

Decision 21/COP.14

Programme of work for the fifteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling articles 23 and 24 of the Convention,

Also recalling decision 13/COP.8 and decision 21/COP.11 on reshaping the operations of the Committee on Science and Technology,

Further recalling decision 19/COP.12 on improving the efficiency of the Committee on Science and Technology,

Bearing in mind the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification 2018–2030 Strategic Framework, in particular the implementation framework for the Committee on Science and Technology,

Having reviewed the proposed work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2020–2021, as contained in the annex of decision 18/COP.14,

1. *Decides* that the fifteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology should focus, inter alia, on the objectives and coordination activities identified in the work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2020–2021;
2. *Also decides* that the fifteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology should be organized in such a way as to facilitate a thematic dialogue between the Parties and the Science-Policy Interface regarding the policy implications of the scientific outputs, and to enable the formulation of concise policy-relevant recommendations;
3. *Requests* the secretariat to circulate a provisional annotated agenda and appropriate documentation, including a set of clear and concise recommendations for consideration by Parties at the appropriate session in all six official languages of the United Nations, at least six weeks prior to the fifteenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology.

4th plenary meeting
6 September 2019