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Item 1 (a) of the provisional agenda

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

Dates and venue of the session

1. Pursuant to provisions contained in paragraph 19 of the annex to decision 11/COP.9, the fourteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC 14) will be held from 13 to 22 October 2015, during the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 12) in Ankara, Turkey.

Provisional agenda

2. According to the terms of reference of the CRIC, contained in decision 11/COP.9, the provisional agenda for the sessions of the CRIC shall be prepared by the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau of the CRIC.

3. The same decision 11/COP.9, in addition to other relevant decisions of the COP, in particular decisions 3/COP.8, 12/COP.9 and 13/COP.9, have been taken into account in compiling the provisional agenda contained in this document.

Documentation

4. A list of documents for the session and other relevant documents is provided in annex I to this document. In addition to normal distribution, official documents for the session will be made available on the website of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD): <www.unccd.int>.

1. Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

5. The CRIC will have before it the provisional agenda contained in this document to consider for adoption. A tentative schedule of work for the session, on which the sections below elaborate, is contained in annex II to this document.

Purpose of the session

6. In accordance with paragraph 17 of the terms of reference of the CRIC as contained in the annex to decision 11/COP.9, the CRIC at its fourteenth session will address the items on its agenda with a view to formulating draft decisions, where necessary, for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the COP.

Organization of work

7. The CRIC may wish to consider the following scenario. At the opening session on Tuesday 13 October 2015, the Chair of the CRIC will call for the adoption of the agenda and organization of work. This will be followed by consideration of items 2 to 4 of the agenda until its meeting on Thursday 15 October. At the plenary meeting of the COP on Friday 16 October, and at any other subsequent COP plenary meetings as necessary, the draft decisions relating to these items will be submitted to the COP for consideration and possible adoption.

8. At its concluding meeting on Thursday 22 October, following the completion of the review of the substantive agenda items, the CRIC will consider the programme of work for its fifteenth session, adopt its report, including where necessary the draft decisions for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the COP, and elect the officers other than the Chair of the CRIC.

(b) Election of officers other than the Chair of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

9. Pursuant to paragraph 9 of the terms of reference of the CRIC, as contained in decision 11/COP.9, four Vice-Chairs together with the Chair, elected by the COP in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the COP, shall constitute the Bureau of the CRIC. They 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, while not neglecting affected country Parties in other regions, and shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms.

10. In accordance with this decision, the Chair will call for the election of these officers at the final meeting of the CRIC. The Vice-Chairs elected, of whom one shall act as Rapporteur, shall assume their office immediately.

2. Effective implementation of the Convention at the national, subregional and regional levels

(a) Trends in implementation of the Convention, including review of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on its thirteenth session

11. *Background:* In accordance with decision 11/COP.9, at sessions held during ordinary sessions of the COP, the CRIC is, inter alia, to review its report at sessions held between ordinary sessions of the COP on performance review and assessment of implementation, as it relates to information provided by Parties and other stakeholders.

12. The CRIC at its thirteenth session undertook an analysis of the trend of performance indicators on operational objectives 1 to 5, as well as a review of financial flows for the implementation of the Convention, as part of the assessment of implementation based on information that was provided by Parties and other reporting entities in 2010–2011 and 2014–2015.

13. The report on CRIC 13 contains the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on: (a) the assessment of implementation of the Convention; (b) the review of financial support for the implementation of the Convention; and (c) the review of formulation, revision and implementation of action programmes in view of the post-2015 development agenda.

14. *Action:* the CRIC will be invited to review the report on its thirteenth session and to formulate draft decisions for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the COP.

ICCD/CRIC(13)/9 – Report of the thirteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, held in Bonn from 25 to 27 March 2015

(b) Multi-year workplan of the Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies

15. *Background:* In decision 3/COP.8, the COP requested the Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies to develop their respective results-based management (RBM) multi-year (four-year) work plans in line with The Strategy, and to report to the CRIC on progress in their implementation.

16. By decision 11/COP.9, the COP entrusted the review of the multi-year work plans of the Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies to the CRIC at sessions held in conjunction with the COP.

17. *Action:* the CRIC will be invited to review the comprehensive multi-year work plan for the Convention (2016–2019) and to formulate a draft decision for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the COP.

ICCD/COP(12)/6-ICCD/CRIC(14)/2 – Comprehensive multi-year workplan for the Convention (2016–2019) and two-year costed work programme for the Convention (2016–2017). Note by the secretariat

(c) Performance of the Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies

18. *Background:* By its decision 11/COP.9,¹ the COP requested the CRIC to undertake a performance review of the Convention’s institutions and subsidiary bodies, taking an RBM approach based on reports on the two-year costed work programmes.

19. By its decision 1/COP.10, the COP decided that future performance reviews to be conducted by the CRIC, starting with its twelfth session, should be based on the reports on implementation of the two-year costed work programmes of Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies; and that the performance indicators and their related targets included in the work plans shall be used in order to allow the proper performance assessment of the Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies.

¹ Annex, paragraph 2 (b).

20. *Action:* the CRIC will be invited to assist the COP in the review of the performance of the Convention's institutions and subsidiary bodies and to make any recommendations it may wish to forward to the COP for action.

ICCD/CRIC(14)/3 – Report on the performance of the Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies (2014–2015). Note by the secretariat

(d) Formulation, revision and implementation of action programmes in view of the post-2015 development agenda

21. *Background:* By its decision 2/COP.11, paragraph 1, the COP urged affected country Parties to intensify their efforts to formulate and/or align, as appropriate, and review and update, their national action programmes (NAPs) with The Strategy, and adopt them as a policy document, in order to achieve the target of all affected countries' having an aligned NAP.

22. The same decision requests the CRIC to discuss at its thirteenth session a plan for the NAP process vis-à-vis the overall sustainable land management (SLM) goals and also requests the secretariat and the Global Mechanism (GM) to present options for mobilizing the resources and capacities required for realization of the said plan at the national level.

23. CRIC 13 recommended, among other things, that affected country Parties continue consultations on the global plan for NAP alignment with any relevant goals that may emerge from the sustainable development goal process.

24. *Action:* the CRIC will be invited to review the updated report by the secretariat on this matter, taking also into consideration the report of the intergovernmental working group (IWG) referred to in decision 8/COP.11,² and to formulate a draft decision for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the COP.

ICCD/CRIC(14)/4 – Formulation, revision and implementation of action programmes in view of the post-2015 development agenda. Note by the secretariat

(e) Securing of additional investments: relations with financial mechanisms

Report by the Global Environment Facility on its strategies, programmes and projects for financing the agreed incremental costs of activities concerning desertification

25. *Background:* Article 20, paragraph 2 (b), of the Convention addresses the need to promote the mobilization of adequate, timely and predictable financial resources, including new and additional funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF). By its decision 9/COP.1, the COP decided to include as a standing item on its agenda a review of available information on the financing of the Convention by multilateral agencies and institutions, including information on the activities of the GEF concerning desertification, as specified in article 20, paragraph 2 (b), of the Convention.

26. The Memorandum of Understanding between the UNCCD and the GEF adopted under decision 6/COP.7 provides that the GEF will submit a report to each regular session of the COP through the UNCCD secretariat on its strategies, programmes and projects for financing the agreed incremental costs of activities concerning desertification.

² See document ICCD/COP(12)/4 entitled "Integration of the Sustainable Development Goals into the implementation of the UNCCD and the report of the Intergovernmental Working Group on Land Degradation Neutrality".

27. Decision 11/COP.9, annex, stipulates that the CRIC, at sessions held in conjunction with the COP, shall review the collaboration with the GEF, including in 2013 and at any other time that the COP may decide.

28. *Action:* The CRIC will be invited to review the report submitted by the GEF and to formulate a draft decision for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the COP.

ICCD/CRIC(14)/5 – Report by the Global Environment Facility on its strategies, programmes and projects for financing the agreed incremental costs of activities concerning desertification

3. Consideration of best practices in the implementation of the Convention

Promoting the analysis and dissemination of best practices

29. *Background:* By its decision 17/COP.11, the COP requested Parties and the Convention's institutions and subsidiary bodies to take a number of actions, including on: (a) the compilation and dissemination of best practices on SLM technologies, including adaptation, compilation and dissemination of best practices, and including those relating to other thematic topics as referred to in annex V of decision 13/COP.9; (b) accessibility of data; (c) validation and ensuring the effective use of best practices; and (d) the cooperation between the CRIC and the Committee on Science and Technology (CST).

30. The secretariat submitted a document entitled “Non-Paper 1 – Consideration of best practices in the implementation of the Convention: accessibility of information on best practices”, for the information of CRIC 13. The Committee invited Parties to provide feedback on non-paper 1 to the secretariat, including through their regional and interest groups.

31. *Action:* The CRIC and the CST, according to their respective mandates, will be invited to review the updated report of the secretariat on this matter and to make recommendations to the COP, as appropriate.

ICCD/COP(12)/CST/7-ICCD/CRIC(14)/6 – Promoting the analysis, dissemination and accessibility of best practices and the Scientific Knowledge Brokering Portal. Note by the secretariat

4. The UNCCD reporting and review process in view of the post-2015 development agenda

(a) Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and formats of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties

32. *Background:* By its decision 16/COP.11, the COP requested Parties and the Convention's institutions and subsidiary bodies to take a number of actions on this matter, most of which were implemented in preparation for the 2014 reporting exercise. By the same decision, the COP also requested the secretariat to report to the next session of the Committee on the implementation of that decision.

33. Taking into consideration the provisions of the relevant COP decisions, including decisions 14/COP.11, 16/COP.11 and 22/COP.11, and the latest developments in the post-2015 development agenda with regard to the sustainable development goal and targets relevant to the UNCCD, the secretariat and the GM prepared documents on a streamlined, progress-oriented reporting for the next reporting exercise.

34. *Action:* The CRIC and the CST, according to their respective mandates, will be invited to review the updated reports on this matter and to make any recommendations they may wish to forward to the COP for action.

ICCD/COP(12)/CST/3- ICCD/CRIC(14)/7 – Refinement of the UNCCD monitoring and evaluation framework in view of the post-2015 development agenda: strategic objective 1, 2 and 3. Note by the secretariat

ICCD/CRIC(14)/8 – Refinement of the UNCCD monitoring and evaluation framework in the post-2015 development agenda : strategic objective 4. Note by the secretariat

ICCD/CRIC(14)/9 – The iterative process relating to the assessment of implementation, including performance and progress indicators, methodology and reporting procedures. Note by the secretariat

(b) Additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention

35. *Background:* By its decision 16/COP.11, the COP requested Parties and the Convention’s institutions and subsidiary bodies to take a number of actions on this matter, most of which were implemented after the 2014 reporting exercise and the review made by CRIC 13. By the same decision, the COP also requests the Executive Secretary to report on the implementation of that decision.

36. The secretariat submitted a document entitled “Non-Paper 2 – Additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the COP in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention”, for the information of CRIC 13. The Committee invited Parties to provide feedback on non-paper 2 to the secretariat, including through their regional and interest groups.

37. *Action:* The CRIC will be invited to review the updated report of the secretariat on this matter and to make recommendations to the COP, as appropriate.

ICCD/CRIC(14)/10 – Additional procedures and institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat

5. Procedural matter

Programme of work for the fifteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

38. In accordance with rule 33 of the rules of procedure of the COP,³ the CRIC is to submit to the COP, for adoption, a tentative programme of work for the next session of the Committee.

6. Adoption of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

39. According to decision 11/COP.9, the CRIC shall report regularly to the COP on all aspects of its work, in particular through draft decisions prepared at sessions held in conjunction with ordinary sessions of the COP, where necessary, for consideration and

³ As contained in decision 1/COP.1.

adoption by the COP. Such decisions shall contain substantive elements aimed at facilitating effective implementation of the Convention, showing targets and assigned responsibilities and the expected financial implications of their implementation, as necessary. The report of the CRIC on its twelfth session, including, where necessary, draft decisions, shall be submitted to the COP for its consideration and, as appropriate, adoption.

Annex I

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

<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
ICCD/CRIC(13)/9	Report of the thirteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, held in Bonn from 25 to 27 March 2015
ICCD/CRIC(14)/1	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the secretariat.
ICCD/COP(12)/6- ICCD/CRIC(14)/2	Comprehensive multi-year work plan for the Convention (2016–2019) and two-year costed work programme for the Convention (2016–2017). Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(14)/3	Report on the performance of the Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies (2014–2015). Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(14)/4	Formulation, revision and implementation of action programmes in view of the post-2015 development agenda. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(14)/5	Report by the Global Environment Facility on its strategies, programmes and projects for financing the agreed incremental costs of activities concerning desertification
ICCD/COP(12)/CST/7- ICCD/CRIC(14)/6	Promoting the analysis, dissemination and accessibility of best practices and the Scientific Knowledge Brokering Portal. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(12)/CST/3- ICCD/CRIC(14)/7	Refinement of the UNCCD monitoring and evaluation framework in view of the post-2015 development agenda: strategic objective 1, 2 and 3. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(14)/8	Refinement of the UNCCD monitoring and evaluation framework in view of the post-2015 development agenda: strategic objective 4. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(14)/9	The iterative process relating to the assessment of implementation, including performance and progress indicators, methodology and reporting procedures. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(14)/10	Additional procedures and institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat

Annex II

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

Tuesday, 13 October 2015	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizational matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (ICCD/CRIC(14)/1)</i> • Effective implementation of the Convention at the national, subregional and regional levels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Multi-year workplans of the Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies (ICCD/COP(12)/6-ICCD/CRIC(14)/2)</i> - <i>Performance of the Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies (ICCD/CRIC(14)/3)</i> - <i>Trends in UNCCD implementation, including review of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on its thirteenth session (ICCD/CRIC(13)/9)</i>
Wednesday, 14 October 2015	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective implementation of the Convention at the national, subregional and regional levels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Formulation, revision and implementation of action programmes in view of the post-2015 development agenda (ICCD/CRIC(14)/4)</i> • The UNCCD reporting and review process in view of the post-2015 development agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention (ICCD/CRIC(14)/10)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The UNCCD reporting and review process in view of the post-2015 development agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention (continued) (ICCD/CRIC(14)/10)</i> - <i>Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and formats of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties (ICCD/COP(12)/CST/3-ICCD/CRIC(14)/7, ICCD/CRIC(14)/8 and ICCD/CRIC(14)/9)</i>

Thursday, 15 October 2015	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The UNCCD reporting and review process in view of the post-2015 development agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and formats of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties. (continued)</i> (ICCD/COP(12)/CST/3-ICCD/CRIC(14)/7, ICCD/CRIC(14)/8 and (ICCD/CRIC(14)/9) • Effective implementation of the Convention at the national, subregional and regional levels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Securing of additional investments: relations with financial mechanisms</i> (ICCD/CRIC(14)/5) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of best practices in the implementation of the Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Promoting the analysis and dissemination of best practices</i> (ICCD/COP(12)/CST/7-ICCD/CRIC(14)/6)

Friday, 16 October 2015	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
<p><i>Formulation of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, including, where necessary, draft decisions for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the Conference of the Parties</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention 	

Thursday, 22 October 2015	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedural matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Programme of work for the fifteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention</i> • Adoption of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention • Organizational matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Election of officers other than the Chair of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention</i>