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**Note by the secretariat**

**Addendum**

**Report, based on the review by the Intergovernmental Intersessional Working  
Group of the report by the Joint Inspection Unit, including how best  
to address the recommendations therein**

**Corrigendum**

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Annex

**Joint Inspection Unit recommendations and responses in the ten-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention**

Rec #	JIU recommendation	Response in strategic plan
<i>I. Policy issues</i>		
1a	The COP should invite affected country Parties to integrate and prioritize their national action programmes (NAPs) into their national development plans.	<b>Outcome 2.2:</b> Affected country Parties to revise their NAPs into strategic documents supported by biophysical and socio-economic baseline information while including integrated investment frameworks. <b>Outcome 2.3:</b> Affected country Parties to integrate their NAPs and sustainable land management and land degradation issues into development planning and relevant sectoral and investment plans and policies.
1b	The COP should invite developed country Parties to mainstream UNCCD objectives into their development programmes/projects.	<b>Outcome 2.4:</b> Developed country Parties to mainstream UNCCD objectives and sustainable land management interventions into their development cooperation programmes/projects in line with their support to national sectoral and investment plans.
2	The COP may wish to invite all country Parties to designate high-ranking officials of relevant ministries to be in charge of UNCCD affairs.	This recommendation was duly considered by the IIWG. The group did not propose further action pursuant to this recommendation.
3	The COP should request the Executive Secretary to monitor, and report to each session of the COP on the implementation of the above recommendations.	<b>Chapter VI - Implementation framework, B. The Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, (c) Programme of work, (ii) Priorities: c.</b> The Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC) is assigned the responsibility to assess on a regular basis progress made in implementing the strategic plan, including outcomes 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4, which refer to JIU recommendations 1a and 1b above.
<i>II. Governance</i>		
4	The COP may wish to consider giving the Bureau sufficient legislative power to enhance its authority so as to meet any emergencies when the COP is not in session, and may wish to revise the Rules of Procedure of the COP accordingly.	<b>Additional JIU recommendations to Parties and the COP.</b> The COP may wish to consider how the Bureau deals with operational and financial contingencies when the COP is not in session.
5a	The COP may wish to schedule sessions of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) prior to sessions of the COP.	<b>Chapter VI - Implementation framework, A. The Committee on Science and Technology, (a) Institutional arrangements: (ii).</b> The COP decides on the appropriate frequency of CST meetings, including the possibility of synchronized CST and CRIC meetings, with a view to ensuring continuity and providing timely policy advice to the COP in the light of this strategic plan.

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5b	The COP may wish to request all country Parties to designate officials with relevant expertise as their representatives on the CST and to establish a specific procedure to this effect.	<b>Chapter VI - Implementation framework, A. The Committee on Science and Technology, (a) Institutional arrangements: (i).</b> Representation in the CST and the roster of experts to be based on professional expertise and to include a wide range of disciplines and experience of biophysical and socio-economic aspects, and to respect equitable representation according to United Nations rules. Parties to establish a specific procedure to this effect as per JIU recommendations.
<b>III. Functions and activities of the UNCCD secretariat</b>		
6	In preparing submissions for the COP, particularly those on programme and budget proposals, the Executive Secretary should follow closely the guidance given by the COP, and adopt results-based planning, programming and budgeting, including on the implementation of additional activities called for in the various decisions of the COP.	<b>Chapter VI - Implementation framework, D. The secretariat, (a) Institutional arrangements.</b> The secretariat implements and systematically reports to the COP on relevant institutional recommendations contained in the JIU report.
7	The Executive Secretary should ensure that the secretariat focuses on its catalytic role in its interactions with affected country Parties under Article 23, paragraph 2 (c) of the Convention.	<b>Chapter VI - Implementation framework, D. The secretariat, (b) Programme of work, (ii) Servicing and facilitating functions: a.</b> The secretariat performs enhanced servicing functions to support COP and CRIC sessions by: iii. Supporting the preparation of national reports.
8a	The developed country Parties are invited to ensure that sufficient technical and financial support is provided to affected developing countries for the compilation and communication of information required under the Convention, in accordance with article 26, paragraph 7.	<b>Chapter VI - Implementation framework, F. Additional Joint Inspection Unit recommendations to Parties and the Conference of the Parties, (a):</b> The COP is invited to ensure that sufficient technical and financial support is provided to the affected developing countries for the compilation and communication of information required under the Convention, in accordance with article 26, paragraph 7.
8b	Developed country Parties are invited to ensure that higher levels of voluntary funding are provided to UNCCD trust funds to place them in a better position to support the implementation of the Convention.	<b>Chapter VI - Implementation framework, D. The secretariat, (c) Budget:</b> Adequate and predictable resources are essential to ensure the good functioning and efficient operation of the secretariat in performing its core functions and delivering required services for implementing this strategic plan through a results-based management framework as mentioned in the JIU report.
9	The Executive Secretary should, as a matter of priority, propose revised procedures for the participation of non-governmental organizations in the COP and other activities, including clear selection criteria and a mechanism to ensure a balance of participants from different regions.	<b>Chapter VI - Implementation framework, D. The secretariat, (b) Programme of work, (iii) Other core functions, d. Civil society organization (CSO) participation: i.</b> The secretariat develops revised procedures for the participation of CSOs in UNCCD meetings and processes, including clear selection criteria and a mechanism to ensure a balance of participants from different regions in line with JIU recommendations.
10	The COP should endorse the benchmarking framework for results-based management.	The COP to adopt strategic plans and programmes of work of the CST, the CRIC, the secretariat and the Global Mechanism (GM), as well as the GM/secretariat joint work plan.

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11	The COP should approve the establishment of a task force comprising the main UNCCD constituencies that would use the results-based management benchmarking framework to draw up a long-term strategic framework for the UNCCD, which would establish the exact functions and activities of the UNCCD secretariat and enable the Executive Secretary to draw up a medium-term plan.	The COP to adopt strategic plan, including <b>Chapter VI - Implementation Framework: The secretariat, GM and secretariat/GM coordination</b> sections. The COP to adopt strategic plans and programmes of work of the secretariat and the GM, as well as the GM/secretariat joint work plan.
12	The COP should request the Executive Secretary to contract an independent expert entity to conduct a desk-to-desk workload analysis as part of a needs assessment review of the human and financial resources required to deliver the expected results under the medium-term plan.	<b>Chapter VI - Implementation framework, D. The secretariat, (a) Institutional arrangements:</b> The secretariat implements and systematically reports to the COP on relevant institutional recommendations contained in the JIU report.
13	The COP should request the Executive Secretary to put forward results-based budget proposals based on the findings of the needs assessment review, and linked to a medium-term plan, in line with the benchmarking framework for results-based management.	<b>Chapter VI - Implementation framework, D. The secretariat, (a) Institutional arrangements:</b> The secretariat implements and systematically reports to the COP on relevant institutional recommendations contained in the JIU report.
<b><i>IV. Relationship between the secretariat and the Global Mechanism</i></b>		
14	The Task Force to be established under recommendation 11 above should be requested: (i) To make a clear distinction between the functions, responsibilities and activities of the secretariat and those of the GM; (ii) To review the current administrative arrangements for the GM as contained in the memorandum of understanding between the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the COP, including the possibility of separate budget submissions and performance reporting to the COP.	<b>Chapter VI - Implementation framework: the secretariat, GM and secretariat/GM coordination</b> sections. The COP adopts work programmes of the secretariat and the GM, as well as a GM/secretariat joint work plan.  <b>Chapter VI - Implementation framework, C. The Global Mechanism, (a) Institutional arrangements:</b> (i) Institutional arrangements with IFAD currently remain unchanged. (ii) The COP monitors the effectiveness and added-value of the GM's institutional arrangements with IFAD in line with JIU recommendations.
<b><i>V. Financial and budgetary issues</i></b>		
15	The COP should adopt and apply similar procedures for its decision-making processes as those contained in Rule 153 of the Rules of Procedure of the United Nations General Assembly.	Approved at COP 7. To be implemented at COP 8.

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16	The COP should consider adopting euro budgeting and a single currency system of assessment – the euro – from the 2008–2009 biennium onwards.	Approved at COP 7. To be implemented at COP 8.
<b>VI. Other issues in administration and management</b>		
17	The COP should request the United Nations Secretary-General to delegate full authority to the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD through a comprehensive statement of all delegated authorities and associated accountabilities, which would replace earlier delegation.	The COP to consider this recommendation further.
18	The Executive Secretary should formulate a strategy for human resources management as an essential part of the proposed results-based management strategy.	<b>Chapter VI - Implementation framework, D. The secretariat, (a) Institutional arrangements:</b> The secretariat implements and systematically reports to the COP on relevant institutional recommendations contained in the JIU report.
19	The Executive Secretary should: (i) Review the gender balance at the Professional level and above and, as opportunities arise in the secretariat, make efforts to move towards the target set by the United Nations General Assembly; (ii) Review the geographical distribution at the Professional level and above and, as opportunities arise in the secretariat, make efforts to achieve a more equitable distribution.	<b>Chapter VI - Implementation framework, D. The secretariat, (a) Institutional arrangements:</b> The secretariat implements and systematically reports to the COP on relevant institutional recommendations contained in the JIU report.
20	The Executive Secretary should develop, for consideration and approval by the COP, a comprehensive information and communication technology (ICT) strategy to support the proposed results-based management strategy.	<b>Chapter VI - Implementation framework, D. The secretariat, (a) Institutional arrangements:</b> The secretariat implements and systematically reports to the COP on relevant institutional recommendations contained in the JIU report.
21	Following the development and approval of the ICT strategy, the COP may wish to establish a dedicated ICT fund, preferably within the framework of the core budget.	<b>Chapter VI - Implementation framework, D. The secretariat, (a) Institutional arrangements:</b> The secretariat implements and systematically reports to the COP on relevant institutional recommendations contained in the JIU report.

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22	The COP should request the Executive Secretary to make an estimate of the increased operating costs of the new premises and recommend how best to meet these additional requirements.	<p><b>Chapter VI - Implementation framework, D. The secretariat, (a) Institutional arrangements:</b> The secretariat implements and systematically reports to the COP on relevant institutional recommendations contained in the JIU report.</p> <p><b>Chapter VI - Implementation framework, D. The secretariat, (c) Budget:</b> Adequate and predictable resources are essential in order to ensure the good functioning and efficient operation of the secretariat in performing its core functions and delivering required services for implementing this strategic plan through a results-based management framework as mentioned in the JIU report.</p>
23	The Executive Secretary should continue to explore the possibilities for the expansion of cost-saving common and joint services with his counterparts in Bonn and systematically report on progress to the COP.	<p><b>Chapter VI - Implementation framework, D. The secretariat, (a) Institutional arrangements:</b> The secretariat implements and systematically reports to the COP on relevant institutional recommendations contained in the JIU report.</p>
<b><i>VII. Coordination and cooperation</i></b>		
24	The COP should direct the Executive Secretary to work with the Joint Liaison Group to strengthen cooperation in the implementation process of the Rio Conventions and boost synergies in order to move towards more concrete modalities of substantive cooperation, and to systematically report to the COP on progress made.	<p><b>Chapter VI - Implementation framework, D. The secretariat, (b) Programme of work, (iii) Other core functions: c.</b> The secretariat works with the Joint Liaison Group to strengthen cooperation in the implementation process of the Rio Conventions in order to move towards more concrete modalities of substantive cooperation in line with JIU recommendations.</p>
25	The secretariat should make strenuous efforts to play a catalytic role between the Parties concerned and the various partner organizations in order to enhance cooperation between them in the implementation of the Convention. In this regard, it should formulate a concrete plan of action and systematically report to the COP on progress made.	<p><b>Chapter VI - Implementation framework, D. The secretariat, (b) Programme of work, (iii) Other core functions: a.</b> The secretariat develops increased advocacy and awareness-raising, agenda-setting and representation activities, as appropriate, in relevant forums at the international level.</p>