

Decision 35/COP.9

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

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 22 of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification,

Recalling also its decisions 9/COP.1, 2/COP.2, 4/COP.3, 5/COP.4, 5/COP.5, 29/COP.6, 30/COP.7 and 27/COP.8 on its programme of work, decision 3/COP.8 on the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018) and 7/COP.8,

Taking into consideration decision 11/COP.9 on additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention and decision 13/COP.9 on procedures for the communication of information and review of implementation of the Convention, and other relevant decisions of the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 9),

1. *Decides* to include the following items on the agenda of its tenth session and, if necessary, its eleventh session:

(a) The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018):

- (i) Review of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, including its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties;
- (ii) Review of progress in the implementation of the comprehensive communication strategy;
- (iii) Follow-up to the outstanding Joint Inspection Unit recommendations;

(b) Programme and budget for the biennium 2012–2013;

(c) Committee on Science and Technology:

- (i) Review of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology, including its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties;
- (ii) Maintenance of the roster of experts and creation, as necessary, of ad hoc panels of experts;

(d) Promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and relevant international organizations, institutions and agencies;

(e) Consideration of the follow-up to the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development relevant to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification,

and the outcome of the eighteenth and nineteenth sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

(f) Outstanding items:

- (i) Rule 47 of the rules of procedure;
- (ii) Procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions on implementation;
- (iii) Annexes containing arbitration and conciliation procedures;

(g) The United Nations Decade of Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (2010–2020);

2. *Decides also* to include interactive dialogue sessions with the relevant stakeholders, including ministers, civil society organizations, the scientific community and parliamentarians, on agenda items of relevance to them;

3 *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a provisional annotated agenda, in agreement with the President of COP 9, taking into consideration provisions contained in the relevant decisions of COP 9;

4. *Also requests* the secretariat to circulate in all official languages at least six weeks prior to the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties appropriate documentation for that session, reflecting the decisions contained in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

*9th plenary meeting
2 October 2009*