

Decision 30/COP.7Programme of work 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 and 29/COP.6 on its programme of work, 11/COP.1 on procedures for the communication of information and review of implementation, 7/COP.7 on additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist in the review of the implementation of the Convention, and other relevant decisions of the seventh session of the COP,

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

- (a) Programme and budget for the biennium 2008-2009;
- (b) Review of the implementation of the Convention and of its institutional arrangements, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2 (a) and (b), and article 26 of the Convention:
 - (i) Review, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2(d), of the Convention, of the report of the CRIC, including its recommendations to the COP and its programme of work, and the provision of guidance to it;
 - (ii) Consideration of additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the COP in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention, including the review referred to in decision 7/COP.7;
- (c) Committee on Science and Technology:
 - (i) Review, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2(d), of the Convention, of the report of the CST, including its recommendations to the COP, its programme of work, and the provision of guidance to it;
 - (ii) Maintenance of the roster of experts and creation of ad hoc panels of experts, as necessary, with their terms of reference and modalities of work;
- (d) Review of activities for the promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and relevant international organizations, institutions and agencies, in accordance with article 8 and article 22, paragraph 2(i), of the Convention;
- (e) Consideration of the follow-up to the outcome of the WSSD relevant to the UNCCD;
- (f) Rationale for, modalities for, costs involved in, feasibility of, possible terms of reference of, and institutional and collaborative arrangements for the regional coordination units;

- (g) Outstanding items:
 - (i) Consideration of rule 47 of the rules of procedure;
 - (ii) Consideration of procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions on implementation, in accordance with article 27 of the Convention;
 - (iii) Consideration of annexes containing arbitration and conciliation procedures, in accordance with article 28, paragraphs 2(a) and 6, of the Convention;
 - (h) Consideration of the report on the outcomes of the IYDD (2006);
 - (i) Consideration of the report on relations between the secretariat and its host country;
 - (j) Consideration of the report and draft ten-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the UNCCD, transmitted by the ad hoc working group established in paragraph 1 of decision 3/COP.7;
2. *Decides* to include interactive dialogue sessions with the relevant stakeholders, including ministers, NGOs and members of parliament on agenda items of relevance to them;
3. *Requests* the secretariat to circulate in all official languages at least six weeks prior to the eighth session of the COP a provisional annotated agenda and appropriate documentation for that session, reflecting the decisions contained in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

*13th plenary meeting
28 October 2005*