



Conference of the Parties

Fourteenth session

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Agenda item 7 (c)

Procedural matters

Programme of work for the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties

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Conference of the Parties**

**Draft decision submitted by the Chairperson of the Committee of the
Whole**

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 22 of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification,

Also recalling decisions 9/COP.1, 2/COP.2, 4/COP.3, 5/COP.4, 5/COP.5, 29/COP.6, 30/COP.7, 27/COP.8, 35/COP.9, 38/COP.10, 39/COP.11, 34/COP.12 and 35/COP.13 on its programme of work ,

Taking into consideration the relevant decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth session,

1. *Decides* to include the following items on the agenda of its fifteenth session and, if necessary, its sixteenth session:

- (a) UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework:
 - (i) Report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties;
 - (ii) Review of progress in the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification communication plan and the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (2010–2020);
 - (iii) Follow-up on the midterm evaluation of the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework;
 - (iv) Review of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology and its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties;
- (b) Promoting and strengthening relationships with other relevant conventions and international organizations, institutions and agencies;
- (c) Policy frameworks and thematic issues;
- (d) Programme and budget for the biennium 2022–2023;



(e) Procedural matters:

(i) Participation and involvement of civil society organizations in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification;

(ii) Participation and involvement of the private sector in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and business engagement strategy;

2. *Also decides* to include interactive dialogue sessions with relevant stakeholders, including ministers, civil society organizations, the business community, the scientific community and members of parliament, on agenda items of relevance to them;

3. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare an annotated provisional agenda, in agreement with the President of the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth session, taking into consideration provisions contained in the relevant decisions taken during that conference;

4. *Also requests* the secretariat to circulate in all official languages at least six weeks prior to the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties appropriate documentation for that session, reflecting the decisions contained in operative paragraphs 1 and 2 above;

5. *Further requests* the secretariat to circulate in all official languages at least six weeks prior to the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties a single document with all draft decisions prepared for Parties for consideration at the Conference of the Parties and to ensure that draft decisions are clearly written and properly formatted.
