

Decision 2/COP.9

Alignment of the action programmes with The Strategy

The Conference of the Parties,

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

Recalling also the recommendations of the seventh session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation (CRIC 7) on the alignment of the implementation of national, subregional and regional action programmes (NAPs, SRAPs and RAPs) with The Strategy, contained in the report on CRIC 7,

Recalling further the recommendation by CRIC 7 contained in paragraph 86 of its report, urging the secretariat and the Global Mechanism (GM) to provide guidance and technical assistance to affected country Parties, in order to facilitate the alignment process,

Underlining that responsibility for the implementation of The Strategy lies first with the Parties and that the alignment of the action programmes is the first step in this expected implementation,

Acknowledging the substantive work done by the secretariat to facilitate the alignment process through the preparation of guidelines to be used by affected country Parties,

1. *Takes note of* the draft guidelines for the alignment of the action programmes and other relevant implementation activities with The Strategy (the alignment guidelines) contained in document ICCD/COP(9)/2/Add.1;
2. *Invites* affected country Parties and other relevant stakeholders, to use the alignment guidelines as the reference tool in the process of aligning their action programmes with the five operational objectives of The Strategy;
3. *Invites* affected country Parties, and other relevant stakeholders, as appropriate, to start aligning with The Strategy the implementation of action programmes and other relevant implementation activities relating to the Convention;
4. *Requests* the secretariat, in close partnership with relevant subregional, regional and international organizations, to facilitate the provision of relevant technical assistance to affected country Parties for the review, alignment and/or revision of action programmes at all levels;
5. *Urges* the GM, in close collaboration with the secretariat and in accordance with its mandate, to financially assist affected country Parties, giving priority to African country Parties, to develop integrated investment frameworks in conjunction with the review and alignment

process as detailed in the alignment guidelines, with a view to fostering resource mobilization for the aligned implementation of action programmes;

6. *Invites* developed country Parties and financial institutions to provide assistance with funding to eligible country Parties, as well as to subregional and regional organizations in charge of SRAPs and RAPs, for the review and alignment and/or revision of action programmes at all levels.

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