

## Decision 3/COP.14

### **Integration of Sustainable Development Goal 15 and related target 15.3 into the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and land degradation neutrality**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* decision 3/COP.12, decision 3/COP.13, decision 8/COP.12 and decision 7/COP.13,

*Recognizing* that Sustainable Development Goal 15.3 has created momentum for the implementation of the Convention and that the setting of voluntary land degradation neutrality targets supports countries in mobilizing funding in this regard,

*Welcoming* the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration and new partnerships such as the Group on Earth Observations Land Degradation Neutrality Initiative and the Peace Forest Initiative, and *encouraging* Parties to develop further partnerships for the implementation of the Convention and the achievement of land degradation neutrality,

1. *Invites* Parties, who have not yet done so, to formulate voluntary land degradation neutrality targets, as appropriate;
2. *Also invites* Parties that have committed to voluntary land degradation neutrality targets to implement measures to accelerate their achievement, as appropriate, by:
  - (a) Fostering synergies among the Rio conventions and other multilateral environmental agreements, including the consideration of joint programming activities at the national and subnational level;
  - (b) Strengthening national-level coordination and cooperation based on, inter alia, integrated land-use planning, to guide the implementation of transformative projects and programmes;
  - (c) Creating an enabling environment for the achievement of land degradation neutrality, including the responsible governance of land and tenure security, the engagement of stakeholders and the improved access of smallholders to advisory and financial services;
3. *Further invites* all Parties, as appropriate and on a voluntary basis, to enhance the integration of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Sustainable Development Goal target 15.3, into their national strategies, plans and programmes to implement the Convention;
4. *Invites* developed country Parties, and others in a position to do so, to provide financial and technical support for the implementation of the Convention and the achievement of land degradation neutrality;
5. *Requests* the secretariat, the Global Mechanism and appropriate United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification bodies, within their respective mandates, to:
  - (a) Continue to develop partnerships to support the implementation of the Convention and land degradation neutrality, taking note of, as appropriate, the Group on Earth Observations Land Degradation Neutrality Initiative, the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, the Changwon Initiative, the Ankara Initiative, the Peace Forest Initiative and other complementary initiatives, including national, subregional and regional scientific bodies, to provide support to the Parties;
  - (b) Continue to contribute to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development;
  - (c) Develop the Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Programme and support Parties in implementing and periodically reviewing and monitoring progress;

(d) Continue to promote synergies and knowledge-sharing among Parties participating in the Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Programme;

6. *Also requests* the secretariat to report on the implementation of this decision at the future sessions of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention.

*14<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting*

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