

Decision 27/COP.8

Programme of work for the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 22 of the Convention,

Recalling also its decisions 9/COP.1, 2/COP.2, 4/COP.3, 5/COP.4, 5/COP.5, 29/COP.6 and 30/COP.7 on its programme of work, decisions 3/COP.8 on the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018) and 7/COP.8 on additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist in the review of the implementation of the Convention, and other relevant decisions of the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 8),

1. *Decides* to include the following items on the agenda of its ninth session and, if necessary, its tenth session:

- (a) Programme and budget for the biennium 2010-2011;
- (b) Review of the implementation of the Convention and of its institutional arrangements:
 - (i) Review of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, including its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties
 - (ii) Additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention;
- (c) Committee on Science and Technology:
 - (i) Review of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology, including its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties
 - (ii) Maintenance of the roster of experts and creation, as necessary, of ad hoc panels of experts;
- (d) Promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and relevant international organizations, institutions and agencies;
- (e) Consideration of the follow-up to the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development relevant to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, and outcome of the sixteenth and seventeenth sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

- (f) Outstanding items:
 - (i) Rule 47 of the rules of procedure
 - (ii) Procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions on implementation
 - (iii) Annexes containing arbitration and conciliation procedures;
 - (g) Preparation for the Decade of Deserts and Combating Desertification (2010–2020);
 - (h) Relations between the secretariat and its host country;
2. *Decides* to include interactive dialogue sessions with the relevant stakeholders, including ministers, non-governmental organizations and members of parliament, on agenda items of relevance to them;
3. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a provisional annotated agenda, in agreement with the President of COP 8, taking into consideration provisions contained in the relevant decisions of COP 8;
4. *Also requests* the secretariat to circulate in all official languages at least six weeks prior to the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties appropriate documentation for that session, reflecting the decisions contained in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

*9th plenary meeting
14 September 2007*