

Decision 23/COP.12

Programme of work for the thirteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 23 of the Convention,

Recalling decisions 16/COP.3, 16/COP.4, 16/COP.5, 20/COP.6, 20/COP.7, 18/COP.8, 26/COP.9, 27/COP.10 and 29/COP.11 on the programme of work of the CST,

Bearing in mind The Strategy adopted by decision 3/COP.8, particularly operational objective 3 on science, technology and knowledge and its related outcomes,

Recalling decisions 13/COP.8, 16/COP.9, 18/COP.10 and 21/COP.11 on reshaping the operation of the CST in line with The Strategy,

Recalling decision 23/COP.11 on the establishment of the SPI, particularly paragraph two, which specifies that the SPI will function up to the end of the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties, at which point it will be reviewed,

Having reviewed the proposed work programme of the SPI for the biennium 2016–2017, as contained in decision 21/COP.12,

1. *Decides* that the thirteenth session of the CST should focus, inter alia, on the review of the work conducted by the SPI during the biennium 2016–2017 and on its overall achievements since its establishment in order to decide on the future functioning of the SPI;
2. *Also decides* that the thirteenth session of the CST should be organized in such a way as to facilitate a thematic dialogue between the Parties and the SPI regarding the policy implications of the scientific outputs, and to enable the formulation of policy-relevant recommendations.
3. *Requests* the secretariat to circulate, in all six official languages of the United Nations, at least six weeks prior to the thirteenth session of the CST, a provisional annotated agenda and appropriate documentation for that session.

4th plenary meeting

16 October 2015