

Decision 27/COP.11

Programme of work of the fourth special session of the Committee on Science and Technology

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 23 of the Convention,

Bearing in mind decision 3/COP.8 and decision 18/COP.10,

Having reviewed the costed draft two-year work programmes for the Committee on Science and Technology and the secretariat contained in document ICCD/COP(11)/7,

Bearing in mind decision 21/COP.11 on reshaping the operation of the Committee on Science and Technology in line with the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018),

1. *Decides* to include the following items on the agenda of the fourth special session of the Committee on Science and Technology:

Reshaping the operation of the Committee on Science and Technology in line with the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018):

- (a) Preparation of the UNCCD 3rd Scientific Conference;
- (b) Preliminary outcome the UNCCD 3rd Scientific Conference on “Combating desertification/land degradation and drought for poverty reduction and sustainable development: the contribution of science, technology, traditional knowledge and best practices”;
- (c) Preparation of the UNCCD 4th Scientific Conference;

2. *Requests* the secretariat to circulate, in all six official languages of the United Nations, at least six weeks prior to the fourth special session of the Committee on Science and Technology, a provisional annotated agenda and documentation for the session, reflecting the decision contained in paragraph 1 above.

3rd plenary meeting
20 September 2013