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Venue

1. Article 24, paragraph 1, of the Convention provides that the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) shall meet in conjunction with the ordinary sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP). The eleventh session of the CST (CST 11) will therefore be convened in Windhoek, Namibia, during the eleventh session of the COP (COP 11). The CST is scheduled to meet in the mornings and afternoons from 17 to 19 September 2013 and in the afternoon of 20 September 2013.

Logistic arrangements

2. A few weeks before the opening of COP 11, the secretariat will distribute an information note (ICCD/COP(11)/INF.1) detailing registration and security procedures, as well as other logistic arrangements for the session.

Format of the meeting

3. Decision 13/COP.8, paragraph 1 (a), states that each future ordinary session of the CST shall be organized in a predominantly scientific and technical conference-style format. Decision 18/COP.10, paragraph 11, stipulates that the text of decision 13/COP.8, paragraph 1, “[...] each future ordinary session of the CST”, shall not apply to the eleventh session of the CST. Accordingly, CST 11 will be held in a regular United Nations conference format.

Participants

4. Article 24, paragraph 1, of the Convention provides that the CST shall be multidisciplinary and open to the participation of all Parties. Consistent with the provisions of article 22, paragraph 7, it is anticipated that the meetings of CST 11 will be open to observers, subject to the rules of procedure.

Opening of the session

5. CST 11 will be opened on 17 September 2013 by the Chair of the CST at its tenth session (CST 10). Based on decision 25/COP.10, which amends rule 22 of decision 1/COP.1, the Chair of the CST shall be elected at the final meeting of the COP, and shall assume his or her office immediately.

Bureau

6. In accordance with decision 25/COP.10, paragraph 2, amending rule 31, the Vice-Chairs of the CST shall be elected at the final meeting of the session of the Committee held in conjunction with the sessions of the COP, and shall assume their office immediately.

7. Therefore the Vice-Chairs of CST 10 shall hold their office until the election of the Vice-Chairs of CST 11.

Documentation

8. A list of documents prepared for CST 11 and other relevant documents is provided in annex I to this document. In addition to the usual hard copy distribution, official documents will also be made available on the UNCCD website: <www.unccd.int>.

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

9. The CST will have before it for adoption the provisional agenda contained in this document, prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Chair of the CST on the basis of the relevant decisions adopted by the COP at its tenth session. A tentative schedule of work for the session is contained in annex II to this document.

Purpose of the session

10. In accordance with article 24, paragraph 1, of the Convention, the CST is to provide the COP with information and advice on scientific and technological matters relating to combating desertification and mitigating the effects of drought. The organization of work of the session is designed to facilitate the activities in this respect with a view to formulating draft decisions, where necessary, for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the COP.

Organization of work

11. The CST may wish to consider the following scenario. At the opening session on 17 September 2013, the Chair of the CST will call for the adoption of the agenda and organization of work. This will be followed by consideration of items 2 to 11 on the agenda.

12. Following the completion of all other agenda items, the proposed tentative schedule of work referred to in paragraph 9 above allows for the formulation of the report on the session, including, where necessary, the draft decisions for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the COP. The CST will convene its concluding meeting in the afternoon of 20 September 2013, in which the CST will consider the programmes of work

for its twelfth session (agenda item 11), the adoption of the report of the CST (agenda item 12) and the election of officers other than the Chair of the CST (agenda item 13).

Times of meetings

13. The tentative schedule aims to make best use of the facilities available during normal working hours. No scheduling or budgetary provisions have been made for evening or weekend sessions. Consistent with the working hours of the COP, and to avoid incurring overtime expenses, the normal working hours of the session will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. No provision has been made for more than two meetings of the COP and its subsidiary bodies with interpretation services to be held at any one time.

2. Consideration of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology on its third special session

14. The report of the third special session of the CST (CST S-3), contained in document ICCD/CST(S-3)/7, will be presented to the CST for consideration.

15. The Committee may wish to make recommendations to the COP concerning any follow-up action.

3. Advice on how best to measure progress on strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3 of The Strategy

- (a) **The iterative process for the refinement of the set of impact indicators for strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3**
- (b) **Improving the quality and the format of reports on strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3 to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties**
- (c) **Integrating, analysing and interpreting impact indicator information from a scientific point of view**

16. The COP, by its decision 3/COP.8, paragraph 10, requested the CST to provide advice on how best to measure progress on strategic objectives 1, 2, and 3 of The Strategy.

17. By its decision 17/COP.9, paragraph 4, the COP requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the Bureau of the CST and using an iterative process, to develop proposals for consideration by future sessions of the COP commencing with its eleventh session to refine the set of impact indicators and associated methodologies.

18. By its decision 19/COP.10, paragraph 3, the COP decided to establish an ad hoc advisory group of technical experts (AGTE) to be tasked with continuing the iterative participatory contribution from the scientific community, national focal points and science and technology correspondents on impact-indicator refinement and the monitoring and assessment of impacts.

19. Document ICCD/COP(11)/CST/2 contains the recommendations of the AGTE on the refinement of the set of impact indicators. These recommendations address a number of issues important to monitoring progress made in achieving the strategic objectives of the Convention and reporting on its impacts. Besides including a proposal for a refined set of meaningful, globally applicable and cost-effective impact indicators, the document contains, among others, a science-based approach for the delineation of affected areas and suggestions on how to simplify the reporting process while focusing on the benefits that

reporting might hold for a country and how to integrate nationally and locally relevant information/indicators into the global impact assessment.

20. The recommendations of the AGTE are to be submitted to the CST for preliminary consideration and any recommendations the Committee may wish to make to the COP.

4. Consideration of progress made in the organization of international, interdisciplinary scientific advice in the Convention process

21. The COP requested the CST by its decision 18/COP.9, paragraph 1, to conduct an assessment of how to organize international, interdisciplinary scientific advice, taking into account the need to ensure transparency and geographical balance, and to consider options for determining agreed channels for consideration of the advice in the Convention process. Through documents ICCD/COP(10)/CST/6 and ICCD/COP(10)/CST/MISC.1, Parties were provided at CST 10 with an overview of the four options that have been identified on how to organize international, interdisciplinary scientific advice and the key findings of an e-survey to support the assessment of how to organize such advice. The final report of this e-survey is contained in document ICCD/COP(11)/CST/INF.1.

22. At its tenth session, the COP, by its decision 20/COP.10, paragraph 2, decided to set up an ad hoc working group, taking into consideration regional balance, to further discuss the options for the provision of scientific advice focusing on desertification/land degradation and drought (DLDD) issues, taking into account the regional approach of the UNCCD.

23. Document ICCD/COP(11)/CST/3 summarizes the conclusions and recommendations of suitable components that would shape an integrated scenario for providing scientific advice to the UNCCD on DLDD as elaborated by the ad hoc working group to further discuss the options for the provision of scientific advice (AGSA) focusing on DLDD issues (as established by the Bureau of the CST). The recommendations of the AGSA are to be submitted to the CST for preliminary consideration and any recommendations the Committee may wish to make to the COP.

24. In addition to document ICCD/COP(11)/CST/3, more detailed information on the findings of the AGSA are presented in document ICCD/COP(11)/CST/INF.2 on "Organization of international, interdisciplinary scientific advice to support the Convention process. Report by the ad hoc working group to further discuss the options for the provision of scientific advice focusing on desertification/land degradation and drought issues", in order to facilitate the discussions of the Committee.

5. Reshaping the operation of the Committee on Science and Technology in line with The Strategy

(a) Review of the outcomes of the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference

25. The COP, by its decision 18/COP. 10, paragraph 7, requested the Bureau of the CST, with the support of the secretariat, to present a report at CST 11 on the organization and the outcomes of the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference.

26. Paragraph 8 of the same decision requested the Bureau of the CST to consult with Parties and regional groups to review the outcomes of the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference.

27. Decision 18/COP.10 further invited Parties to review the outcomes of the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference before CST 11 in order to make recommendations, as they deem appropriate, to COP 11.

28. Due to the postponement of CST S-3 and the limited time left until CST 11 and as agreed by Parties during CST S-3, the secretariat has sent out letters to Parties and regional groups containing the preliminary outcome of the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference as presented to CST S-3 by the lead institution of the Conference, Global Risk Forum (GRF) Davos, and a set of key questions inviting Parties to provide their views and feedback. Parts of document ICCD/COP(11)/CST/4 compile the feedback and recommendations received from Parties on the review of the preliminary outcomes of the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference, for the consideration of the Committee and any recommendations it may wish to make to the COP.

29. Based on the same decision (paragraphs 7 and 8), the final outcomes of the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference are contained in document ICCD/COP(11)/CST/INF.3.

30. Decision 18/COP.10 also invited GRF Davos, as the selected lead institution, and the Bureau of the CST to present a proposal at CST 11 on how to maintain the momentum achieved through the conference in a sustainable manner. A specific part of document ICCD/COP(11)/CST/4 is dedicated to this particular issue for the consideration of the Committee and any recommendations it may wish to make to the COP.

(b) Assessment of the organization of the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference

31. By its decision 18/COP.10, paragraph 17, the COP requested the secretariat to organize an in-depth assessment of the organization of the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference, including of the approaches to scientific partnership-building employed, in consultation with regional groups.

32. Parts of document ICCD/COP(11)/CST/4 briefly introduce this assessment process and document ICCD/COP(11)/CST/INF.5 outlines the results of the assessment of the organization of the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference, as conducted by an individual contractor. The Committee may wish to take into account the lessons learned from this assessment to be used for the organization of the UNCCD 3rd Scientific Conference.

(c) Assessment of UNCCD scientific conferences

33. Remembering decision 13/COP.8, paragraph 1, the COP decided that each future ordinary session should be organized in a predominantly scientific and technical conference-style format by the Bureau of the CST in consultation with the lead institution/consortium, which is qualified in and has expertise in the relevant thematic topic selected by the COP.

34. At its tenth session, by its decision 18/COP.10, paragraph 18, the COP also invited the Bureau of the CST, bearing in mind decision 16/COP.9, in consultation with regional groups, to conduct, after the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference, an assessment of whether to hold the UNCCD scientific conferences during intersessional or ordinary sessions of the CST, and to report on this matter at CST 11.

35. Due to the postponement of CST S-3 and the limited time left until CST 11 and as agreed by Parties during CST S-3, consultations have taken place with Parties in order to receive feedback on the question of whether to hold the UNCCD scientific conferences during intersessional or ordinary sessions of the CST. One section of document ICCD/COP(11)/CST/4 outlines the results of this assessment and presents a compilation of feedback received from Parties.

36. In addition, the COP at its twelfth session will decide, after the assessment of the UNCCD 3rd Scientific Conference, how to continue with the process and format of

scientific conferences in the future, bearing in mind that the next would be held in 2018. Therefore, the CST may wish to discuss the time frame for potential future scientific conferences, taking into account paragraph 7 of decision 16/COP.9 requesting the Bureau of the CST, with the support of the secretariat, to select the lead institution/consortium at least two years prior to each future UNCCD scientific conference.

(d) Consideration of the progress report on the preparation of the UNCCD 3rd Scientific Conference on “Combating DLDD for poverty reduction and sustainable development: the contribution of science, technology, traditional knowledge and practices”

37. The COP, by its decision 18/COP.10, paragraph 12, decided that the UNCCD 3rd Scientific Conference would take place in 2014 at a special session of the CST, in accordance with the provisions of decision 13/COP.8, paragraph 1.

38. The selected consortium “Scientific and Traditional Knowledge for Sustainable Development (STK4SD)” undertook first steps in preparing and organizing the UNCCD 3rd Scientific Conference under the guidance of the Bureau of the CST.

39. Based on paragraph 16 of decision 18/COP.10, document ICCD/COP(11)/CST/5 summarizes the progress made in the organization and preparation of the UNCCD 3rd Scientific Conference since CST S-3 up to the end of May 2013. Further progress made after the release of document ICCD/COP(11)/CST/5 will be presented verbally by the Chair of the CST to CST 11 for any further recommendations it may wish to bring to the process.

6. Improvement of knowledge management, including traditional knowledge, best practices and success stories

(a) Scientific Knowledge Brokering Portal

40. In The Strategy, paragraph 14 (b) (iii) f. of the annex to decision 3/COP.8, the COP prescribed that the CST, in cooperation with relevant institutions, creates and steers knowledge-management systems aiming to improve the brokering of scientific and technical information from and to institutions, Parties and end-users. In paragraph 20 (b) (ii) b. i. of the same annex, the COP mandated the secretariat to support the knowledge management systems established by the CST and to perform information and knowledge brokering functions.

41. By its decision 21/COP.10, paragraph 1, the COP requested the secretariat to continue, subject to Parties providing the necessary additional financial resources, to improve knowledge management, including, but not limited to:

(a) Elaborating an information platform related to DLDD, building on existing similar information and categorizations where appropriate and useful;

(b) Carrying out the taxonomy for internal content categorization with respect to the UNCCD;

(c) Defining criteria and priorities applicable to knowledge management under the Convention, taking into account the results of the knowledge needs assessment;

(d) Preparing the necessary policies, procedures and guidelines for improving the quality and coherence of information products prepared internally and externally;

(e) Establishing synergetic partnerships with existing initiatives/networks;

(f) Encouraging the establishment of links with regional knowledge management systems via existing networks;

(g) Identifying flexible strategies for the transfer, development, deployment and use of proven technologies.

42. The secretariat will present to the Committee the actions taken under the general knowledge management of the secretariat, including the Scientific Knowledge Brokering Portal (SKBP), through document ICCD/COP(11)/CST/6, for its review and any recommendations it may wish to make to the COP. Document ICCD/COP(11)/CST/INF.4 outlines the progress and improvements made specifically related to the SKBP.

(b) Promoting the analysis and dissemination of best practices

43. By its decision 15/COP.10, the COP requested the secretariat to transfer the existing sustainable land management best practices in the performance review and assessment of implementation system (PRAIS) to a recommended database, once it is identified, for each theme and then to replace the existing PRAIS best practices with a link to the recommended database.

44. The COP, by the same decision (paragraph 2), further requested the secretariat to provide website links to existing databases relevant to best practices for themes 1 to 7 in order to provide Parties with access to as many best practices as possible.

45. By its decision 21/COP.10, paragraph 3, and decision 15/COP.10, paragraph 10, the COP requested the Bureau of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC) and the Bureau of the CST to work together in defining ways to promote the analysis and dissemination of best practices, according to the respective mandates of the two committees, for consideration at COP 11.

46. The bureaux of the two subsidiary bodies addressed this matter during a joint meeting in September 2012; further consultation took also place in May 2013. The report by the bureaux of the CRIC and the CST on promoting the analysis and dissemination of best practices is contained in document ICCD/CRIC(12)/4-ICCD/COP(11)/CST/7 for review and any recommendations that the two bodies may wish to make to the COP.

7. The roster of independent experts

47. Under the provisions of article 24, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the COP shall establish and maintain a roster of independent experts with expertise and experience in the relevant fields.

48. At its tenth session, the COP adopted decision 23/COP.10, paragraphs 3 and 4, wherein it requested the CST to review the current list of disciplines, taking into account the Proposed International Standard Nomenclature for Fields of Science and Technology as well as the lists of disciplines used by the Parties at the national level, and to update the list with new disciplines, including traditional and local knowledge, know-how and practices, as needed and present an updated list for consideration by COP 11.

49. The same decision further requested the CST to present an updated list for consideration by the COP at its eleventh session and directed the secretariat to set up web-based facilities to ease the process of updating the roster of independent experts.

50. In accordance with paragraph 6 of decision 23/COP.10, document ICCD/COP(11)/15 outlines the progress made in updating the roster of experts through web-based facilities, and a proposal for a review of disciplines of the roster of independent experts, for preliminary consideration by the CST and any recommendations it may wish to make to the COP.

8. Consideration of the progress report of the UNCCD fellowship programme

51. At its tenth session, the COP adopted decision 22/COP.10, wherein it stipulated that the multi-stakeholder partnership model should be applied in launching the UNCCD fellowship programme. The decision calls on the secretariat to facilitate, in collaboration with the multi-stakeholder partnership, the establishment of the fellowship programme and to report on progress at COP 11.

52. Based on the above-mentioned stipulations of decision 22/COP.10, the secretariat shall present to the CST the report on the actions taken to carry the mandate granted to it in accordance with this decision and the results achieved. Document ICCD/COP(11)/CST/8 outlines the main issues to be addressed, including the establishment of the steering group for the fellowship programme, the work of that steering group, and the attempts at building partnerships to implement the fellowship programme.

53. The progress report on the fellowship programme is to be submitted to the CST for its consideration and any recommendations the Committee may wish to make to the COP.

9. Consideration of the draft multi-year (four-year) workplan for the Committee on Science and Technology (2014–2017)

54. In decision 3/COP.8, paragraph 3, the COP requested the Convention's institutions and subsidiary bodies to develop their respective results-based management multi-year (four-year) workplans in line with The Strategy, and to report to the CRIC on progress made with their implementation.

55. By its decision 1/COP.10, paragraphs 7 and 8, the COP requested the secretariat and the Global Mechanism to prepare, in line with decision 3/COP.8, a multi-year workplan (2014–2017), utilizing the results-based management approach. It also requested the secretariat to integrate these plans into a comprehensive multi-year workplan for the Convention, to be considered at COP 11.

56. The draft multi-year workplan of the CST is, inter alia, contained in document ICCD/CRIC(12)/2-ICCD/COP(11)/CST/9 and is to be submitted to the CST for its review.

10. Programme of work for the fourth special session of the Committee on Science and Technology

57. The CST may wish to consider recommendations to submit to the COP with respect to its programme of work for its fourth special session, which will also include the UNCCD 3rd Scientific Conference.

11. Programme of work for the twelfth session of the Committee on Science and Technology

58. The CST may wish to consider recommendations to submit to the COP with respect to its programme of work for its twelfth session.

12. Adoption of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology

59. Relevant information on the work of the Committee during its eleventh session will be included in the report of the COP on its eleventh session. The Committee is expected to provide recommendations for consideration by the COP.

13. Election of officers other than the Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology

60. Based on document ICCD/COP(10)/24, the COP, at its tenth session, decided, as per paragraphs 1 and 2 of decision 25/COP.10, to amend rules 22 and 31 of decision 1/COP.1.

61. Paragraph 1 of decision 25/COP.10 outlines that the Chair of the CST, also to be elected from among the representatives of the Parties present at the session in such a manner that every geographical region shall be represented by at least one member, shall be elected at the final meeting of the COP, and shall assume his or her office immediately. They shall serve as the Bureau of the session. One of the Vice-Presidents shall act as Rapporteur. In appointing the Bureau, due regard shall be paid 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. The offices of President and Rapporteur shall normally be subject to rotation among the regional groups recognized by the practice of the United Nations.

62. Paragraph 2 of decision 25/COP.10, replacing rule 31, states that the Chair of the CST shall be elected by the COP. Unless the COP decides otherwise, the Chair of any other subsidiary body shall be elected by the COP.

63. Each subsidiary body shall elect its own four Vice-Chairs, one of whom shall act as Rapporteur. The Chair and four Vice-Chairs of such subsidiary bodies 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 and shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms. The Vice-Chairs of the CST shall be elected at the final meeting of the session of the Committee held in conjunction with the sessions of the COP, and shall assume their office immediately.

Annex I

Documents before the Committee on Science and Technology at its eleventh session

<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
ICCD/COP(11)/CST/1	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(11)/CST/2	Refinement of the set of impact indicators on strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3. Recommendations of the ad hoc advisory group of technical experts. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(11)/CST/3	Organization of international, interdisciplinary scientific advice to support the Convention process. Conclusions and recommendations of the ad hoc working group to further discuss the options for the provision of scientific advice focusing on desertification/land degradation and drought issues. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(11)/CST/4	Review of the preliminary outcome of the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference and assessments of UNCCD Scientific Conferences. Report by the Bureau of the Committee on Science and Technology
ICCD/COP(11)/CST/5	Progress report on the preparation of the UNCCD 3rd Scientific Conference. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(11)/CST/6	Improving knowledge management in the UNCCD. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(12)/4- ICCD/COP(11)/CST/7	Promoting the analysis and dissemination of best practices. Report by the Bureaux of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and the Committee on Science and Technology
ICCD/COP(11)/CST/8	Progress report on the UNCCD fellowship programme. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(12)/2- ICCD/COP(11)/CST/9	Comprehensive multi-year workplan for the Convention (2014–2017). Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(11)/CST/INF.1	Final report on the e-survey to support the assessment of how to organize international, interdisciplinary scientific advice. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(11)/CST/INF.2	Organization of international, interdisciplinary scientific advice to support the Convention process. Report by the ad hoc working group to further discuss the options for the provision of scientific advice focusing on desertification/land degradation and drought issues
ICCD/COP(11)/CST/INF.3	Final outcome of the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(11)/CST/INF.4	Progress Report on the Scientific Knowledge Brokering Portal. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(11)/CST/INF.5	Assessment of the organization of the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(11)/CST/CRP.1	Contribution of UNCCD to the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services process

Other documents before the Committee on Science and Technology at its eleventh session

<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
ICCD/CST(S-3)/7	Report of the third special session of the Committee on Science and Technology. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(11)/15	Report on progress on the maintenance of the roster of independent experts. Note by the secretariat

Annex II

Tentative schedule of work for the eleventh session of the Committee on Science and Technology

Tuesday, 17 September 2013	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
<p><i>Opening of the eleventh session of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) by the Chair of the CST</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (ICCD/COP(11)/CST/1) • Consideration of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology on its third special session (ICCD/CST(S-3)/7) • The roster of independent expert (ICCD/COP(11)/15) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of progress made in the organization of international, interdisciplinary scientific advice in the Convention process (ICCD/COP(11)/CST/3, ICCD/COP(11)/CST/INF.1 and ICCD/COP(11)/CST/INF.2) • Consideration of the progress report of the UNCCD fellowship programme (ICCD/COP(11)/CST/8)

Wednesday, 18 September 2013	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement of knowledge management, including traditional knowledge, best practices and success stories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Scientific Knowledge Brokering Portal (ICCD/COP(11)/CST/6 and ICCD/COP(11)/CST/INF.4) (b) Promoting the analysis and dissemination of best practices (ICCD/CRIC(12)/4- ICCD/COP(11)/CST/7 and ICCD/COP(11)/CST/6) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice on how best to measure progress on strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3 of The Strategy (ICCD/COP(11)/CST/2) • Reshaping the operation of the CST in line with the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (d) Consideration of the progress report on the preparation of the UNCCD 3rd Scientific Conference on “Combating DLDD for poverty reduction and sustainable development: the contribution of science, technology, traditional knowledge and practices” (ICCD/COP(11)/CST/5)

Thursday, 19 September 2013	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reshaping the operation of the CST in line with the Strategy: <i>(continued)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Review of the outcomes of the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference <i>(ICCD/COP(11)/CST/4 and ICCD/COP(11)/CST/INF.3)</i> (b) Assessment of the organization of the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference <i>(ICCD/COP(11)/CST/INF.5)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reshaping the operation of the CST in line with the Strategy: <i>(continued)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (c) Assessment of UNCCD scientific conferences <i>(ICCD/COP(11)/CST/4)</i> • Consideration of the draft multi-year (four-year) workplan for the CST (2014–2017) <i>(ICCD/CRIC(12)/2- ICCD/COP(11)/CST/9)</i> • Programme of work for the fourth special session of the CST

Friday, 20 September 2013	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme of work for the twelfth session of the CST • Adoption of the report of the CST • Election of officers other than the Chair of the CST <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Closure of the session</i></p>