

Decision 13/COP.14

Assessment of financial flows for the implementation of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 6 of the Convention,

Also recalling decision 13/COP.13 and its annex containing the terms of reference of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, and decision 14/COP.13 on the mobilization of resources for the implementation of the Convention,

Having considered document ICCD/CRIC(17)/9 and the conclusions and recommendations contained therein,

Also having considered document ICCD/CRIC(18)/7 on progress made in the mobilization of resources for the implementation of the Convention, and document ICCD/CRIC(18)/6 on the update on the Global Support Programme in support of United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification reporting,

Emphasizing the need to mobilize all sources of financing in support of the Convention,

Noting that innovative finance approaches should take into account integrated landscape approaches and local conditions,

Appreciating the role of the various international financial mechanisms, including the Green Climate Fund and Adaptation Fund, in supporting country Parties on land issues, given the important role that land plays in climate change,

Taking note of the operationalization of the Land Degradation Neutrality Fund,

Welcoming with appreciation the efforts made by the Global Environment Facility and the Green Climate Fund to develop projects and programmes related to desertification/land degradation and drought,

Acknowledging the support and assistance provided by the Global Mechanism to develop land degradation neutrality transformative projects and programmes at national level to achieve land degradation neutrality,

1. *Requests* the secretariat and the Global Mechanism, within their respective mandates, to continue the mobilization of funding from all sources in support of the implementation of the Convention;
2. *Also requests* the Global Mechanism to continue strengthening and establishing new partnerships with relevant institutions to facilitate the mobilization of resources for the implementation of the Convention, including with:
 - (a) The Global Environment Facility to support countries in the process of accessing resources from the Seventh Replenishment Phase of the Global Environment Facility, in particular as regards the enabling activities under the Global Environment Facility to support countries' obligations to the Convention; and
 - (b) Multilateral financial institutions, national development banks, and members of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development;
3. *Further requests* the Global Mechanism to broaden its outreach to non-traditional funding sources (e.g. private and blended finance) to find ways to support countries in combating desertification/land degradation and drought and achieving their voluntary land degradation neutrality targets;
4. *Requests* the Global Mechanism to continue to engage with multilateral development banks and other relevant funding institutions, including the Green Climate Fund, to facilitate

country Parties' access to funding in order to enhance national level synergies between addressing desertification/land degradation and drought and climate change mitigation and adaptation;

5. *Encourages* Parties to facilitate greater coordination between the Green Climate Fund national designated authorities and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification national focal points to harmonize approaches to addressing land issues in the context of climate change and to maximize the use of diverse financial instruments;

6. *Invites* Mirova, as the manager of the Land Degradation Neutrality Fund, to provide regular updates on its operations, including detailed information on the selection of projects and the definition of priorities by the Fund and, along with the Global Mechanism, to provide support and capacity-building for accessing the Land Degradation Neutrality Fund;

7. *Requests* the Global Mechanism to submit a report on the operations of the Land Degradation Neutrality Fund at sessions of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention;

8. *Encourages* developed country Parties and others in a position to do so to continue to provide substantial financial and non-financial resources (e.g. voluntary technology transfer on mutually agreed terms and scientific and technical assistance) to affected country Parties in order to support their efforts to combat desertification/land degradation and drought, achieve land degradation neutrality, and advance the implementation of the Convention;

9. *Invites* developed country Parties to continue to report against strategic objective 5 to allow an accurate estimate of financial flows to be measured and analysed;

10. *Requests* the secretariat and the Global Mechanism, within their respective mandates, to support country-level activities towards the implementation of voluntary land degradation neutrality targets, including through supporting land degradation neutrality transformative projects and programmes, and facilitating the mobilization of adequate financial resources from all sources of funding;

11. *Also requests* the Global Mechanism and the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, within their respective mandates and in collaboration with the Global Environment Facility and relevant international partners, and subject to the availability of financial resources, to:

(a) Continue supporting the process of voluntary land degradation neutrality target-setting in those country Parties that may still wish to engage in this process;

(b) Also continue sharing relevant knowledge and lessons learned on the outcomes of national voluntary land degradation neutrality target-setting processes;

(c) Further continue supporting country Parties in the development and implementation of national drought plans and other drought-related activities;

(d) Support country Parties in establishing the necessary enabling environment for United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification implementation, including in the context of land degradation neutrality and activities related to sand and dust storms and drought;

12. *Invites* Parties to identify relevant case studies on land degradation neutrality implementation, and *requests*:

(a) The secretariat, in collaboration with the Global Mechanism, to collect these case studies and prepare a synthesis report for consideration by the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties; and

(b) The Science-Policy Interface of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification to contribute to this synthesis report;

13. *Also requests* the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism to report to future sessions of the Conference of the Parties on progress made in the mobilization of resources for the implementation of the Convention.

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