

Decision 3/COP.6

Overall review of the activities of the secretariat and of the progress made by affected country Parties in the implementation of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 23, paragraph 2(f) of the Convention,

Recalling further its decisions 11/COP.1, 2/COP.3 and 5/COP.3, relating to the reporting requirements of the secretariat,

Having considered document ICCD/CRIC(2)/2 on the overall review of the activities of the secretariat and of the progress made by affected developing country Parties in implementation of the Convention,

Commending the secretariat for its efforts in promoting the Convention and, in particular, noting the acknowledgement by the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) of the UNCCD as one of the tools for poverty eradication,

1. *Requests* the secretariat to pursue its activities in the areas of services to the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies in relation to policy advocacy, monitoring and assessment of the implementation of the Convention and to prioritize its activities for the implementation of the Convention according to the pertinent provisions of the Convention and relevant decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties;
2. *Also requests* the secretariat to continue its assistance to affected developing country Parties and other Parties covered by Regional Implementation Annexes of the Convention with regard to the timely delivery of national reports requested under the mandate of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC);
3. *Further requests* the secretariat to cooperate with the secretariats of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and its implementing agencies in realizing the synergistic potential of the UNCCD action programmes for integrated natural resources management and sustainable development;
4. *Requests* the secretariat and the Global Mechanism (GM) under the latter's Business Plan, to develop and implement a biennial joint work programme and to submit a report to the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties which should include the required support to affected developing country Parties and other country Parties covered by Regional Implementation Annexes of the UNCCD, as well as a common awareness-raising and information strategy, with the GM mandated to carry out resource mobilization tasks efficiently;
5. *Invites* the secretariat, in prioritizing its activities, to intensify its effort to promote synergies;

6. *Also invites* the secretariat to support the integration of the activities of the Committee on Science and Technology into the programming instruments of the Convention, such as national, subregional and regional action programmes, and to liaise actively with the international scientific community.

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