

Decision 3/COP.10

Improving mechanisms to facilitate regional coordination of the implementation of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 3 (b) of the Convention and its particularities when compared with the other Rio conventions as articulated in its Regional Implementation Annexes for Africa (Annex I), Asia (Annex II), Latin America and the Caribbean (Annex III), the Northern Mediterranean (Annex IV), and Central and Eastern Europe (Annex V),

Recalling decisions 3/COP.3, 4/COP.4, 6/COP.5, 11/COP.6, 11/COP.7 and 3/COP.8 on Regional Coordination Units, as well as decision 3/COP.9 on mechanisms to facilitate regional coordination and decision 6/COP.9 on regional work programmes,

Taking into account the role of Regional Coordination Mechanisms in responding to existing and emerging challenges, capacities and the specific issues of regions as regards the implementation of the Convention and the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention,

Recognizing the need to improve the capacity, effectiveness and efficiency of the Regional Coordination Units,

Having noted document ICCD/COP(10)/MISC.1 containing conclusions and recommendations for improving the effectiveness of existing Regional Coordination Units in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean, and on the possibilities of establishing an RCU for Central and Eastern Europe,

1. *Calls on* the Executive Secretary and the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism to strengthen their cooperation at regional level through ensuring the effective implementation of region-specific issues of the joint work programme, and facilitating cooperation among affected country Parties within the regions;
2. *Invites* affected country Parties to work closely with other Parties within their regions, and *invites* the secretariat and the Global Mechanism to work in a cooperative and coordinated manner within the framework of the Regional Coordination Mechanisms of their respective regions in order to define and implement their respective common regional priorities as delivered for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties;
3. *Requests* the secretariat and the Global Mechanism to continue to support, within their respective mandates and available resources, the implementation of regional priorities as identified by the regions;
4. *Invites* developed country Parties, international organizations, the private sector and civil society to continue to provide technical and financial support to the Regional Coordination Units, including through voluntary contributions to the Supplementary Fund and contributions in kind, as appropriate;
5. *Calls on* the Executive Secretary, at the request of and in collaboration with the affected country Parties of the regions concerned, to support the effective functioning of the thematic programme networks, subject to the provision of the necessary financial and technical support by country Parties;

6. *Decides* that the subregional and regional institutions listed in the annex to this decision shall act as reporting entities with regard to the preparation and submission of reports on the implementation of the subregional and regional action programmes referred to in paragraph 2 of decision 8/COP.8, and *requests* the secretariat and the Global Mechanism to facilitate this process, through, inter alia, the provision of technical assistance as required, in consultation with the regional committees where established;
7. *Requests* that those Regional Implementation Annexes that have not yet identified their subregional and regional reporting entities to do so and to communicate this to the secretariat by 31 December 2011;
8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh session on the implementation of this decision and the results achieved.

9th plenary meeting
21 October 2011

Annex

Subregional and regional entities in charge of the preparation of reports on subregional and regional action programmes

<i>Subregion</i>	<i>Reporting entity</i>
West Africa	Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), in cooperation with Comité permanent Inter-Etats de Lutte contre la Sécheresse dans le Sahel (CILSS)
East Africa	Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)
North Africa	l'Union du Maghreb Arabe (UMA)
Central Africa	Commission des Forêts d'Afrique Centrale (COMIFAC)
Southern Africa	Southern African Development Community (SADC)
Mesoamerican	To be decided and sent in accordance with operative paragraph 7 of the parent document
Andean	To be decided and sent in accordance with operative paragraph 7 of the parent document
Southern Cone	To be decided and sent in accordance with operative paragraph 7 of the parent document
Caribbean	Caribbean Network for Integrated Rural Development (CNIRD)
Central Asia	To be decided and sent in accordance with operative paragraph 7 of the parent document
West Asia	To be decided and sent in accordance with operative paragraph 7 of the parent document
South Asia	To be decided and sent in accordance with operative paragraph 7 of the parent document
North-East Asia	To be decided and sent in accordance with operative paragraph 7 of the parent document
South-East Asia	To be decided and sent in accordance with operative paragraph 7 of the parent document
South Pacific	To be decided and sent in accordance with operative paragraph 7 of the parent document

<i>Region</i>	<i>Reporting entity</i>
Africa	To be decided and sent in accordance with operative paragraph 7 of the parent document
Asia	To be decided and sent in accordance with operative paragraph 7 of the parent document
Latin America and the Caribbean	To be decided and sent in accordance with operative paragraph 7 of the parent document
Northern Mediterranean	To be decided and sent in accordance with operative paragraph 7 of the parent document
Central and Eastern Europe	To be decided and sent in accordance with operative paragraph 7 of the parent document
