

Decision 2/COP.12

Formulation, revision and implementation of action programmes in view of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling articles 6, 9, 10 and 11 of the Convention,

Also recalling decision 3/COP.8 containing The Strategy,

Further recalling decision 2/COP.9, decision 2/COP.10, and decision 2/COP.11,

Having reviewed documents ICCD/CRIC(14)/4 and ICCD/COP(12)/CST/3-ICCD/CRIC(14)/7 and the conclusions and recommendations contained therein,

Taking into consideration decision 3/COP.12,

Noting with concern that only 20 per cent of Parties have so far aligned their national action programmes (NAPs) with The Strategy and that The Strategy is only in effect for another two years,

1. *Invites* affected country Parties to continue their efforts to formulate, revise, and align their action programmes in accordance with guidance from the Conference of the Parties so that the strategic and operational objectives set by The Strategy can be achieved by 2018;
2. *Decides* that the alignment process: (a) should continue in line with The Strategy and be achieved by 2018; and (b) should also include the subregional and regional strategies;
3. *Invites* affected country Parties, in accordance with decision 22/COP.11, to establish baselines and national-level voluntary land degradation neutrality (LDN) targets within their NAPs and to address ecosystem aspects at their discretion in their subregional and regional action programmes, making use of scientific and knowledge-based diagnostic tools at the national level;
4. *Also invites* Parties, other governments and other development partners to establish and increase partnership agreements for technical support to affected country Parties according to their bilateral priorities – giving special attention to the implementation of NAPs – and to assist them in monitoring progress towards achieving national targets;
5. *Further invites* affected country Parties to include voluntary national LDN targets in their national reports, as appropriate;
6. *Requests* the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) secretariats to continue consultations on the arrangements for the delivery of funding enabling activities for the sixth GEF Replenishment Phase (GEF-6) with a view to securing technical and financial support for the next reporting exercise, including in the area of progress reporting and national target-setting towards achieving LDN;
7. *Invites* Parties and technical and financial institutions to provide support to affected country Parties in establishing, aligning and implementing NAPs, including, as appropriate, target 15.3 of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, and LDN national voluntary target-setting;

8. *Requests* Parties at the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to consider adding the first review of LDN voluntary targets and their implementation so far to the agenda of the intersessional meeting of the CRIC/CST prior to the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties;
9. *Invites* affected country Parties to develop and implement strategies through their NAPs to achieve the objectives of the Convention in the light of target 15.3 of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development;
10. *Requests* the secretariat and the Global Mechanism to:
 - (a) Enhance their assistance to country Parties in terms of technical and financial support for the implementation of target 15.3 of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development through the NAPs, including the LDN approach at national level;
 - (b) Engage with international organizations and funds, as well as other multilateral and bilateral donors, in order to mobilize additional resources for the implementation of target 15.3 of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development through the NAPs, including the LDN approach at national level;
11. *Also requests* the secretariat to report to the next session of the CRIC on the implementation of this decision.

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23 October 2015*