

Decision 27/COP.10

Programme of work of the eleventh 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 and 26/COP.9 on the programme of work of the Committee on Science and Technology,

Bearing in mind the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018) (The Strategy), adopted by decision 3/COP.8, in particular operational objective 3 on science, technology and knowledge, and its related outcomes,

Recalling decisions 13/COP.8 and 16/COP.9 on reshaping the operation of the Committee on Science and Technology in line with The Strategy,

Having reviewed the draft multi-year (2012–2015) workplan for the Committee on Science and Technology contained in document ICCD/CRIC(10)/7–ICCD/COP(10)/CST/10 and the costed draft two-year work programmes for the Committee on Science and Technology and the secretariat contained in document ICCD/COP(10)/8,

1. *Encourages* the Committee on Science and Technology to focus its attention on activities that would lead to the achievement of the outcomes described in decision 10/COP.10 on the programme and budget of all Convention bodies;
2. *Decides* that the agenda of the eleventh session of the Committee on Science and Technology shall focus on the following two priorities:
 - (a) The review of progress on the iterative process to refine impact indicators for strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3 of The Strategy;
 - (b) Improvement of knowledge management, including traditional knowledge, best practices and success stories;
3. *Also decides* to include the following items on the agenda of the eleventh session of the Committee on Science and Technology:
 - (a) Consideration of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology on its third special session;
 - (b) Consideration of the draft multi-year (four-year) workplan for the Committee on Science and Technology (2014–2017);
 - (c) Improvement of knowledge management, including traditional knowledge, best practices and success stories;
 - (d) Advice on how best to measure progress on strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3 of The Strategy;

- (i) The iterative process for the refinement of the set of impact indicators for strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3;
 - (ii) Improving the quality and the format of reports on strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3 to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties;
 - (iii) Integrating, analysing and interpreting impact indicator information from a scientific point of view;
 - (e) Consideration of progress made in the organization of international interdisciplinary scientific advice in the Convention process;
 - (f) Reshaping the operation of the Committee on Science and Technology in line with The Strategy:
 - (i) Review of the outcomes of the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference;
 - (ii) Assessment of the organization of the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference;
 - (iii) Consideration of the progress report on the preparation of the UNCCD 3rd Scientific Conference on 'Combating DLDD for poverty reduction and sustainable development: the contribution of science, technology, traditional knowledge and practices';
 - (g) The roster of independent experts;
4. *Also decides* that the eleventh session of the Committee on Science and Technology shall be held for four days;
5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take the necessary measures to prepare for the eleventh session of the Committee on Science and Technology, including the conclusion of a legally binding agreement at the international level with a host country/government;
6. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to facilitate the participation of the science and technology correspondents in the eleventh session of the Committee on Science and Technology;
7. *Invites* developed country Parties, international organizations and relevant stakeholders to provide financial support for the organization of the eleventh session of the Committee on Science and Technology;
8. *Requests* the secretariat to circulate, in all six official languages of the United Nations, at least six weeks prior to the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties, a provisional annotated agenda and documentation for that session reflecting the decisions contained in paragraph 3 above.

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14 October 2011*