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Note by the secretariat

Summary

This document contains the synthesis and preliminary analysis of information submitted by country Parties and other reporting entities on strategic objective 4 of The Strategy: To mobilize resources to support implementation of the Convention through building effective partnerships between national and international actors (for the reporting period 2010–2011). It provides updates on five of the seven impact indicators relevant to this strategic objective from the global, regional and subregional perspectives and identifies trends towards reaching the target set for the indicator.

The document also offers some recommendations for consideration by the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on the need to adjust, streamline and strengthen measures aimed at achieving this objective.

Considerations regarding the reporting process, including possible refinement in the set of impact indicators and associated methodologies are included in document ICCD/CRIC(11)/15 feeding the iterative process.

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I. Introduction

1. This document is a synthesis and preliminary analysis of information submitted by Parties and other relevant reporting entities on strategic objective 4 (SO 4) of The Strategy: To mobilize resources to support implementation of the Convention through building effective partnerships between national and international actors. The present document was prepared by the Global Mechanism (GM) in cooperation with the secretariat, in conformity with decision 13/COP.9.

2. Of the seven impact indicators adopted for SO 4, the present document did not analyse those relating to the resources mobilized from innovative sources of finance and the private sector (i.e. impact indicators SO-4-4 and SO-4-5, respectively), which will be the subject of a distinct study to be devised by the GM based on availability of resources, data and existing studies, in conformity with decision 13/COP.10 and decision 14/COP.10.

3. For each of the remaining five impact indicators pertaining to this strategic objective, a global analysis was conducted to give an overall perspective of the state of affairs, based on information provided by the reporting entities. The report presents a global-level analysis while more information, including analytical tables and figures at regional and subregional level can be found in the annex.

4. Information on this strategic objective was provided for the first time during the current reporting and review exercise. The analysis is based on 83 reporting entities that reported on SO 4. However, the number of responses varied depending on the indicator. The limited time frame set aside for the analysis did not permit carrying out an in-depth data integrity check with the reporting entities. The analysis of SO 4 focused on resources mobilized in support to Convention implementation in affected developing countries and, where appropriate, in Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries. The analysis of global-level activities also included resources targeting multiple countries across regions.

5. The results of the analysis are exclusively based on the answers and views expressed by the reporting entities as included in their official reports submitted through the performance review and assessment of implementation system (PRAIS).

6. General conclusions relating to SO 4 are presented at the end of this document, capturing relevant aspects relating to baseline information for the impact indicators, the baseline perspective. Some recommendations for consideration by the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC) have been drawn up on the need to adjust, streamline and strengthen activities in view of the achievement of the objectives of The Strategy. Using a results-based framework, the CRIC may wish to provide actionable guidance to Parties, Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies, and relevant organizations in order to allow follow-up on targeted recommendations to be put forward to the Conference of the Parties (COP) for its consideration.

II. Impact indicator SO-4-1 for expected impact 4.1

Percentage change of multilateral donor contributions for UNCCD related activities

Expected impact: *Increased financial, technical and technological resources are made available to affected developing country Parties, and where appropriate Central and Eastern European countries, to implement the Convention.*

7. This indicator aims to provide an indication of the trend in the supply of finance for desertification, land degradation and drought (DLDD) related investments and other UNCCD-related activities such as sustainable land management (SLM) by United Nations agencies and intergovernmental organizations (IGOs), particularly multilateral development finance institutions.

Nominal amount (USD) of financial commitments for Convention-related objectives (see annex, table 1)

8. Of the IGOs that were requested to report against this indicator, only the GEF did.

9. The GEF reported commitments for USD 8.4 million in 2010 and USD 52.2 million in 2011, with a total amount of USD 60.6 million for the biennium and a fivefold increase from the first to the second year of the reporting cycle. This sharp increase in 2011 is mainly due to a high increase of financial commitments by the GEF for Convention-related objectives in the African region. In addition, GEF commitments for Asia and CEE only came online in 2011, while no commitments targeted global activities in 2011 and the Northern Mediterranean region for the whole duration of the reporting cycle. LAC was the only region where the commitments reported by GEF decreased from the first to the second year of the reporting cycle, but constituted the second largest commitment overall for the period.

10. With one entity reporting for this period it is impossible to gauge the scale of the total commitments by IGOs and multilateral development finance institutions for the period. Other known large investors in DLDD-related activities such as the multilateral development banks should be encouraged to report in the future.

III. Impact indicator SO-4-2 for expected impact 4.1

UNCCD share of bilateral Official Development Assistance (ODA)

Expected impact: *Increased financial, technical and technological resources are made available to affected developing country Parties, and where appropriate Central and Eastern European countries, to implement the Convention.*

11. This indicator is supposed to provide an indication of the financial resources supplied by developed country Parties for DLDD-related investments and other Convention-related activities as part of their bilateral development cooperation.

