inter alia, financial resources for advocacy, awareness-raising and education;
7. *Further invites* Parties, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to support and cooperate with affected country Parties in raising awareness of DLDD;
8. *Encourages* affected country Parties to enter into South-South, South-North and triangular cooperation to enhance their efforts in setting and achieving their national targets on advocacy, awareness-raising and education;

### **Operational Objective 3: Science, technology and knowledge**

9. *Invites* affected country Parties to increase their efforts to develop, implement and maintain effective monitoring systems, based primarily on national official data at their discretion, taking into consideration national circumstances and conditions, and to recover discontinued monitoring systems that continue to have significant value and, eventually, to expand the monitoring systems that cover all DLDD issues in part, in order to provide the required specific information;
10. *Requests* the secretariat, in cooperation with the Regional Coordination Mechanisms and subject to the availability of resources, to undertake an analysis of national, subregional, regional and global monitoring systems focusing, inter alia, on their scope, functionality and efficiency with a view to making this information available, after consultation with Parties, to national planners and to those development partners that can contribute technically and financially to the development and maintenance of such capacities, including the private sector;
11. *Invites* Parties to share their experiences in designing and implementing their national monitoring systems, including experiences on gathering knowledge on biophysical and socioeconomic factors and on their interactions in affected areas, and also invites developed country Parties and relevant financial and development institutions to support this effort;
12. *Also invites* affected country Parties to provide national information and technical advice on DLDD with the assistance of the secretariat, with a view to making this information available to those development partners that can contribute technically and financially to the development and maintenance of monitoring systems, including the private sector;
13. *Further invites* affected country Parties to strengthen the implementation of outcomes 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5 with a view to contributing to the achievement of sustainable development in affected areas;
14. *Encourages* affected country Parties, with the support of developed country Parties, relevant financial and development institutions and CSOs, to share successful experiences in the context of national, subregional and regional programmes and South-South and North-South cooperation, which can be adapted as appropriate to the local needs of different countries;
15. *Invites* Parties and the Convention's institutions to enhance efforts aimed at developing knowledge-sharing systems including traditional knowledge on DLDD issues;

**Operational Objective 4: capacity building**

16. *Also invites* developed country Parties and development institutions to provide support to affected country Parties for capacity-building, including training, workshops and resource mobilization related to action programme alignment and implementation;

17. *Further invites* Parties and international organizations, including those in the United Nations system and the Global Environment Facility, to review their capacity-building plans with a view to increasing capacities on matters relating to DLDD in a more coordinated manner, and to enhance the effective use of resources while taking into account the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

18. *Requests* the Convention's institutions to make available information on affected country Parties which, according to the 2014 reporting, need further capacity-building assistance in collaboration and consultation with the interested country Party, with a view to the requests being considered by bilateral donors and multilateral agencies within the framework of possible projects and programmes;

19. *Encourages* Parties to engage in North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation to address capacity-building requirements for effective implementation of the Convention.

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