

Decision 8/COP.12

Addressing particular regional and national conditions

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 1, paragraphs (h) and (i) of the Convention,

Also recalling the particular conditions of the Regional Implementation Annexes to the Convention,

Noting that a significant proportion of land degradation occurs beyond arid, semi-arid and dry sub-humid areas,

Recalling SDG 15 and its target 15.3,

Noting decision 3/COP.12 on the integration of the SDGs and targets into the implementation of the UNCCD and the IWG report on LDN,

Having reviewed document ICCD/COP(12)/16,

1. *Recognizes* that Parties may use the UNCCD to guide their policies relating to DLDD and voluntary targets when striving to achieve LDN at national and subnational levels;
2. *Invites* the secretariat, relevant Convention bodies, and bilateral and multilateral partners to provide assistance to Parties in that regard;
3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties on the implementation of the present decision.

*11th plenary meeting
22 October 2015*