

## Decision 24/COP.11

### **Improvement of knowledge management, including traditional knowledge, best practices and success stories**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* articles 6, 17, 18 and 19 of the Convention,

*Also recalling* decisions 15/COP.1, 4/COP.9, paragraph 9 and 21/COP.10, paragraph 1,

*Underlining* the importance of scientific knowledge-brokering functions in the process of the Convention,

*Reaffirming* the role of the Committee on Science and Technology in creating and steering knowledge management systems in order to improve the brokering of scientific and technical information from and to institutions, Parties and end-users,

*Recalling* decision 3/COP.8, annex, paragraph 20 (b) (ii) b, which requested the secretariat to develop its capacity to service the Committee on Science and Technology effectively by supporting the knowledge management systems established by the Committee on Science and Technology and performing information and knowledge brokering functions,

*Having reviewed* documents ICCD/COP(11)/CST/6 and ICCD/CRIC(12)/4-ICCD/COP(11)/CST/7,

*Being aware* of decision 17/COP.11 on consideration of best practices in the implementation of the Convention,

*Noting* the progress made on the improvement of knowledge management in the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD),

1. *Requests* the secretariat to continue its activities, subject to availability of financial resources, to improve knowledge management by, among others:

(a) Continuing active partnership-building activities with organizations and institutions that maintain content repositories and that have knowledge management activities and expertise relevant to the UNCCD;

(b) Making further improvements to the website by updating information regularly, improving access to information in languages other than English and enhancing site navigation and search functionalities;

(c) Making further internal knowledge management improvements and initiating training courses to adjust to the new technical environment and applications;

(d) Maintaining and updating the classification scheme to ensure that it remains relevant to the content produced;

(e) Exploring and piloting cost-effective knowledge management practices;

(f) Continuing the development of the Scientific Knowledge Brokering Portal in order to expand the information shared through the portal, in cooperation with partners, and to implement future enhancements;

(g) Promoting UNCCD knowledge brokering and information exchange initiatives at national, regional and international level in order to increase their use and attract new partners for their further development;

(h) Drafting an integrated knowledge management strategy for the UNCCD and presenting it for consideration at the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties;

2. *Invites* Parties, international organizations and agencies, scientific institutions and networks, and other relevant stakeholders to support and cooperate with the secretariat in improving knowledge management in support of the Convention;

3. *Also invites* interested organizations and institutions that maintain regional-level content repositories relevant to the UNCCD to cooperate in the development of pilot implementations of the Scientific Knowledge Brokering Portal;

4. *Further invites* the Executive Secretary to regularly inform the Bureau of the Committee on Science and Technology on progress made on knowledge management, and the Bureau of the Committee on Science and Technology to provide guidance, as appropriate, on the further development of the Scientific Knowledge Brokering Portal;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report on progress made in implementing this decision at the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties.

*3<sup>rd</sup> plenary meeting  
20 September 2013*