

Decision 16/COP.7Traditional knowledge

The Conference of the Parties,

Reaffirming article 17, paragraph 1(c), and article 18, paragraph 2, of the Convention,

Recalling decision 16/COP.6, in particular on how traditional knowledge can contribute to fulfilling the objectives of the Convention,

Bearing in mind the work carried out by the secretariat and the CST on traditional and local knowledge, know-how and practices,

Bearing in mind also the report contained in document ICCD/COP(7)/CST/5,

Taking note of the state of progress in the Iconographic System of Traditional Knowledge and Innovative Use (SITTI) presented during the seventh session of the CST,

1. *Encourages* Parties to develop initiatives on traditional knowledge in collaboration with other institutions and organizations;
2. *Invites* Parties to protect, promote and use traditional knowledge, involving local experts and local communities;
3. *Further invites* Parties to foster integration of traditional and modern knowledge in combating desertification.

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