

Decision 2/COP.10

Strengthening and enhancing the process of alignment of action programmes with The Strategy

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the relevant provisions of decision 3/COP.8, in particular paragraphs 5 and 45, on the alignment of action programmes with the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (The Strategy),

Also recalling decision 2/COP.9 on the alignment of action programmes with The Strategy, and decision 13/COP.9, which envisages completion of 80 per cent of the alignment process by 2014, and being aware that this target is attainable only through a renewed focused commitment, particularly on the part of affected country Parties,

Having considered the report of the ninth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention contained in document ICCD/CRIC(9)/16, specifically its recommendations pertaining to the national, subregional and regional action programme alignment process,

Taking note of document ICCD/COP(10)/21 and, in particular, its conclusions and recommendations regarding the action programme alignment process,

Cognizant that the action programme alignment process may present a challenge for affected country Parties as well as for the Convention institutions that are expected to render support in this regard, and that it will require strong and effective support through the Regional Coordination Mechanisms and from all Parties,

Having considered decision 13/COP.10 on the assessment of the implementation of the Convention against performance indicators, specifically the need to further analyse the alignment process and to review the issue at the eleventh session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention,

Welcoming the efforts being made by various affected country Parties to align their national action programmes with The Strategy and the voluntary contributions made to support that process, while recognizing that the responsibility for the alignment process lies primarily with the affected country Parties,

1. *Acknowledges* the need to speed up the alignment process of national, subregional and regional action programmes with The Strategy;
2. *Urges* affected country Parties and Regional Implementation Annexes to intensify their efforts to align their national, subregional and regional action programmes with The Strategy;
3. *Invites* developed country Parties and financial institutions to provide funding assistance to eligible country Parties, as well as to subregional and regional organizations in charge of subregional and regional action programmes and the alignment of action programmes at all levels;
4. *Acknowledges* the efforts made by the Convention institutions in support of the alignment process and requests them to continue providing affected country Parties with the

support they require to build institutional and technical capacity for the effective alignment and implementation of the action programmes within available resources;

5. *Encourages* Parties to coordinate more closely with relevant subregional organizations through the Regional Coordination Mechanisms and their executive committees, where established, in an effort to promote subregional and regional action programme alignment and implementation within the framework and the timeframe of The Strategy;

6. *Further requests* the Convention institutions to continue providing the relevant technical assistance for the preparation, revision and alignment of subregional and regional action programmes;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in coordination with the Global Environment Facility, to report to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh session, through the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, on implementation of the provisions of the present decision.

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21 October 2011*