

Decision 23/COP.13

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

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling articles 23 and 24 of the Convention,

Recalling decisions 13/COP.8 and 21/COP.11 on reshaping the operation of the Committee on Science and Technology,

Also recalling decision 19/COP.12 on improving the efficiency of the Committee on Science and Technology,

Bearing in mind the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework, in particular the implementation framework for the Committee on Science and Technology,

Having reviewed the proposed work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2018–2019, as contained in the annex of decision 21/COP.13,

1. *Decides* that the fourteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology should focus, inter alia, on the objectives and coordination activities identified in the work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2018–2019;
2. *Also decides* that the fourteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology should be organized in such a way as to facilitate a thematic dialogue between the Parties and the Science-Policy Interface regarding the policy implications of the scientific outputs, and to enable the formulation of policy-relevant recommendations;
3. *Requests* the secretariat to circulate a provisional annotated agenda and appropriate documentation for that session in all six official languages of the United Nations, at least six weeks prior to the fourteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology.

9th plenary meeting

14 September 2017