

Decision 29/COP.11

Programme of work of the twelfth 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, 26/COP.9 and 27/COP.10 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, 16/COP.9 and 18/COP.10 on reshaping the operation of the Committee on Science and Technology in line with The Strategy,

Also recalling decision 21/COP.11 on reshaping the operation of the Committee on Science and Technology in line with The Strategy,

Having reviewed the draft multi-year (2015–2017) workplan for the Committee on Science and Technology contained in document ICCD/CRIC(12)/2-ICCD/COP(11)/CST/9 and the costed draft two-year work programme for the Committee on Science and Technology and the secretariat contained in document ICCD/COP(11)/7,

Recalling decision 23/COP.11 on the establishment of a Science-Policy Interface,

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

(a) Progress made in the implementation of measures to enable the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification to become a global authority on scientific and technical knowledge pertaining to desertification/land degradation and mitigation of the effects of drought, in particular in the establishment and operation of the Science-Policy Interface;

(b) Progress made in the implementation of the recommendations on how best to measure progress on strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3 of The Strategy;

(c) Reshaping the operation of the Committee on Science and Technology in line with The Strategy:

(i) Report of the Committee on Science and Technology on its fourth special session;

(ii) Review of the outcomes of the UNCCD 3rd Scientific Conference;

(iii) Assessment of the organization of the UNCCD 3rd Scientific Conference;

(iv) Progress report on the preparation of the UNCCD 4th Scientific Conference;

(v) Progress made in the organization of future scientific conferences;

- (d) Progress made in improving knowledge management, including traditional knowledge, best practices and success stories;
 - (e) Progress made related to the roster of independent experts;
 - (f) Developments related to the UNCCD fellowship programme;
 - (g) Draft multi-year (four-year) workplan of the Committee on Science and Technology (2016–2019);
2. *Also decides* that the twelfth session of the Committee on Science and Technology shall be held for a minimum of four working days;
 3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to facilitate the participation of the science and technology correspondents in the twelfth session of the Committee on Science and Technology;
 4. *Requests* the secretariat to circulate, in all six official languages of the United Nations, at least six weeks prior to the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties, a provisional annotated agenda and appropriate documentation for that session, reflecting the decisions contained in paragraph 1 above.

*3rd plenary meeting
20 September 2013*