

Decision 20/COP.13

Promoting the analysis, dissemination and accessibility of best practices and the UNCCD Knowledge Hub

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decisions 15/COP.10 and 20/COP.12,

Noting with appreciation the work done by the secretariat on the development of the Scientific Knowledge Brokering Portal, which is now embedded in the UNCCD Knowledge Hub, and the improvements to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) knowledge-sharing services, integrating various knowledge tools under one platform,

Acknowledging the efforts by the secretariat and the World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies (WOCAT) in promoting the analysis, dissemination and accessibility of best practices in sustainable land management,

Having considered document ICCD/COP(13)/CST/8,

1. *Requests* the secretariat to continue the expansion and further enhancement of the UNCCD Knowledge Hub, facilitating UNCCD stakeholders in sharing success stories, lessons learned and best practices related to their implementation activities, and providing access to knowledge sources of partners in order to facilitate the dissemination of relevant knowledge to all stakeholders;
2. *Encourages* Parties and *invites* other stakeholders to continue to share information on knowledge-sharing systems and other relevant information on desertification/land degradation and drought and sustainable land management through the UNCCD Knowledge Hub;
3. *Requests* the secretariat to clearly identify the different sources of information and the different categories in the UNCCD Knowledge Hub;
4. *Invites* experts nominated by country Parties to continue to ensure the information in their respective profile on the UNCCD Knowledge Hub is up-to-date by, inter alia, adding links to recent relevant publications and websites;
5. *Encourages* Parties and *invites* other stakeholders to continue submitting cases of relevant best practices in order to increase the knowledge base on sustainable land management;
6. *Invites* Parties and financial institutions to support the maintenance, expansion, and further enhancement and development of the UNCCD Knowledge Hub.

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14 September 2017*