

## Decision 39/COP.11

### Programme of work for the twelfth 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, 27/COP.8, 35/COP.9 and 38/COP.10 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 eleventh session,

1. *Decides* to include the following items on the agenda of its twelfth session and, if necessary, its thirteenth 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 on the independent mid-term evaluation of The Strategy;
  - (iv) 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) Follow-up on the governance and institutional arrangements of the Global Mechanism;
- (d) Programme and budget for the biennium 2016–2017;
- (e) Follow-up on the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), as they relate to desertification/ land degradation and drought;
- (f) Promotion and strengthening of relationships with other conventions and international organizations, institutions and agencies;
- (g) Collaboration with the Global Environment Facility: amendment of the memorandum of understanding between the UNCCD and the Global Environment Facility on enhanced collaboration;
- (h) Revised procedures for the accreditation of civil society organizations and representatives from the private sector to the Conference of the Parties;
- (i) The United Nations Decade of Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (2010–2020);

- (j) 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. *Also decides* 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 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 twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties appropriate documentation for that session, reflecting the decisions contained in operative paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

*10<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
27 September 2013*