

Decision 34/COP.12

Programme of work for the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 22 of the UNCCD,

Also recalling decisions 9/COP.1, 2/COP.2, 4/COP.3, 5/COP.4, 5/COP.5, 29/COP.6, 30/COP.7, 27/COP.8, 35/COP.9, 38/COP.10 and 39/COP.11 on its programme of work, decision 3/COP.8 containing The Strategy and decision 7/COP.8,

Taking into consideration the relevant decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth session,

1. *Decides* to include the following items on the agenda of its thirteenth session and, if necessary, its fourteenth session:
 - (a) 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: implications for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification:
 - (i) Integration of the sustainable development goals and targets into the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the Land Degradation Neutrality;
 - (ii) The future strategic framework of the Convention;
 - (iii) Implementation of the comprehensive communication strategy and the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (2010–2020);
 - (b) Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional level:
 - (i) Report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties;
 - (ii) Addressing particular regional and national conditions;
 - (iii) Promoting and strengthening relationships with other relevant conventions and international organizations, institutions and agencies;
 - (iv) Securing of additional investments and relations with financial mechanisms:
 - Global Mechanism;
 - Memorandum of Understanding between United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the Global Environment Facility;
 - (c) Linking scientific knowledge with decision-making: review of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology and its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties;
 - (d) Programme and budget for the biennium 2018–2019;
 - (e) Procedural matters:
 - (i) Maintenance of the roster of experts and the creation, as necessary, of ad hoc panels of experts;

- (ii) Participation and involvement of civil society organizations in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification;
 - (iii) Participation and involvement of the private sector in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and business engagement strategy;
2. *Also decides* to include interactive dialogue sessions with relevant stakeholders, including ministers, CSOs, the business community, the scientific community and members of parliament, on agenda items of relevance to them;
3. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare an annotated provisional agenda, in agreement with the President of the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth session, taking into consideration provisions contained in the relevant decisions taken during that conference;
4. *Also requests* the secretariat to circulate in all official languages at least six weeks prior to the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties appropriate documentation for that session, reflecting the decisions contained in operative paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

*12th plenary meeting
23 October 2015*