

Decision 16/COP.2

Benchmarks and indicators

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 22/COP.1, requesting Governments to initiate testing of the implementation indicators identified in document A/AC.241/Inf.4 as revised by document ICCD/COP(1)/CST/3/Add.1, and to report on the utility of such implementation indicators in national reporting to the third session of the Conference of the Parties,

Noting also the consensus on the report of the ad hoc panel that acted as a steering committee to the open-ended informal consultative process on benchmarks and indicators¹,

1. Requests the Conference of the Parties to endorse the methodological framework for impact indicators proposed by the panel¹, pending their testing and validation;

2. Invites Governments to initiate testing of the impact indicators and the practicality of using those indicators in national reporting to the third session of the Conference of the Parties for the affected African country Parties, and the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties for the affected country Parties of the other regions;

3. Encourages the Parties, through the regional groups of the Convention annexes, to identify countries that are sufficiently representative of their regions and subregions, to present their experience in the application of impact indicators to the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties in order to permit evaluation and refinement of the methodology;

4. Encourages also Parties and other countries in a position to provide assistance, as well as international organizations, to mobilize technical and financial support for the affected country Parties, and to initiate the testing of impact indicators, particularly at the national level.

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¹ ICCD/COP(2)/CST/3/Add.1.