

Decision 22/COP.13

Cooperation with other intergovernmental scientific panels and bodies

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decisions 23/COP.11, and 21/COP.12,

Noting with appreciation the work conducted by the Science-Policy Interface in implementing the coordination activities included in its work programme for the biennium 2016–2017,

Welcoming the progress made by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services on the preparation of the Land Degradation and Restoration Assessment,

Recognizing the contribution of the Science-Policy Interface to the Land Degradation and Restoration Assessment,

Welcoming the initiative undertaken jointly by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Science-Policy Interface, the Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils of the Global Soil Partnership, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the World Meteorological Organization to organize the Global Symposium on Soil Organic Carbon to review the role of soil and soil organic carbon management in the context of climate change, sustainable development and land degradation neutrality,

Recognizing the contribution of the Science-Policy Interface, with the support of the secretariat, to the scoping process for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change special report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems,

Acknowledging the role played by the Science-Policy Interface in the development of the first edition of the Global Land Outlook,

Having considered documents ICCD/COP(13)/CST/5 and ICCD/COP(13)/CST/INF.1,

1. *Requests* the Science-Policy Interface to review the Land Degradation and Restoration Assessment, analyse its key messages relevant to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and present an analysis at the fourteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology;
2. *Also requests* the Science-Policy Interface to contribute to the preparation and review of the special report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems and the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in a timely manner and in accordance with the procedure established by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change;
3. *Encourages* the Science-Policy Interface to continue its cooperation with the Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils by following up on any UNCCD-relevant activities emerging from the conclusions of the Global Symposium on Soil Organic Carbon, considering the pivotal role of soil organic carbon in land degradation neutrality;

4. *Requests* the secretariat to notify Parties, the Science-Policy Interface and experts included on the UNCCD roster of independent experts of the call for expert reviewers for the special report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems;
5. *Also requests* the secretariat to facilitate the participation of (i) the UNCCD representatives in the sessions of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change dealing with the special report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems and the Sixth Assessment Report; and (ii) the Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology in the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services as an observer;
6. *Further requests* the secretariat to facilitate the involvement of the Science-Policy Interface in steering, developing and reviewing the second edition of the Global Land Outlook.

*9th plenary meeting
14 September 2017*