

Decision 25/COP.9

Date, venue and programme of work of the second special session of the Committee on Science and Technology

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 22 of the Convention,

Bearing in mind the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018) (The Strategy) referred to in decision 3/COP.8, and in particular the implementation framework for the Committee on Science and Technology,

Recalling decision 12/COP.8 on the functioning of the Committee on Science and Technology,

Aware also of decision 16/COP.9 on reshaping the operation of the Committee on Science and Technology in line with The Strategy,

Having reviewed the costed two-year work programme of the Committee on Science and Technology and the secretariat contained in documents ICCD/COP(9)/5/Add.3 and ICCD/COP(9)/5/Add.1, respectively,

1. *Decides* that the second special session of the Committee on Science and Technology shall be held in 2010 to address issues associated with the development and implementation of impact indicators related to the measurement of strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3 of The Strategy and to ensure the review of the outcomes of the UNCCD 1st Scientific Conference;
2. *Also decides* that the second special session of the Committee on Science and Technology shall be held in Bonn, Germany, in 2010 in the event that no Party makes an offer to host that session and meet the additional financial cost;
3. *Invites* the Executive Secretary of the Convention in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to accommodate any offer from a Party to host the second special session of the Committee on Science and Technology;
4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take the necessary measures to prepare for the second special session of the Committee on Science and Technology, in particular as far as the participation of the science and technology correspondents is concerned;
5. *Invites* developed country Parties, international organizations and relevant stakeholders to provide financial support for the organization of the second special session of the Committee on Science and Technology;
6. *Decides* to include, inter alia, the following items on the agenda of the second special session of the Committee on Science and Technology:

(a) Issues associated with the development and implementation of impact indicators related to the measurement of strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3 of The Strategy as contained in decision 17/COP.9, including additional mechanisms to communicate, share and discuss these issues;

(b) Review of the outcomes of the UNCCD 1st Scientific Conference, incorporating the inputs from regional groups;

(c) Progress made on the implementation of the knowledge management system, including traditional knowledge, best practices and success stories on desertification, land degradation and drought issues;

(d) Preparation of the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference on “Economic assessment of desertification, sustainable land management and resilience of arid, semi-arid and dry sub-humid areas”;

7. *Requests* the secretariat to circulate in all official languages at least six weeks prior to the second special session of the Committee on Science and Technology a provisional annotated agenda and appropriate documentation for the session, reflecting the decision contained in paragraph 6 above.

*9th plenary meeting
2 October 2009*