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**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

**Provisional agenda and annotations**

Note by the secretariat

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## I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. The provisional agenda presented for adoption is as follows:
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  - (a) UNCCD Fellowship Programme
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17. Report of the session.

## II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### Introduction

2. In accordance with paragraph 7 of the terms of reference of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST), adopted by the Conference of the Parties (COP) in its decision 15/COP.1, the Committee shall adopt a programme of work, which should include estimates regarding its financial implications. The programme of work shall be subject to approval by the COP.

### *Venue*

3. Article 24, paragraph 1, of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) provides that the CST shall meet in conjunction with the ordinary sessions of the COP. The seventh session of the Committee will therefore meet in Nairobi, Kenya, during the seventh session of the COP. Tentatively, the Committee has been scheduled to meet from 18 to 20 October 2005, with a possible extension to 21 October 2005.

### *Participants*

4. Article 24, paragraph 1, of the Convention provides that the Committee shall be multidisciplinary and open to the participation of all Parties. Consistent with the provisions of article 22, paragraph 7, it is anticipated that sessions of the Committee will also be open to observers in accordance with the rules of procedure.

### *Documentation*

5. List of documents prepared for this session of the Committee and the previous one is contained in annex I. In addition to normal distribution, documents will be made available on the secretariat's Internet web site at <http://www.unccd.int>.

### 1. Opening of the session

6. In accordance with rule 22 of the rules of procedure of the COP (decision 1/COP.1, as amended by decision 20/COP.2 of 11 December 1998), the Chairperson of the Committee shall be elected by the COP from among the representatives of the Parties present at the session, in such a manner that every geographical region is fairly represented. This will occur at the opening meeting of the COP on 17 October 2005. The seventh session of the Committee will then be opened on 18 October 2005 by the Chairperson of the Committee.

### 2. Election of Vice-Chairpersons

7. In accordance with paragraph 6 of the terms of reference of the Committee, contained in decision 15/COP.1, the Committee shall elect its own Vice-Chairpersons, one of whom shall act as Rapporteur. Paragraph 6 provides that the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons 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, and shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms.

### 3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

8. The Committee will have before it for adoption the provisional agenda contained in paragraph 1 above, prepared by the secretariat on the basis of decision 20/COP.6. A tentative schedule of work is to be found in annex II.

#### *New recommendations*

9. Provision has been made in the Committee's schedule of work for the drafting of a report on the work of the Committee during the morning of 20 October 2005, and for approving it in the afternoon of the same day. Any new recommendations could also be dealt with at the plenary meeting of the Conference on 21 October 2005.

### 4. Roster of independent experts

10. Under the provisions of article 24, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the COP is to establish and maintain a roster of independent experts with expertise and experience in the relevant fields. In accordance with decision 13/COP.6, the secretariat has kept the roster up to date including the development of a new data entry system. The standardized curriculum vitae format includes information on non-governmental organizations (NGOs). The database system and on-line query procedures for the web site have been upgraded. Its latest version is available online at the secretariat's web site at <http://www.unccd.int>. The Committee may wish to review the roster, and make recommendations to the COP regarding it and any guidance the Conference may wish to give to the secretariat. The information on the use the Parties have made of the roster, including the work of the experts at the various levels, such as action programmes, is contained in document ICCD/COP(7)/10.

11. Bearing in mind the recommendations of the Bureau of the CST on this subject, the Committee may wish to recommend that (i) the Group of Experts (GoE) work programme activities should include, to the extent possible, a strategy on how to utilize the roster, and (ii) that the GoE communication strategy and the collection of case studies and best practices should make use of the experience of the experts included in the roster.

### 5. Survey and evaluation of existing networks, institutions, agencies and bodies

12. In its decision 14/COP.6, the COP took note of the work carried out by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) relating to phase 1 of the project "Survey and evaluation of existing networks, institutions, agencies and bodies". The secretariat provided information to the Committee at its sixth session regarding a revised proposal for Phase 2 of the project, which would be a pilot in-depth survey in the southern African subregion and would include the maintenance and development of the database developed during Phase 1. It was envisaged that during the work of Phase 2, UNEP-led consortium members would work with a broad range of southern African countries in the most cost-effective way possible. The proposal has been submitted to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for funding. Bearing in mind the

recommendations of the Bureau of the CST on this subject, UNEP was requested to provide an interim report on behalf of the consortium members. The information on this matter is contained in document ICCD/COP(7)/CST/10.

6. Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Committee on Science and Technology

(a) Interim report of the Group of Experts

13. In its decision 15/COP.6 and the annex thereto, the COP requested the GoE to prioritize its work programme for the coming two years and to focus on issues emerging from the review of the national, subregional and regional programmes, as well as to advise the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC) through the CST of the efficacy and adequacy of those programmes for implementing the Convention. The Chairperson of the GoE will make a brief introduction to the Committee on the outcome of the analysis conducted by the GoE of the reports submitted by the Parties to the CRIC, which is also contained in document ICCD/COP(7)/CST/3/Add.1.

14. The Committee may wish to discuss in depth the request under 15/COP.6 (paragraph 4) that the GoE “focus on issues emerging from the review of the national, subregional and regional programmes and other relevant reports and advise the CRIC through the CST of the efficacy and adequacy of those programmes for implementing the Convention”, bearing in mind the presentation made to the Committee by the Chairperson of the GoE on this subject, and the recommendation of the CST Bureau.

15. The GoE met in Beijing, China from 11 to 15 October 2004, in order to consider its work programme, prioritize its activities and further develop proposals for funding the work programme. The interim report of the GoE is contained in document ICCD/COP(7)/CST/3.

16. The Bureau of the CST was informed about the continued absence of some members of the GoE, and consequently requested the Chairperson of the GoE to write to those members of the GoE who have not been actively participating in its work, requesting them to confirm their readiness to continue to serve as members of the GoE. The Chairperson of the GoE will inform the Committee as appropriate on the outcome of this matter.

7. Traditional knowledge

17. By decision 16/COP.6, the COP requested the secretariat to compile submissions of case studies and lessons learned on how traditional knowledge can contribute to fulfilling the objectives of the Convention. The report on this matter is contained in document ICCD/COP(7)/CST/5; the Committee is invited to consider this report and to make any recommendations to the COP that it deems appropriate.

18. Bearing in mind the recommendations of the Bureau of the CST, the secretariat has completed its work on the publication of traditional knowledge based on the reports of the two ad hoc expert panels on traditional knowledge, including the relevant background papers. The information on this publication is contained in ICCD/COP(7)/CST/5.

## 8. Benchmarks and indicators

19. By decision 17/COP.6, the Conference of the Parties took note of the important progress achieved on benchmarks and indicators by the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) and the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS) in Africa and by Parties of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and other regions, and encouraged them to continue their work in the field.

20. The COP also encouraged the Parties to develop, test and use appropriate benchmarks and indicators, especially those targeting the local level and the involvement of civil society, and to report on the findings to the Committee at its seventh session. These reports are contained in the annex to document ICCD/COP(7)/CST/6.

21. Bearing in mind the recommendations of the Bureau of the CST on this subject, the Committee may wish to consider how guidelines on the use of benchmarks and indicators may be prepared, and to focus on providing these guidelines to the next COP as a way to proceed in this matter. Moreover, follow-up work by the GoE on benchmarks and indicators should reflect previous work and further elaborate on a consensus for an integrated framework for assessment to be used in supporting the action programmes. On the basis of the work of the GoE, the Committee may wish to discuss whether a common methodology on benchmarks and indicators covering bio-physical, socio-economic and governance-related indicators should be presented for approval by the COP, as recommended by the Bureau of the CST.

## 9. Early warning systems

### (a) Pilot studies on early warning systems

22. By decision 18/COP.6, the COP invited Parties to carry out pilot studies on early warning systems utilizing recommendations from the ad hoc panel, and to report on the findings to the CST. The secretariat has received submissions from country Parties, which are summarized in document ICCD/COP(7)/CST/7. The Chairperson of the GoE will make a statement on the progress achieved by the GoE on this item.

## 10. Land Degradation Assessment in Drylands

23. By decision 19/COP.6, the COP requested the secretariat to continue to follow closely the activities of the Land Degradation Assessment in Drylands (LADA), and, *inter alia*, to facilitate the involvement of the Parties in order that the needs and concerns of the Parties are taken into account in the assessment. The secretariat has participated in the LADA Steering Committee meetings and workshops convened under the auspices of the LADA project. Information on progress achieved by this project is contained in document ICCD/COP(7)/CST/8, which is before the Committee for consideration.

## 11. The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

24. By decision 19/COP.6, the COP requested the secretariat to continue to follow closely the activities of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA), and, *inter alia*, to facilitate the involvement of the Parties in order that the needs and concerns of the Parties are taken into account in the assessment. The secretariat has participated in the Executive Committee and the Board meetings of the MA, including in the drafting of the relevant reports. Moreover, the secretariat submitted the names of experts from the roster to serve as reviewers for the MA reports, and information on the progress of the MA has been sent to the focal points as appropriate. Document ICCD/COP(7)/CST/9 contains the information relating to this report. The Committee may wish to make observations and recommendations on this matter as it deems appropriate.

## 12. Programme of work of the Committee on Science and Technology

- (a) Priority issue: Synthesis of reports submitted by the country Parties on case studies illustrating best practices and research relating to land degradation, vulnerability and rehabilitation: an integrated approach

25. By decision 20/COP.6, the COP decided that the priority issue addressed by the CST at its sixth session, "Land degradation, vulnerability and rehabilitation: an integrated approach", should be further discussed at the seventh session. Moreover, the COP encouraged Parties to submit case studies illustrating best practices and innovative research relating to this theme, and requested the secretariat in consultation with the GoE to select three or four such case studies and present them to the Parties at the seventh session. Submissions were received from several Parties; a synthesis of these studies has been prepared by the secretariat and is contained in document ICCD/COP(7)/CST/2.

26. The Bureau discussed the possibility of utilizing selected case studies under the GoE Activity 3, which is "to identify and assess existing and ongoing case studies on conservation and rehabilitation for users in implementing the Convention". The Committee while discussing the priority issue, may wish to take into account the suggestions of the Bureau, and consider some case studies which may be applicable to many regions, and how the case studies may be prepared and disseminated.

- (b) Report of the Bureau of the Committee on Science and Technology

27. In its decision 20/COP.6, the COP requested the secretariat to facilitate the convening of one inter-sessional meeting of the CST Bureau for the review of decisions taken by the COP and other related matters regarding the work of the CST, especially the planning and organization of the next session of the CST. The Report of the Bureau of the CST is contained in document ICCD/COP(7)/CST/4.

### 13. Liaison with international organizations and the scientific community

- (a) CBD–UNCCD Joint Work Programme on the Biodiversity of Dry and Sub-humid Lands
- (b) Viterbo Workshop “Forests and Forest Ecosystems: Promoting Synergy in the Implementation of the Three Rio Conventions”

28. Within the context of the GoE work programme element on the formulation of a road map for developing synergies (decision 15/COP.6, paragraph 5), as well as decision 12/COP.6, the Committee may wish to discuss liaison with international organizations and the scientific community.

29. Document ICCD/COP(7)/5 provides background information on key meetings in which the secretariat has participated. The Committee may also wish to discuss the recommendations included in this document which are the outcome of the workshop “Forests and Forest Ecosystems: Promoting Synergy in the Implementation of the Three Rio Conventions”, organized by the secretariats of the UNCCD and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), in cooperation with the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), in Viterbo, Italy from 5 to 7 April 2004. Bearing in mind the recommendations of the Bureau of the CST, the Committee may wish to request that the GoE, under its work programme activity “Developing synergies with other related conventions, organizations and inter-governmental treaties in order to avoid duplication of effort and establish mechanisms for interaction”, prepare a discussion paper taking into account the results of the Viterbo workshop. The objective of the paper would be to examine further the recommendations of the Viterbo workshop that were directed at strengthening synergy at the local level. Furthermore, the relevant information on the CBD–UNCCD Joint Work Programme on the Biodiversity of Dry and Sub-humid Lands is also contained in the same document.

30. Pursuant to decision 12/COP.6, the secretariat has been holding consultations with the relevant partners, with a view to coming up with a joint approach to addressing the problems of Low Forest Cover Countries (LFCCs) that are relevant to the work of the CST. The strategic goal of this joint approach is to provide a consultative forum that supports a participatory, bottom-up approach to relevant policies and initiatives in the forest ecosystems in these LFCCs. The Committee may wish to recommend to the COP to provide appropriate direction to the secretariat on follow-up of a “Joint Approach to Low Forest Cover Countries”, in accordance with the said COP decision.

### 14. Future programme of work of the Committee on Science and Technology

31. The Committee may wish to consider what recommendations to submit to the Conference with respect to the future programme of work of the Committee. It may also wish to make recommendations to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Committee in carrying out its responsibilities during the inter-sessional period pursuant to its terms of reference.

32. The Committee may wish to discuss the recommendations of the Bureau contained in annex I of its report, ICCD/COP(7)/CST/4, regarding the three issues of the functioning of the CST.

33. The Bureau in its report commented on the lack of knowledge and general awareness of CST activities. It was also noted that awareness of the CST within the other conventions is either very low, or non-existent. In future, the CST programme of work should reinforce synergy with the scientific subsidiary bodies of other conventions. The Committee may wish to make relevant recommendations with respect to possible regular annual meetings of the CST.

34. The Bureau also discussed whether Parties should appoint a representative at the national level who would assume the role of a CST national focal point and be considered as the country representative to the CST. The Committee may wish to examine this proposal and make recommendations, if it deems appropriate, for consideration by the COP.

35. The Bureau discussed in detail the level of funding of the CST unit in the secretariat and the activities of the CST in the core budget. The Committee may wish to make observations on, and recommendations for, the programme and budget of 2006-2007 relating to the CST for consideration by the COP, in order to strengthen the role of the CST unit within the secretariat and to improve the activities of the CST.

15. Creation of ad hoc panels of experts, as necessary, with their terms of reference and modalities of work

36. Under the provisions of article 24, paragraph 3, of the Convention, the COP may, as necessary, appoint ad hoc panels to provide it, through the Committee, with information and advice on specific issues regarding the state of the art in relevant fields of science and technology. The Committee may wish to consider recommending to the COP the establishment of any ad hoc panels that may be required, including regarding liaison with international organizations and the scientific community and on promoting know-how and technology transfer for combating desertification and/or mitigating the effects of drought, as well as on promoting experience sharing and information exchange among Parties and interested institutions and organizations.

16. Other matters

37. If it deems appropriate, the Committee may wish to consider recommending to the COP whether and how any other inter-sessional work in the domain of science and technology should be undertaken. The Committee may also wish to express its views and observations on the secretariat's initiative regarding the formulation of the UNCCD Fellowship Programme.

(a) UNCCD Fellowship Programme

38. Document ICCD/COP(7)/CST/INF.1 provides information on a proposal for the establishment of the UNCCD Fellowship Programme. After reviewing the fellowship programmes in the other Rio conventions, and the widespread role that fellowship programmes play in various United Nations organizations, the secretariat has developed a proposal which introduces some of the benefits, characteristics and funding aspects relating to establishing the UNCCD Fellowship Programme. The secretariat noted that the proposal at this stage was intended to serve as a document presenting some general views on the objectives and administration of the intended Programme. Information is also provided on similar programmes of the CBD and the UNFCCC.

39. Taking into account the recommendations of the Bureau on the Fellowship Programme, the secretariat submits this proposal for consideration by the Committee. The Committee may wish to request the COP to invite the secretariat to take the necessary action and administrative arrangements to implement this Fellowship Programme.

- (b) Consideration of ways and means of promoting know-how and technology transfer for combating desertification and/or mitigating the effects of drought, as well as of promoting experience sharing and information exchange among Parties and interested institutions and organizations

40. Pursuant to its terms of reference, as defined in decision 1/COP.5, the CRIC at its third session considered ways and means of promoting know-how and technology transfer for combating desertification and/or mitigating the effects of drought, as well as of promoting experience sharing and information exchange among Parties and interested institutions and organizations, on the basis of document ICCD/CRIC(3)/7 prepared by the secretariat. The relevant information on this matter, for consideration by the CST, is contained in document ICCD/COP(7)/CST/INF.2.

## 17. Report of the session

41. The relevant information on the Committee's work during its seventh session will be included in the report of the COP on its seventh session. The Committee is expected to provide recommendations for consideration by the COP.

Annex I

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

**Documents prepared for the seventh session of the Committee on Science and Technology**

<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>Title or description</u>
ICCD/COP(7)/CST/1	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work - Provisional agenda and annotations
ICCD/COP(7)/CST/2	Programme of work of the Committee on Science and Technology - Synthesis of reports submitted by Parties on case studies illustrating best practices and research relating to land degradation, vulnerability and rehabilitation: an integrated approach
ICCD/COP(7)/CST/3	Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Committee on Science and Technology - Interim report of the Group of Experts
ICCD/COP(7)/CST/3/Add.1	Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Committee on Science and Technology - Analysis by the Group of Experts of the reports submitted by Parties to the third session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention
ICCD/COP(7)/CST/4	Programme of work of the Committee on Science and Technology - Report of the Bureau of the Committee on Science and Technology
ICCD/COP(7)/CST/5	Traditional knowledge
ICCD/COP(7)/CST/6	Benchmarks and indicators
ICCD/COP(7)/CST/7	Early warning systems - Pilot studies on early warning systems
ICCD/COP(7)/CST/8	Land Degradation Assessment in Drylands (LADA)
ICCD/COP(7)/CST/9	The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA)
ICCD/COP(7)/CST/10	Survey and evaluation of existing networks, institutions, agencies and bodies
ICCD/COP(7)/CST/INF.1	UNCCD Fellowship Programme

ICCD/COP(7)/CST/INF.2 Consideration of ways and means of promoting know-how and technology transfer for combating desertification and/or mitigating the effects of drought, as well as of promoting experience sharing and information exchange among Parties and interested institutions and organizations

### **Documents prepared for the sixth session of the Committee on Science and Technology**

<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>Title or description</u>
ICCD/COP(6)/CST/1	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work - Provisional agenda and annotations
ICCD/COP(6)/CST/2	Work programme of the Committee on Science and Technology - Synthesis of reports submitted by the country Parties on case studies illustrating best practices and research relating to land degradation, vulnerability and rehabilitation: an integrated approach
ICCD/COP(6)/CST/3	Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Committee on Science and Technology - Interim report of the Group of Experts
ICCD/COP(6)/CST/4	Traditional knowledge
ICCD/COP(6)/CST/5	Benchmarks and indicators
ICCD/COP(6)/CST/6	Early warning systems - Pilot studies on early warning systems
ICCD/COP(6)/CST/7	Land Degradation Assessment in Drylands (LADA) and the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA)
ICCD/COP(6)/CST/8	Survey and evaluation of existing networks, institutions, agencies and bodies
ICCD/COP(6)/CST/INF.1	Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Committee on Science and Technology - Report of the Bureau of the Committee on Science and Technology
ICCD/COP(6)/CST/INF.2	Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Committee on Science and Technology - Report of the first meeting of the Group of Experts
ICCD/COP(6)/CST/INF.3	Early warning systems – Publication on early warning systems

Annex II**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF WORK**

<b>Tuesday, 18 October 2005</b>	
<b>10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</b>	<b>3 p.m. – 6 p.m.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening of the session</li> <li>• Election of Vice-Chairpersons</li> <li>• Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (<i>ICCD/COP(7)/CST/1</i>)</li> <li>• Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Committee on Science and Technology               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Interim report of the Group of Experts (<i>ICCD/COP(7)/CST/3 and Add.1</i>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey and evaluation of existing networks, institutions, agencies and bodies (<i>ICCD/COP(7)/CST/10</i>)</li> <li>• Roster of independent experts (<i>ICCD/COP(7)/10</i>)</li> <li>• Traditional knowledge (<i>ICCD/COP(7)/CST/5</i>)</li> <li>• Benchmarks and indicators (<i>ICCD/COP(7)/CST/6</i>)</li> <li>• Early warning systems - Pilot studies on early warning systems (<i>ICCD/COP(7)/CST/7</i>)</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, 19 October 2005</b>	
<b>10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</b>	<b>3 p.m. – 6 p.m.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programme of work of the Committee on Science and Technology               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Synthesis of reports submitted by Parties on case studies illustrating best practices and innovative research relating to land degradation, vulnerability and rehabilitation: an integrated approach (<i>ICCD/COP(7)/CST/2</i>)</li> <li>- Report of the Bureau of the CST (<i>ICCD/COP(7)/CST/4</i>)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Land Degradation Assessment in Drylands (LADA) (<i>ICCD/COP(7)/CST/8</i>)</li> <li>• The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) (<i>ICCD/COP(7)/CST/9</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liaison with international organizations and the scientific community (<i>ICCD/COP(7)/5</i>)</li> <li>• Other matters               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UNCCD Fellowship Programme (<i>ICCD/COP(7)/CST/INF.1</i>)</li> <li>- Consideration of ways and means of promoting know-how and technology transfer for combating desertification and/or mitigating the effects of drought, as well as of promoting experiencing sharing and information exchange among Parties and interested institutions and organizations (<i>ICCD/COP(7)/CST/INF.2</i>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>Thursday, 20 October 2005</b>	
<b>10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</b>	<b>3 p.m. – 6 p.m.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future programme of work of the Committee on Science and Technology</li> <li>• Creation of ad hoc panels of experts, as necessary, with their terms of reference and modalities of work</li> <li>• Report of the session</li> </ul> <p><i>Adoption of the report of the Committee, including, where necessary, draft decisions for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the Conference of the Parties</i></p>	<p><i>Adoption of the report of the Committee, including, where necessary, draft decisions for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the Conference of the Parties</i></p>

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