

## Decision 7/COP.12

### Intergovernmental Working Group on the future strategic framework of the Convention

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* decisions 3/COP.8, 12/COP.11 and 10/COP.12,

1. *Decides* to establish an Intergovernmental Working Group on the future strategic framework of the Convention (IWG-FSF), within the scope and mandate of the Convention to:
  - (a) Assess the current 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018) (The Strategy), including the effectiveness of its implementation and the relevance of progress indicators for the future period;
  - (b) Consider options for the possible future strategic approach for the Convention, including whether the current Strategy should be extended or revised, or whether a new strategy should be adopted;
  - (c) Propose an approach the Convention should adopt for its future strategic direction and elements that should be included therein;
2. *Also decides* that the IWG-FSF will take into consideration the following:
  - (a) The text of the Convention;
  - (b) The current multi-year Strategy;
  - (c) The mid-term review of The Strategy;
  - (d) The role of a multi-year strategy, which provides an effective framework to guide the implementation of the Convention at national level;
  - (e) The relevant aspects of Sustainable Development Goal 15 and its target 15.3 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
  - (f) Relevant decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties;
  - (g) Developments under and synergies with the Rio conventions;
  - (h) The limitations of Parties' ability to increase financial resources provided to the Convention;
3. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a preliminary scoping paper for the first meeting of the IWG-FSF to inform its work;
4. *Decides* that the IWG-FSF will consist of a maximum of 5 representatives from each region, nominated by the respective regional groups on the basis of nominations by national Governments; 3 representatives from each region shall be funded by the resources identified in decision 10/COP.12, with the remaining representatives to be funded from voluntary resources;

5. *Requests* the IWG-FSF to:
- (a) Present its initial findings for comment at the fifteenth session of the CRIC;
  - (b) Present its proposals to Parties for their consideration and action at the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties.

*12<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting*  
*23 October 2015*