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4. Formulation, revision and implementation of action programmes in view of the post-2015 sustainable development framework.
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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. By its decision 20/COP.11, the Conference of the Parties (COP) decided that the thirteenth session of the Committee for the Review of Implementation of the Convention (CRIC 13) shall be held for five working days in the period from 18–27 November 2014, in Bonn, Germany, the site of the Convention secretariat, or in any other venue with United Nations conference facilities, in the event that no Party makes an offer to host that session and meet the additional financial cost.

2. By the same decision, the COP requested the secretariat to review the provisions for regional meetings in preparation for the meetings of the Committee, as contained in its biennial costed work programme, and to seek financial contributions to enable those meetings to take place in the five affected regions.

3. Upon consultations with the Bureaux of the CRIC and the COP, as relevant, it was decided that CRIC 13 shall take place in Bonn, Germany, from 25–27 March 2015.

Participants

4. According to decision 11/COP.9, annex, paragraph 6, the CRIC shall be composed of all Parties to the Convention.¹ Any other body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental,² which wishes to be represented at a session of the CRIC as an observer may be admitted unless one third of the Parties present at the session object.³

Consultations of affected country Parties of the Convention's Regional Implementation Annexes

5. Consultations of affected country Parties of the Convention's Regional Implementation Annexes on matters before CRIC 13 will take place from 23 to 24 March 2015, prior to the opening of the thirteenth session of the Committee.

1. Procedural matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

6. The CRIC will have before it the provisional agenda (ICCD/CRIC(13)/1) to consider for adoption. A tentative schedule of work for the session, detailed in the subsections below, is contained in annex II to this document.

¹ Relevant information on the status of ratifications is available on the secretariat website at www.unccd.int/en/about-the-convention/the-convention/Status-of-ratification/Pages/default.aspx>**Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**

² The intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and business and industry entities accredited at COP 11 are listed in annexes I, II and III to document ICCD/COP(11)/20/Rev.1.

³ The procedure for admission of observers is detailed in rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the COP as contained in decision 1/COP.1.

Purpose of the session

7. By its decision 11/COP.9, annex, paragraph 14, the COP decided that at sessions held between ordinary sessions of the COP, the CRIC shall focus its work on the review of the implementation of the Convention by Parties with a view to submitting to the COP a final report containing its recommendations on further steps to be taken to facilitate effective implementation of the Convention.

8. By its decision 18/COP.11, paragraph 1, the COP decided that the intersessional session of the CRIC, based on its review of performance indicators, shall give recommendations to Convention's institutions on priorities to be included in their programme of work and budget for the following programming biennium.

9. Decision 19/COP.11 on the programme of work of CRIC 13, as well as the above-mentioned provisions, has been taken into account in the provisional agenda, which was prepared by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Bureau of the CRIC. The provisional agenda also takes into account that COP 11 highlighted the importance of allocating sufficient time for discussions among Parties on the review of the implementation of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018) (The Strategy) at intersessional sessions of the CRIC, and the need to consider time constraints resulting from the limited duration of the session. Consequently, the consideration of agenda items which are not directly related to the assessment of implementation of the Convention and its Strategy will be postponed to a later session of the Committee.

Organization of work

10. It is proposed that the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) will present in her introductory statement an overview of relevant matters before CRIC 13. The Chair of the CRIC will also give an introductory statement.

11. With regard to the structure of its first meeting, on 25 March 2015 the Chair of the CRIC will call for adoption of the agenda and the organization of work, followed by the appointment of the Rapporteur of the CRIC.

12. The Committee will then take up the agenda items according to the tentative schedule of work as detailed in annex II to this document. As per past practice, the agenda items will be addressed through statements from the representatives of regional and interest groups, followed by statements by Parties and observers as required.

13. The tentative schedule of work allows for the formulation of the comprehensive report of CRIC 13 on 27 March 2014. During the same concluding meeting, the draft report of the session will be submitted for adoption.

(b) Appointment of the Rapporteur of the Committee

14. Pursuant to decision 11/COP.9, annex, paragraph 8, the Chair and four Vice-Chairs of the Committee were elected during COP 11.⁴ One of the Vice-Chairs shall act as Rapporteur and shall be appointed at the opening session of CRIC 13.

15. At its first intersessional meeting on 3–4 February 2014, the Bureau of the CRIC nominated Mr. Yuriy Kolmaz (Ukraine) as Rapporteur of the CRIC. The Committee may wish to take this nomination into consideration when deciding on the appointment of the Rapporteur of the CRIC.

⁴ Document ICCD/COP(11)/23.

2. Assessment of implementation of the Convention

Review of input from regional meetings in preparation for the thirteenth session of the Committee

16. Decision 13/COP.9, attachment, paragraph 21, states that the secretariat shall prepare a synthesis and preliminary analysis of the reports submitted by Parties and observers to the regional meetings with a view to obtaining regional inputs to the discussions at the CRIC.

17. By its decision 19/COP.11, paragraph 1, the COP decided to include the review of input from regional meetings in preparation for CRIC 13 in the agenda of that session.

18. The Chairs of the Regional Implementation Annexes to the Convention will report, with the assistance of the secretariat as required, on the outcomes of the regional meetings with particular regard to the programme of work of CRIC 13.

Review of the reports submitted by country Parties and other reporting entities on the provisionally adopted performance indicators for the operational objectives of the Strategy: (1) Advocacy, awareness-raising and education; (2) Policy framework; (3) Science, technology and knowledge; (4) Capacity-building; and (5) Financing and technology transfer

19. Following the established practice, the review of information contained in the reports from country Parties and other reporting entities shall be conducted in accordance with the five operational objectives of The Strategy and financial flows for the implementation of the Convention.

20. Documents ICCD/CRIC(13)/2, ICCD/CRIC(13)/3, ICCD/CRIC(13)/4 and ICCD/CRIC(13)/5 present a preliminary analysis of the information contained in reports from affected and developed country Parties, as well as other reporting entities where appropriate, on operational objectives 1 to 4 of the Strategy for consideration and review by the Committee.

21. The review of information provided by reporting entities on operational objective 5 (financing and technology transfer) will be conducted under agenda item 3.

22. By its decision 13/COP.9, paragraph 9, the COP requested the secretariat to publish the glossary on the UNCCD website and to keep it regularly updated as the need for revision arises. The glossary, as well as the other documents relating to the reporting and review process (the reporting templates, the reporting manual and the analytical framework), is published on the UNCCD website at <<http://www.unccd.int/reporting>>.

3. Review of financial support for the implementation of the Convention

23. According to decision 11/COP.9, the review of financial flows for the implementation of the Convention includes the review of information provided by reporting entities on operational objective 5 (financing and technology transfer) and the review of information provided through the Unified Financial Annex contained in the reporting templates.⁵

⁵ See decision 11/COP.9, annex, chapter IV, paragraph 14 (c). The review of information provided by reporting entities on strategic objective 4 (to mobilize resources to support implementation of the Convention through building effective partnerships between national and international actors) will take place at CRIC 15.

24. Information relevant to this matter is contained in documents ICCD/CRIC(13)/6 and ICCD/CRIC(13)/7 for the consideration of the CRIC and any recommendation that it may wish to make on the assessment of financial flows for the implementation of the Convention.

25. The documents mentioned in paragraph 24 above also contain updates on the progress made in the implementation of decision 14/COP.11, paragraphs 15 and 17 (a) and (b), for the information of the Committee.

4. Formulation, revision and implementation of action programmes in view of the post-2015 sustainable development framework

26. In paragraph 11 of decision 2/COP.11 on strengthening and enhancing the process of alignment and implementation of action programmes with The Strategy, the COP requested the CRIC, at its thirteenth session, to agree on a clear understanding of the integrated financing strategy/integrated investment framework processes and their relationships with the national action programme alignment process, ensuring that all stakeholders are aware of the same, and to advise on the ways to integrate integrated financing strategies/integrated investment frameworks into the national action programme alignment process.

27. Paragraph 12 of the same decision also requested the CRIC to discuss at its thirteenth session a plan for the national action programme alignment process vis-à-vis the overall sustainable land management goals.

28. The report prepared jointly by the secretariat and the Global Mechanism in response to relevant provisions of decisions 2/COP.11 is contained in document ICCD/CRIC(13)/8 for consideration and any recommendation that the Committee may wish to take in this regard.

5. Adoption of the comprehensive report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention to the Conference of the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations

29. In accordance with decision 11/COP.9, the CRIC shall report regularly to the COP on all aspects of its work, including through a final report on sessions held between ordinary sessions of the COP containing its recommendations on further steps to facilitate effective implementation of the Convention. In accordance with decision 18/COP.11, the final report of CRIC 13 shall also contain recommendations to Convention's institutions on priorities to be included in their programme of work and budget for the following programming biennium.

30. The draft report shall be adopted by the Committee at its thirteenth session and submitted to the COP for its consideration at its twelfth session and any decisions the COP may wish to take on the implementation of the Convention.

Annex I

Documents before the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention at its thirteenth session

<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
ICCD/CRIC(13)/1	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(13)/2	Assessment of implementation of the Convention: Advocacy, awareness-raising and education. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(13)/3	Assessment of implementation of the Convention: Policy framework. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(13)/4	Assessment of implementation of the Convention: Science, technology and knowledge. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(13)/5	Assessment of implementation of the Convention: Capacity-building. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(13)/6	Assessment of implementation of the Convention: Financing and technology transfer. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(13)/7	Review of the financial support for the implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(13)/8	Formulation, revision and implementation of action programmes in view of the post-2015 sustainable development framework. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(11)/INF.1	Information for participants. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(11)/INF.2	Status report on the 2014–2015 reporting and review process. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(11)/INF.3	Interim report by the Intergovernmental Working Group on Land Degradation Neutrality

Annex II

Tentative schedule of work for the thirteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

Monday, 23 March 2015	
	2:30 p.m.–6 p.m.
	<i>Consultations of affected country Parties of the Convention's Regional Implementation Annexes</i>

Tuesday, 24 March 2015	
9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.–6 p.m.
<i>Consultations of affected country Parties of the Convention's Regional Implementation Annexes</i>	<i>Consultations of affected country Parties of the Convention's Regional Implementation Annexes</i>

Wednesday, 25 March 2015	
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	3 p.m.–6 p.m.
<p><i>Opening of the session by the Chair of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedural matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (ICCD/CRIC(13)/1)</i> - <i>Appointment of Rapporteur of the Committee</i> • Assessment of implementation of the Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Advocacy, awareness-raising and education (ICCD/CRIC(13)/2)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of implementation of the Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Science, technology and knowledge (ICCD/CRIC(13)/4)</i> - <i>Capacity-building (ICCD/CRIC(13)/5)</i>

Thursday, 26 March 2015	
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	3 p.m.–6 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of implementation of the Convention - <i>Policy framework (ICCD/CRIC(13)/3)</i> • Formulation, revision and implementation of action programmes in view of the post-2015 sustainable development framework (<i>ICCD/CRIC(13)/8</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of implementation of the Convention - <i>Financing and technology transfer (ICCD/CRIC(13)/6)</i> • Review of the financial support for the implementation of the Convention (<i>ICCD/CRIC(13)/7</i>)

Friday, 27 March 2015	
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	
<p><i>Adoption of the comprehensive report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention to the Conference of the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations</i></p> <p><i>Closure of the session</i></p>	
