

Decision 9/COP.3

Global Mechanism: first review of policies,
operational modalities and activities

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decisions 24/COP.1, 25/COP.1 and 18/COP.2 on the Global Mechanism,

Recognizing that priorities need to be established in the activities of the Global Mechanism, particularly in order to demonstrate progress in fulfilling its mandate,

Having considered documents ICCD/COP(3)/11 and ICCD/COP(3)/12 and Add.1 related to the Global Mechanism,

Having heard the oral report of the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism and the comments made by Parties at the third session of the Conference of the Parties,

A. Policies

1. *Reaffirms*, until the next review, the policies of the Global Mechanism as contained in the provisions of the Convention and relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties;

2. *Also reaffirms* that the Global Mechanism shall function under the authority and guidance of the Conference of the Parties and be accountable to it, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention and relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its first session;

3. *Recognizes* that the first priority for the Global Mechanism is to develop its operations as a demand-driven mechanism to facilitate the mobilization and channelling of substantial financial resources for the elaboration and implementation of action programmes, particularly national action programmes, projects and national reports;

B. Operational modalities

4. *Recommends that* the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism develop organizational arrangements which ensure proper attention to the African, Asian and Latin America and Caribbean regions and complete the recruitment of staff before the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties;

5. *Stresses that* the Global Mechanism shall promote and facilitate multi-source and multi-channel financing for the implementation of the Convention by, inter alia, providing affected developing countries with practical and operational advice on linking the financing needs of action programmes, particularly national action programmes, with existing and potential sources of financing in the best possible way;

6. *Underlines* that the Global Mechanism shall strengthen both policy and operational level dialogue with all members of the Facilitation Committee, bilateral donor agencies and multilateral financial institutions on mainstreaming financing

for the implementation of the Convention, and establish contacts with the private sector and other non-governmental sources of financing to increase awareness of the Convention and facilitate the identification of possibilities and definition of mechanisms for public-private partnerships for its implementation;

C. Activities

7. *Also stresses* that the Global Mechanism shall clearly identify priority activities and submit them to its fourth session for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties in order to ensure effectiveness and impact of its activities as well as to avoid overlaps with the activities of existing institutions and organizations, and therefore achieve concrete results, in the shortest possible time, in mobilizing and channelling financial resources to affected developing country Parties, particularly those in Africa, for the implementation of the Convention;

8. *Recommends* that the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism take account of relevant ongoing intergovernmental negotiations, with a view to identifying at an early stage potential opportunities for, and innovative sources of, financial assistance for implementation of the Convention, consistent with progress in those negotiations;

9. *Emphasizes* that the Global Mechanism shall develop its activities with a view to facilitating financing for, inter alia, the elaboration of action programmes, particularly national action programmes, the preparation of national reports, consultative processes to conclude partnership agreements based on action programmes and the implementation of action programmes, including interregional programmes and platforms of cooperation;

10. *Requests* the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism to take all necessary steps to identify and draw up an inventory of relevant bilateral and multilateral cooperation programmes that are available to implement the Convention, as well as other sources and channels of funding and to report on progress made to the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session;

11. *Encourages* the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism, in coordination with the secretariat, to organize during the year 2000 regional and/or subregional workshops in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean on procedures to access existing financial mechanisms, with the aim of mobilizing and channelling financial resources for implementation and the transfer of technologies;

12. *Invites* the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism to take concrete measures to clarify the possibilities for economic and trade opportunities arising from and related to the Convention and to report on the results to the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session for consideration and adoption of any appropriate decisions;

D. Operational strategy

13. *Decides* to give further consideration to the operational strategy of the Global Mechanism at its fourth session and requests the Managing Director to prepare a document on the operational strategy based on comments, suggestions and proposals made during the third session, as well as on written submissions by the Parties received no later than 31 March 2000, and to submit that document for consideration and a compendium of submissions;

14. *Recommends* that the Global Mechanism develop, as part of the operational strategy for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session, an information and communication strategy, which will aim to facilitate contact with Parties and other actors, increase awareness of the Convention, and promote participation in its implementation;

15. *Urges* donors and international organizations, and the Global Mechanism within its mandate, to support the preparation of national reports;

E. Other issues

16. *Welcomes* the financial support already provided on a voluntary basis by some countries, and invites Governments, the private sector and all relevant organizations, including intergovernmental, regional, and subregional organizations, regional development banks and non-governmental organizations, to make or continue to make voluntary contributions to, and actively support the activities of, the Global Mechanism;

17. *Also welcomes* the initial contribution made by the International Fund for Agricultural Development to the "Special Resources for the CCD Finance Account" and invites the Executive Board of the Fund to approve the transfer to the Global Mechanism of the outstanding balance from the commitment of US\$ 10 million, as set out in the offer from the Fund to house the Global Mechanism;

18. *Invites* particularly the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, and other members of the Facilitation Committee to also make contributions so as to enable the Global Mechanism to successfully support implementation of the Convention;

19. *Also invites* Facilitation Committee members to strengthen their support to the Global Mechanism by exploring new financial resources, as well as through mobilizing, within their respective institutions, additional financial resources;

20. *Recommends* that the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism report to the Conference of the Parties on the activities undertaken by the Facilitation Committee, the decisions taken and results obtained in implementing them;

21. *Invites* the Facilitation Committee to explore the possibility of inviting a representative of non-governmental organizations to attend its meetings and to report to the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session on the decision taken on this issue;

22. *Requests* the Managing Director to report on the activities of the Global Mechanism, including progress in implementing this decision, to the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session;

23. *Decides* that the second review of policies, operational modalities and activities of the Global Mechanism will take place at the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties in 2003.