

## Decision 38/COP.10

### Programme of work for the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* article 22 of the UNCCD,

*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, 27/COP.8 and 35/COP.9 on its programme of work, decision 3/COP.8 containing the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018) (The Strategy) and decision 7/COP.8,

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

1. *Decides* to include the following items on the agenda of its eleventh session and, if necessary, its twelfth 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) Independent mid-term evaluation of The Strategy;
  - (iv) Alignment of action programmes with The Strategy;
  - (v) Review of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology, including its advice to the Conference of the Parties;
- (b) Maintenance of the roster of experts and the creation, as necessary, of ad hoc panels of experts;
- (c) Governance and institutional arrangements of the Global Mechanism, including recommendations on the new housing arrangements of the Global Mechanism;
- (d) Programme and budget for the biennium 2014–2015;
- (e) Follow up on the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on ‘Addressing desertification, land degradation and drought in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication’ and the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development;
- (f) Collaboration with the Global Environment Facility: amendment of the memorandum of understanding between the UNCCD and the Global Environment Facility on enhanced collaboration;
- (g) Revised procedures for the accreditation of civil society organizations and representatives from the private sector to the Conference of the Parties;

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- (h) The United Nations Decade of Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (2010–2020);
- (i) 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;
2. *Decides also* to include interactive dialogue sessions with relevant stakeholders, including ministers, civil society organizations, 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 tenth 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 eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties appropriate documentation for that session, reflecting the decisions contained in operative paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

*9<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting*  
*21 October 2011*