

Decision 9/COP.6

Programme of work of the third session of the Committee for
the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 22, paragraph 2 (a), (c), (d) and (h) of the Convention,

Recalling also article 23, paragraph 2 (a), (b) and (c), and article 26 of the Convention,

Further recalling its decision 11/COP.1 on Procedures for the Communication of Information and Review of the Implementation,

Recalling further paragraphs 6, 7, 8 and 10 of its decision 1/COP.5 on Additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist in the review of the implementation of the Convention, as well as paragraphs 1 and 9 of the annex to the same decision,

1. *Decides* to include the following items in the agenda of the third session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC):

(a) Review of the implementation of the Convention and of its institutional arrangements, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2 (a) and (b), and article 26 of the Convention, as well as decision 1/COP.5, paragraph 10;

(i) Review of the reports on implementation of affected African country Parties, including on the participatory process, and on experience gained and results achieved in the preparation and implementation of action programmes;

(ii) Review of the reports by developed country Parties on measures taken to assist in the preparation and implementation of action programmes of affected African country Parties, including information on financial resources they have provided, or are providing, under the Convention;

(iii) Review of information provided by relevant organs, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, on their activities in support of the implementation of the Convention in affected African country Parties;

(b) Consideration of necessary adjustments to the elaboration process and the implementation of action programmes, including review of the enhanced implementation of the obligations of the Convention;

(c) Review of available information regarding the mobilization and use of financial resources and other support by multilateral agencies and institutions, with a view to enhancing their effectiveness and efficiency towards the achievement of the objectives of the Convention, including information on the activities of the Global Environment Facility, the Global Mechanism and its Facilitation Committee;

(d) Consideration of ways and means of promoting know-how and technology transfer for combating desertification and/or mitigating the effects of drought, as well as of promoting experience sharing and information exchange among Parties and interested institutions and organizations;

(e) Consideration of ways and means of improving procedures for communication of information, as well as the quality and format of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties;

2. *Requests* the secretariat to circulate in all official languages at least six weeks prior to the third session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention a provisional annotated agenda and appropriate documentation for that session, reflecting the decisions contained in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Decides* that the review of the reports of other affected developing country Parties and other Parties covered by Regional Implementation Annexes of the Convention on implementation of the UNCCD at future intersessional sessions of the CRIC will be conducted in alphabetical order.

*9th plenary meeting
3 September 2003*