



Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

Twentieth session

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 12–18 May 2022

Item 1 (a) of the provisional agenda

Organizational matters

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the secretariat

I. Provisional agenda

1. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work;
 - (b) Election of officers other than the Chair of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention.
2. Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional levels:
 - (a) Review of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on its nineteenth session;
 - (b) Multi-year workplan for Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies;
 - (c) Performance of Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies;
 - (d) Integration of Sustainable Development Goal 15 and related target 15.3 into the implementation of the Convention and land degradation neutrality;
 - (e) Development and promotion of activities for targeted capacity-building to further the implementation of the Convention.
3. Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and formats of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties.
4. Securing of additional investments and relations with financial mechanisms:
 - (a) Report by the Global Environment Facility on the financing of programmes and projects concerning desertification/land degradation and drought;
 - (b) Report by the Global Mechanism on progress made in the mobilization of resources for the implementation of the Convention.



5. Procedural matters: Programme of work for the twenty-first session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention.
6. Adoption of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

Dates and venue of the session

1. Pursuant to provisions contained in decision 33/COP.14 and further consultations with the host government of the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 15), the twentieth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC 20) will be held from 12 to 18 May 2022 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

Purpose of the session

2. In accordance with paragraph 15 of the terms of reference of the CRIC, as contained in the annex to decision 13/COP.13, the CRIC will address the items on its agenda at its twentieth session with a view to formulating draft decisions, where necessary, for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the COP.

Documentation

3. Documents relevant to the session will be made available on the website of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD): <<https://www.unccd.int/official-documents>>.

Times of meetings

4. In order to avoid incurring overtime expenses, the tentative schedule aims to make best use of the facilities available during normal working hours of the session (from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00).

1. Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Organization of work

5. The CRIC may wish to consider the following scenario: At the opening session on 12 May 2022, the Chair of the CRIC will call for the adoption of the agenda and organization of work. This will be followed by the consideration of items 2 to 6 of the agenda, which will continue through to its meeting on 18 May 2022.

6. By its decision 32/COP.14 the COP requested the secretariat to circulate in all official languages at least six weeks prior to COP 15 a single document with all draft decisions prepared for Parties for consideration at the COP. Accordingly, document ICCD/CRIC(20)/10 includes all substantive draft decisions proposed by the secretariat that will serve as starting point for discussion and further negotiation in the CRIC contact group.

7. At its concluding meeting on 18 May, following the completion of the review of the substantive agenda items, the CRIC will consider the programme of work for its twenty-first session, adopt its report, including where necessary the draft decisions for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the COP, and elect officers other than the Chair of the CRIC. At the plenary meeting of the COP on 19 May, the CRIC draft decisions will be submitted to the COP for consideration and possible adoption.

Adoption of the agenda

8. *Background:* According to the terms of reference of the CRIC, set out in decision 13/COP.13, the provisional agenda for the sessions of the CRIC is to be prepared by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the CRIC Bureau.

9. In accordance with decision 14/COP.14 and other relevant decisions, the secretariat has prepared a provisional annotated agenda for CRIC 20 (document ICCD/CRIC(20)/1), as well as other documents needed for deliberations by Parties.

ICCD/CRIC(20)/1 – Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the secretariat

10. *Action:* The CRIC will be invited to adopt its agenda and schedule of work for the session.

(b) Election of officers other than the Chair of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

11. *Background:* Pursuant to paragraphs 7 and 8 of the terms of reference of the CRIC, as contained in the annex to decision 13/COP.13, four Vice-Chairs shall constitute the CRIC Bureau, together with the Chair, elected by the COP in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the COP. They shall be elected with due regard to the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution and adequate representation of affected country Parties, particularly those in Africa, while not neglecting affected country Parties in other regions. They shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms.

12. In accordance with this decision, the Chair will call for the election of these officers at the final meeting of the CRIC. The Vice-Chairs elected, of whom one shall act as Rapporteur, shall assume their office immediately.

13. *Action:* The CRIC will be invited to undertake consultations throughout the session and elect the four Vice-Chairs of the CRIC at its final plenary meeting scheduled to take place on 18 May 2022.

2. Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional, and regional levels

(a) Review of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on its nineteenth session

14. *Background:* In accordance with the annex to decision 13/COP.13, the CRIC is invited at sessions held during ordinary sessions of the COP to, inter alia, review the final report on sessions held between ordinary sessions of the COP containing its recommendations on further steps to be taken to facilitate effective implementation of the Convention.

15. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CRIC 19 was held virtually from 15 to 19 March 2021 as a non-negotiating session. Parties decided that in lieu of a conclusion and recommendation section that normally would have gone through a contact group, the final report of the intersessional session would simply contain a summary of deliberations prepared by the rapporteur of the CRIC.

16. Moreover, Parties decided at COP 14 that draft decisions for the COP, the CRIC and the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) be made public in all official languages at least six weeks prior to COP 15. It was further agreed that draft texts for negotiations prepared on the basis of the summary of deliberations contained in the final report of the intersessional session (CRIC 19) will be channelled through the CRIC Bureau before integration into the document containing all draft decisions.

17. *Action:* the CRIC will be invited to review the report of its nineteenth session as well as a draft decision relating to the intersessional session contained in document ICCD/CRIC(20)/10 and finalize a draft decision for consideration by the COP.

ICCD/CRIC(19)/6 – Report of the nineteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, held from 15 to 19 March 2021

ICCD/CRIC(20)/10 – Draft decisions for consideration at the twentieth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat

(b) Multi-year workplan for Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies

18. *Background:* By its decision 3/COP.8, the COP requested Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies to develop their respective results-based management multi-year (four-year) workplans in line with the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018), and to report to the CRIC on progress in their implementation.

19. In the annex to its decision 13/COP.13, the COP gave the CRIC a mandate to review the multi-year workplans of Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies at sessions held in conjunction with the COP.

20. *Action:* The CRIC will be invited to review the multi-year workplan for the Convention (2022–2025). Since the multi-year work plan is closely linked to discussions and negotiations on the budget, the agenda item will be referred to the budget group, which in turn will formulate a final draft decision for consideration by the COP.

ICCD/COP(15)/6-ICCD/CRIC(20)/2 – Multi-year workplan for the Convention (2022–2025)

ICCD/COP(15)/21 – Draft decisions for consideration at the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat

(c) Performance of Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies

21. *Background:* Similar to the multi-year work programmes, the CRIC is also mandated to review the performance of Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies during sessions of the CRIC held in conjunction with the COP.¹

22. By its decision 1/COP.10, the COP decided that future performance reviews by the CRIC should be based on the reports on the implementation of the two-year costed work programmes of Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies, starting with its twelfth session. It also decided that the performance indicators and their related targets in the workplans should be used to allow for the proper performance assessment of Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies.

23. *Action:* Like the process followed for the multi-year work programmes, the CRIC will be invited to review the performance of Convention institutions and transfer the negotiation on the draft decision to the budget contact group to formulate a final draft decision for consideration by the COP.

ICCD/CRIC(20)/3 – Report on the performance of Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies (2020–2021). Note by the secretariat

ICCD/COP(15)/21 – Draft decisions for consideration at the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat

(d) Integration of Sustainable Development Goal 15 and related target 15.3 into the implementation of the Convention and land degradation neutrality

24. *Background:* Synergies between land degradation and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and in particular SDG target 15.3 are frequently discussed during sessions of the COP and CRIC. Decision 3/COP.14 requested the secretariat, among other stakeholders, to undertake activities to further provide stimulus to the implementation of the Convention,

¹ See decision 13/COP.13.

using the dynamics around the SDGs as momentum to promote the implementation of the Convention.

25. *Action:* The CRIC will be invited to review document ICCD/CRIC(20)/7 as well as a draft decision relating to this agenda item contained in document ICCD/CRIC(20)/10 with a view to formulating a final draft decision for consideration by the COP.

ICCD/CRIC(20)/7 – 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. Note by the secretariat

ICCD/CRIC(20)/10 – Draft decisions for consideration at the twentieth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat

(e) **Development and promotion of activities for targeted capacity-building to further the implementation of the Convention**

26. *Background:* By its decision 2/COP.14, the COP requested the secretariat, within available resources, to continue targeted capacity-building to, inter alia, support the gender responsive and transformative implementation of the Convention; further strengthen and deepen both formal and informal partnerships to better facilitate the capacity-building process; and requested both the secretariat and the GM, within available resources to support capacity-building efforts to facilitate the achievement of land degradation neutrality; and foster collaboration on drought impact mitigation capacity-building activities and thereby further facilitate the implementation of the Convention in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

27. A panel discussion will allow Parties to share experience with their development partners and highlight major issues relating to capacity-building that will assist the COP in identifying key objectives for future implementation.

28. *Action:* The CRIC is invited to review document ICCD/CRIC(20)/6 as well as a draft decision relating to this agenda item contained in document ICCD/CRIC(20)/10 and to formulate a final draft decision for consideration by the COP.

ICCD/CRIC(20)/6 – Development and promotion of capacity-building to further the implementation of the Convention

ICCD/CRIC(20)/10 – Draft decisions for consideration at the twentieth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat

3. Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and formats of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties

29. *Background:* Reporting under the Convention has been an iterative process throughout UNCCD history. Following CRIC 17 in Guyana and subsequent decisions by the COP on issues relating to UNCCD reporting, the secretariat and the GM set out to improve reporting tools and prepared an upgraded version of the reporting portal PRAIS 4 (performance review and assessment of implementation system) for its launch at the end of October 2021.

30. Documents prepared for this agenda item provide information on:

- Modalities for reporting on the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework, including on the newly proposed indicators for tracking progress made on the strategic objectives, including those relating to the financing issues of strategic objective 5;

- The enabling environment for reporting under the responsibility of the Convention institutions, such as capacity-building; and
- Technical support for national reporting and information on the technical review of reports to be submitted to the COP.

31. Since methodological work relating to indicators has successfully been enriched through discussions held with the CST, Parties may wish to make sections of document ICCD/COP(15)/CST/7-ICCD/CRIC(20)/8 subject to joint negotiations during COP 15.

32. Taking into consideration that the CST is scheduled to finish its session by the end of the first week of the COP, it was decided that document ICCD/COP(15)/CST/7-ICCD/CRIC(20)/8 and document ICCD/CRIC(20)/10 be tabled during the CRIC plenary meeting on Thursday, 12 May, followed by a meeting of the joint CST/CRIC contact group later that day to prepare language for the draft decision on reporting under the Convention to be adopted by the COP. The remaining documentation prepared for this agenda item (documents ICCD/CRIC(20)/9 and ICCD/CRIC(20)INF.1) will be introduced to Parties on the following Monday through interactive means such as a panel discussion.

33. *Action:* Taking into consideration paragraph 30 above concerning document ICCD/COP(15)/CST/7-ICCD/CRIC(20)/8 and the proposal to deal with sections of this document through a joint CST/CRIC contact group, the CRIC is invited to (i) consider the remaining reports prepared by the secretariat and/or the GM for this agenda item as well as a draft decision relating to this agenda item contained in document ICCD/CRIC(20)/10; and (ii) formulate final draft decisions for consideration by the COP.

<p>ICCD/COP(15)/CST/7-ICCD/CRIC(20)/8 – Information on modalities for reporting on the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework. Note by the secretariat</p> <p>ICCD/CRIC(20)/9 – Improving procedures for the communication of information as well as the quality and formats of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat</p> <p>ICCD/CRIC(20)INF.1 – Guidelines for the technical review of national reports</p> <p>ICCD/CRIC(20)/10 – Draft decisions for consideration at the twentieth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat</p>
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4. Securing of additional investments and relations with financial mechanisms

(a) Report by the Global Environment Facility on the financing of programmes and projects concerning desertification/land degradation and drought

34. *Background:* By its decision 9/COP.1, the COP decided to include, as a standing item on its agenda, a review of available information on the financing of the Convention by multilateral agencies and institutions, including information on the activities of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) concerning desertification, as specified in article 20, paragraph 2 (b), of the Convention.

35. The memorandum of understanding between the UNCCD and the GEF, adopted under decision 11/COP.13, provides that the GEF will prepare a report to be submitted to each regular session of the COP, through the UNCCD secretariat, on the financing of programmes and projects concerning desertification/land degradation and drought.

36. By its decision 9/COP.14 the COP invited the GEF to report on the implementation of this decision as part of its next report to the COP at its fifteenth session.

37. *Action:* The CRIC is invited to review the report submitted by the GEF as well as a draft decision relating to this agenda item contained in document ICCD/CRIC(20)/10 and to formulate a final draft decision for consideration by the COP.

ICCD/CRIC(20)/4 – Report by the Global Environment Facility on the financing of programmes and projects concerning desertification, land degradation and drought

ICCD/CRIC(20)/10 – Draft decisions for consideration at the twentieth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat

(b) Report by the Global Mechanism on progress made in the mobilization of resources for the implementation of the Convention

38. *Background:* By its decision 13/COP.14, the COP requested the GM to continue supporting the mobilization of resources for the implementation of the Convention and establish new and continue strengthening existing partnerships with relevant institutions. Furthermore, the GM was also requested to undertake and promote activities aimed at the voluntary process of setting targets for land degradation neutrality.

39. *Action:* The CRIC is invited to review the report submitted by the GM as well as a draft decision relating to this agenda item contained in document ICCD/CRIC(20)/10 and to formulate a final draft decision for consideration by the COP.

ICCD/CRIC(20)/5 – Report by the Global Mechanism on progress made in the mobilization of resources for the implementation of the Convention

ICCD/CRIC(20)/10 – Draft decisions for consideration at the twentieth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat

5. Procedural matters: Programme of work for the twenty-first session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

40. In accordance with rule 33 of the rules of procedure of the COP, the CRIC is to submit to the COP, for adoption, a tentative programme of work for the next session of the Committee.

6. Adoption of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

41. *Background:* Paragraph 4 of the Annex to decision 13/COP.13 states that the CRIC shall report regularly to the COP on all aspects of its work, particularly through draft decisions prepared at sessions held in conjunction with ordinary sessions of the COP, where necessary, for consideration and adoption by the COP. Such decisions shall contain substantive elements aimed at facilitating the effective implementation of the Convention, including targets as well as the assigned responsibilities and expected financial implications of their implementation, as necessary.

42. *Action:* The report of the CRIC on its twentieth session, including draft decisions, where necessary, shall be submitted to the COP for its consideration and, as appropriate, adoption.

ICCD/CRIC(19)/6 – Report of the nineteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, held from 15 to 19 March 2021

ICCD/CRIC(20)/10 – Draft decisions for consideration at the twentieth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat

Annex

**Tentative schedule of work for the twentieth session of the
Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the
Convention**

Thursday, 12 May 2022	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizational matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adoption of the agenda and organization of work <i>(ICCD/CRIC(20)/1)</i> - Election of officers other than the Chair of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention • Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional levels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on its nineteenth session <i>(ICCD/CRIC(19)/6, ICCD/CRIC(20)/10)</i> - Multi-year workplan for Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies <i>(ICCD/COP(15)/6-ICCD/CRIC(20)/2, ICCD/COP(15)/21)</i> - Report on the performance of Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies (2020–2021) <i>(ICCD/CRIC(20)/3, ICCD/COP(15)/21)</i> • Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and formats of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties <i>(ICCD/COP(15)/CST/7-ICCD/CRIC(20)/8, ICCD/CRIC(20)/9, ICCD/CRIC(20)/INF.1, ICCD/CRIC(20)/10)</i> 	

Monday, 16 May 2022	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and formats of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties (<i>continued</i>) (<i>ICCD/COP(15)/CST/7-ICCD/CRIC(20)/8, ICCD/CRIC(20)/9, ICCD/CRIC(20)/INF.1, ICCD/CRIC(20)/10</i>) • Integration of Sustainable Development Goal 15 and related target 15.3 into the implementation of the Convention and land degradation neutrality (<i>ICCD/CRIC(20)/7, ICCD/CRIC(20)/10</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and promotion of activities for targeted capacity-building to further the implementation of the Convention (<i>ICCD/CRIC(20)/6, ICCD/CRIC(20)/10</i>)

Tuesday, 17 May 2022	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Securing of additional investments and relations with financial mechanisms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report by the Global Environment Facility on the financing of programmes and projects concerning desertification/land degradation and drought (<i>ICCD/CRIC(20)/4, ICCD/CRIC(20)/10</i>) - Report by the Global Mechanism on progress made in the mobilization of resources for the implementation of the Convention (<i>ICCD/CRIC(20)/5, ICCD/CRIC(20)/10</i>)

Wednesday, 18 May 2022	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Securing of additional investments and relations with financial mechanisms (<i>continued</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report by the Global Mechanism on progress made in the mobilization of resources for the implementation of the Convention (<i>ICCD/CRIC(20)/5, ICCD/CRIC(20)/10</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (<i>ICCD/CRIC(19)/6, ICCD/CRIC(20)/10</i>)