

Decision 5/COP.8

Mobilization of resources for the implementation of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

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

Further recalling its decisions 1/COP.6 and 5/COP.7 by which it urged affected country Parties to mainstream national action programmes (NAPs) with ongoing national development initiatives and poverty eradication processes and to implement their provisions in full,

Noting that multi-country and multi-focus partnership frameworks, notably in Africa, Central Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean, have successfully tested approaches for expanding sources of finance, enhancing donor coordination, and harmonizing priorities, knowledge transfer and capacity-building,

Concerned about the emerging pattern of growing environmental degradation, extreme weather events and increased aridity under present conditions of climate change,

Deeply concerned also in this context about the negative impact of land/soil degradation, desertification and drought, combined with climate variability, which is reaching a global dimension,

1. *Requests* all Parties to address the issues of the mobilization of resources in the light of the clear conclusions of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on this subject;
2. *Invites* all Parties, as they prioritize strategies and streamline procedures in the context of the Paris Declaration, to include the issues of land/soil degradation, desertification and drought in ongoing policy harmonization efforts concerning the allocation of resources for official development assistance;
3. *Also invites* affected country Parties to make more consistent domestic budget allocations for rural development and to advocate a greater focus on the new modalities of aid delivery;
4. *Calls upon* developed country Parties and multilateral and non-governmental funding agencies to provide also enhanced voluntary contributions to implement the NAPs;
5. *Urges* developed country Parties, with respect to aid coordination modalities, notably in Africa, to mainstream sustainable land management into donor programming, and to maintain and expand the use of the chef de file resource mobilization mechanism in order better to coordinate their full support and involvement under article 6 of the Convention;

6. *Also urges* developed country Parties, and *invites* multilateral institutions, to support financially and technically the efforts of affected developing country Parties and other eligible country Parties, where appropriate, under regional cooperation frameworks, including regional coordination units, with the aim of strengthening support for scientific, research and training institutions to implement the Convention's objectives, in particular enhanced scientific cooperation and sharing best practices at the regional and subregional levels.

*9th plenary meeting
14 September 2007*