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Addendum

**Report on the performance of the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities
for the biennium 2006-2007**

Summary

By its decision 23/COP.7, the Conference of the Parties (COP) requested the Executive Secretary to report to the COP at its eighth session on the status of the trust funds established under the financial rules of the COP.

The present document refers to information on the activities supported under the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities in the biennium 2006–2007 provided in various documents submitted to the COP at its eighth session.

* The submission of this document was delayed due to the limited time available between the fifth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties.

I. Background reference

1. Rule 10 (d) of the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties (COP) (decision 1/COP.1) provides that the provisional agenda of each ordinary session of the COP shall include, as appropriate, the proposed budget as well as all questions pertaining to the accounts and financial arrangements.

2. By its decision 23/COP.7, the COP requested the Executive Secretary to report to the COP at its eighth session on the status of the trust funds established under the financial rules.

II. Performance of the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities

3. Activities undertaken under the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities include those that were decided upon by the Parties at COP 7, but for which sufficient funding was not available under the core budget, as well as other activities implemented by the secretariat at the request of, and in consultation with, country Parties.

4. For the biennium 2006–2007 no separate performance report has been prepared because relevant information on activities undertaken by the secretariat under the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities is contained in other documents before the COP at its eighth session. Document ICCD/COP(8)/2/Add.4 reports on actual income and expenditures of all the Convention's funds for the biennium as at 30 April 2007.

5. Other documents also contain information on the activities undertaken by the secretariat under the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities for the biennium 2006–2007, including the comprehensive report of the activities of the secretariat (ICCD/CRIC(6)/2), the report on strengthening relations with other relevant conventions (ICCD/COP(8)/4 and ICCD/COP(8)/MISC.1), the report on the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (ICCD/COP(8)/5 and Add.1); reports on the working groups established by the COP at its seventh session (ICCD/COP(8)/10 and Add.1–2, ICCD/COP(8)/13, and ICCD/CRIC(6)/6 and Add.1), the report on the outcome of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification (ICCD/COP(8)/11), and the report on relations between the secretariat and the host country (ICCD/COP(8)/12).

6. Additionally, most of the activities carried out by the Science and Technology programme have been funded, in whole or in part, by supplementary funds, and are discussed in the documents submitted for consideration by the Committee on Science and Technology at its eighth session.

III. Conclusions and recommendations

7. In the light of the information provided in the above-mentioned documents, Parties may wish to take note of the performance of the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities.
