

Decision 18/COP.11

Additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 22, paragraph 2 (a), (c), (d) and (h) of the Convention,

Also recalling article 23, paragraph 2 (a), (b), and (c), and article 26 of the Convention,

Having considered the terms of reference of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention contained in decision 11/COP.9,

Also having considered decisions 12/COP.9 and 13/COP.9,

Taking note of document ICCD/COP(11)/21, and in particular the recommendations relating to planning, monitoring and evaluation, the improved implementation of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018) (The Strategy) and the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention,

Highlighting the importance of allocating sufficient time for discussions among Parties on the review of implementation of The Strategy at intersessional sessions of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, and the need to consider time constraints resulting from the assignment of additional tasks to the Committee,

1. *Decides* that the intersessional session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, based on its review of performance indicators, shall give recommendations to entities of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) on priorities to be included in their programme of work and budget for the following programming biennium;
2. *Requests* the secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, to use the outcomes of intersessional deliberations of the Committee to inform the drafting of decisions and recommendations for consideration by country Parties at the Conference of the Parties;
3. *Also requests* the secretariat and the Global Mechanism, as appropriate and relevant, to synthesize the outcomes of intersessional sessions of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, including on best practices, into information and capacity-building material to guide Parties in their efforts to enhance the implementation of the Convention;
4. *Further requests* the Bureau of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, with the support of the secretariat, to promote the improvement of interlinkages between the work of the Bureau of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and that of the regional coordination mechanisms, subject to the availability of resources, with the aim to encourage the effective

implementation of national, subregional and regional action programmes and to build capacity for the national and local implementation of The Strategy;

5. *Requests* the Bureaux of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and the Committee on Science and Technology, with the support of the secretariat, to jointly propose how scientific considerations based on the outcomes of the Committee on Science and Technology could be better integrated into the exchanges taking place during intersessional sessions of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, in order to improve the incorporation of science into policy considerations under the UNCCD;

6. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to report on the implementation of the present decision at the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth session.

*9th plenary meeting
26 September 2013*