

Decision 5/COP.5

Programme of work of the Conference of the Parties

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 22 of the Convention,

Recalling also its decisions 9/COP.1, 2/COP.2 and 4/COP.3 on its programme of work, 11/COP.1 on procedures for the communication of information and review of implementation, 9/COP.3 on the review of policies, operational modalities and activities of the Global Mechanism, as well as its decision 1/COP.5,

1. *Decides* to include the following items in the agenda of its sixth session and, if necessary, its seventh session:

(a) Adoption of the programme and budget for the biennium 2004-2005;

(b) Review of the implementation of the Convention and of its institutional arrangements, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2 (a) and (b), and article 26 of the Convention:

(i) Consideration of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention,

(ii) Consideration of some specific conclusions and recommendations made by the Committee on Science and Technology and the Global Mechanism related to affected country Parties' experiences and constraints in the implementation of action programmes;

(c) Review, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2(d) of the Convention, of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology, including its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, its programme of work, and the provision of guidance to it;

(d) Global Mechanism:

(i) Review, pursuant to article 21, paragraph 5 (d), of the report of the Global Mechanism on its activities, and the provision of guidance to it;

(ii) Review of policies, operational modalities and activities of the Global Mechanism;

(e) Review of available information regarding the financing of Convention implementation by multilateral agencies and institutions, including information on the activities of the Global Environment Facility concerning desertification that relate to its four focal areas, as specified in article 20, paragraph 2(b) of the Convention;

(f) Review of activities for the promotion and strengthening of relationships with other conventions in accordance with article 8 and article 22, paragraph 2 (i) of the Convention;

(g) Consideration of the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) relevant to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification;

- (h) Consideration of outstanding items:
 - (i) Consideration of rule 47 of the rules of procedure;
 - (ii) Consideration of procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions of implementation, in accordance with article 27 of the Convention, with a view to deciding how to take this matter forward;
 - (iii) Consideration of annexes containing arbitration and conciliation procedures, in accordance with article 28, paragraphs 2(a) and 6, of the Convention;
- (i) Open dialogue with non-governmental organizations;
- (j) Interactive dialogue session during the special segment;

2. *Requests* the secretariat to circulate in all official languages at least three months prior to the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties a provisional annotated agenda and appropriate documentation for that session, reflecting the decisions contained in paragraph 1 above.

*11th plenary meeting
12 October 2001*