

Decision 5/COP.7

Mobilization of resources for the implementation of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling articles 6, 20 and 21 of the Convention,

Recalling also paragraphs 23, in particular subparagraphs 23 (a) and (b), and 24, subparagraphs 25(a) and 56 (b), of the 2005 World Summit Outcome document,

Recalling further its decision 1/COP.6 by which it urged that resource mobilization must be based on national and local needs and priorities and aim at NAP implementation in the context of a broader development framework,

Acknowledging the efforts of affected developing country Parties to mainstream their NAPs into national development frameworks such as the poverty reduction strategies in order to channel investment for the eradication of rural poverty and to reach the end-users of natural resources,

Recalling its decisions 5/COP.6 and 6/COP.6,

1. *Emphasizes* that country-driven processes, specifically the mainstreaming of NAPs into national development strategies, will lead to the mobilization of the needed financial resources in a more predictable and coordinated manner, to tackle land degradation;
2. *Invites* affected developing country Parties and other Parties covered by Regional Implementation Annexes of the Convention and their multilateral partners to ensure clear linkages with the priority-setting of NAPs to guide the implementation of these instruments and to continue joint efforts at NAP mainstreaming with the aim of creating the best possible options in addressing environmental sustainability, economic potential, and poverty reduction in dryland areas and those prone to desertification;
3. *Invites* affected developing country Parties and other Parties covered by Regional Implementation Annexes of the Convention, with support from their bilateral and multilateral partners, to effectively mainstream and implement their NAP in line with ongoing national development initiatives and poverty eradication processes;
4. *Urges* developed country Parties to mainstream Convention objectives into their development cooperation policies and programming instruments and, in consultation with recipient countries, to coordinate their country-level support with recipient country NAPs that have been mainstreamed into national development strategies;
5. *Requests* the GM to intensify its interactions with the international financial institutions such as the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the GEF and the World Bank, multilateral institutions, bilateral donors, NGOs and the private sector with the aim of increasing

financial resources for UNCCD implementation, inter alia through mainstreaming of the UNCCD objectives;

6. *Acknowledges* the actions undertaken by the GM to comply with the requests made in decision 5/COP.6 on review of the policies, operational modalities and activities of the GM, and *encourages* the GM to further strengthen its support to affected developing country Parties by means of the implementation of the consolidated strategy and enhanced approach as outlined in document ICCD/CRIC(4)/4;

7. *Invites* affected developing country Parties and other Parties covered by Regional Implementation Annexes of the Convention, with support from their bilateral and multilateral partners, to foster the conclusion of partnership agreements for the implementation of the Convention;

8. *Invites* multilateral organizations and agencies, particularly the GEF, to simplify their procedures for access to funding in order to facilitate NAP implementation, and *invites* the GM and the members of its Facilitation Committee to mobilize funds and make available information on points of entry into processes and modalities of multilateral funding for NAP implementation.

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