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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the secretariat

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I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. The provisional agenda presented for adoption is as follows:
 1. Election of officers other than the Chairperson of the Committee.
 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
 3. Review of the implementation of the Convention, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2(a) and (b), and article 26 of the Convention:
 - (a) Review of reports on implementation of affected country Parties of all regions, including on the participatory process, and on experience gained and results achieved in the preparation and implementation of action programmes;
 - (b) Review of reports by developed country Parties on measures taken to assist in the preparation and implementation of action programmes of affected country Parties of all regions, including information on financial resources they have provided, or are providing, under the Convention;
 - (c) Review of information provided by relevant organs, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, on their activities in support of the preparation and implementation of action programmes under the Convention;
 - (d) Review of available information regarding the financing of Convention implementation by multilateral agencies and institutions, including information on the activities of the Global Environment Facility concerning desertification that relate to its four focal areas, as specified in article 20, paragraph 2(b) of the Convention.
 4. Review of activities for the promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and relevant international organizations, institutions and agencies.
 5. Programme of work for the second session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention.
 6. Adoption of the report of the Committee to the Conference of the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction

2. By its decision 1/COP.5, the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) decided to establish the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC) as a subsidiary body of the COP to assist it in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention. Pursuant to provisions contained in decision 2/COP.5, the first session of the CRIC will be held from 18 to 29 November 2002.

Logistic arrangements

3. A few weeks before the opening of the session, the secretariat will distribute an information note detailing registration and security procedures, as well as other logistic arrangements for the session.

Participants

4. In accordance with article 36, paragraph 2, of the UNCCD, for each State or regional economic integration organization which ratifies, accepts or approves the Convention or accedes thereto after the deposit of the fiftieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, the Convention enters into force on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit with the Depositary of the relevant instrument. Consequently, the Parties as of the opening of the first session of the CRIC on 18 November 2002 will be the States and regional economic integration organizations to have deposited their instruments by 21 August 2002. Those to deposit their instruments after 21 August 2002 and by 1 September 2002 will become Parties during the session. Those to do so after 1 September 2002 will not become Parties until after the closure of the session but can participate in the session as observers. The intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations accredited at the fifth session of the COP are listed in ICCD/COP(5)/9 and Add.1. Relevant information on the status of ratifications has been made available on the secretariat's Internet web site at the following address: <http://www.unccd.int>.

5. According to decision 1/COP.5, the CRIC shall be composed of all Parties to the Convention. Any other body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, which wishes to be represented at a session of the Committee as an observer may be admitted unless one third of the Parties present at the session object. The procedure for admission of observers is detailed in rule 7 of the Rules of procedure of the COP (decision 1/COP.1 as contained in ICCD/COP(1)/11/Add.1).

6. By the same decision, the review process shall examine, *inter alia*, information and advice from the Global Mechanism (GM) and the Committee on Science and Technology (CST), consistent with their respective mandates. The CST, including through the use of its group of experts, and the GM are

also invited to provide to the CRIC advice and information on the basis of the reports by the secretariat.

Bureau

7. In accordance with the provisions contained in decision 1/COP.5, the Committee shall elect its own four Vice-Chairpersons, of whom one shall act as Rapporteur. Together with the Chairperson elected by the COP at its fifth session in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure, they shall constitute the Bureau of the Committee.

Agenda

8. The Convention provides, in article 22, paragraph 2(a), that the COP shall regularly review the implementation of the Convention and the functioning of its institutional arrangements. The COP, by decision 1/COP.5, established the CRIC to assist the COP in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention, in the light of experience gained at the national, subregional, regional and international levels, and to facilitate the exchange of information on measures adopted by the Parties, pursuant to article 26 of the Convention, in order to draw conclusions and to propose to the COP concrete recommendations on further steps in the implementation of the Convention.

9. By the same decision, the COP decided that, at sessions held between ordinary sessions of the COP, the CRIC shall:

(i) Use as the basis of the review of implementation by the COP, the reports by Parties, together with advice and information provided by the Committee on Science and Technology and the Global Mechanism consistent with their respective mandates, and such other reports as the COP may call for;

(ii) Identify and analyse the efficiency and effectiveness of measures taken by the Parties and stakeholders with a view to focusing on activities that meet the needs of people living in affected areas and enhancing measures to combat desertification and/or mitigate the effects of drought;

(iii) Identify and synthesize best practices, experiences and lessons learned;

(iv) Identify necessary adjustments to the elaboration process and the implementation of action programmes;

(v) Identify emerging and challenging issues deriving from implementation;

(vi) Consider information on the mobilization and use of financial resources and other support with a view to enhancing their effectiveness and efficiency towards the achievements of the objectives of the Convention, including information from the GM;

(vii) Identify ways and means of improving procedures for communication of information, as well as for the quality and format of reports to be submitted to the COP;

(viii) Identify ways and means of promoting know-how and technology transfer, in particular from the developed countries to the developing countries, for combating desertification and/or mitigating the effects of drought;

(ix) Identify ways and means of promoting experience sharing and information exchange among Parties and all other interested institutions and organizations;

(x) Draw conclusions and propose concrete recommendations on further steps in the implementation of the Convention;

(xi) Submit a comprehensive report to the COP in the light of its programme of work, including conclusions and recommendations.

These, in addition to issues arising from other decisions of the COP, in particular decision 11/COP.1, have been taken into account in the provisional agenda prepared by the secretariat in agreement with the Chairperson of the Committee.

10. At the beginning of the session, the Committee shall adopt its agenda and organization of work for the session.

Documentation

11. A list of documents for the session and other relevant documents is provided in annex I. In addition to normal distribution, official documents for the session as well as full reports from country Parties and observers have been made available on the secretariat's Internet web site at the following address: <http://www.unccd.int>.

1. Election of officers other than the Chairperson of the Committee

12. Pursuant to article 4 of the terms of reference of the CRIC, as contained in decision 1/COP.5, four Vice-Chairpersons, who, with the Chairperson, are to serve as the Bureau of the Committee, 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. The Chairperson will call for the election of these officers at the opening meeting.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

13. The CRIC will have before it the provisional agenda (see section I, above) to consider for adoption. A tentative schedule of work for the session, on which the subsections below elaborate, is contained in annex II.

Purpose of the session

14. By its decision 1/COP.5, the COP adopted the terms of reference of the CRIC, as contained in an annex to that decision. They stipulate, *inter alia*, that the review will be an experience-sharing and lessons-learning exercise which will identify successes, obstacles and difficulties with a view to improving the implementation of the Convention, and that it shall be conducted thematically with due regard to geographic regions and subregions.

15. The key thematic topics for the review, as laid down in decision 1/COP.5, shall be the following:

- participatory processes involving civil society, non-governmental organizations and community-based organizations
- legislative and institutional frameworks or arrangements
- resource mobilization and coordination, both domestic and international, including conclusions of partnership agreements
- linkages and synergies with other environmental conventions and, as appropriate, with national development strategies
- measures for the rehabilitation of degraded land and for early warning systems for mitigating the effects of drought
- drought and desertification monitoring and assessment
- access by affected country Parties, particularly affected developing country Parties, to appropriate technology, knowledge and know-how.

The proposed organization of work of the session is designed to facilitate thematic as well as geographic review, as required by decision 1/COP.5.

Opening meeting

16. With regard to the structure of the opening meeting, the CRIC may wish to consider the following scenario. The Chairman of the CRIC would open the session and then call for the election of Vice-Chairpersons and the adoption of the agenda. The CRIC would then hear the statement by the Executive Secretary who would present an overview of issues before the CRIC and introduce the documents prepared by the secretariat. Statements would then be made by the Parties and observers to the Convention.

Thematic segment

17. In accordance with the provisions contained in decision 1/COP.5, it is proposed that the first session of the CRIC be divided into two segments. During the first segment, from 18 to 22 November, the CRIC would conduct a thematic review with due regard to geographic regions and subregions. Three groups of thematic topics would be introduced by the secretariat, followed by short presentations of case studies from all regions. Comments by the representatives of the CST (on themes 5, 6 and 7) and the GM (on theme 3) are expected to bring added value to this exercise. The information contained in the reports from developed country Parties, as well as relevant organs, funds and programmes of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, would also be considered during the thematic segment. A concluding discussion would complete each of the thematic sessions.

Wrap-up sessions

18. In the second segment, from 25 to 26 November, there would be a wrap-up session on each regional implementation annex, in accordance with the mandate and functions of the CRIC as defined in paragraph 1(a)(iii) to (x) of the terms of reference. These would include comments by developed country Parties and concerned international and non-governmental organizations on the support they are providing to affected country Parties of these regions in the implementation of the Convention.

Elaboration of the comprehensive report and concluding meeting

19. The proposed tentative schedule allows for the elaboration of the comprehensive report of the CRIC, including conclusions and recommendations, on 27 and 28 November. During the concluding meeting on 29 November 2002, the final report as well as the programme of work for the second session of the CRIC will be submitted for adoption.

Times of meetings

20. The tentative schedule aims to make the best use of the facilities available during normal working hours. No scheduling or budgetary provision has been made for evening or weekend sessions. Consistent with local working hours and to avoid incurring overtime expenses, the normal working hours of the first session of the CRIC will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. No provision has been made for more than one meeting with interpretation services to be held at any one time.

3. Review of the implementation of the Convention, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2(a) and (b), and article 26 of the Convention

21. Pursuant to article 22, paragraphs 2(a) and 2(b), and article 26 of the Convention, the COP is to review the implementation of the UNCCD and its institutional arrangements.

22. By its decision 1/COP.5, the COP decided to establish a committee for the review of the implementation of the Convention as a subsidiary body of the COP to assist it in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention and to adopt the terms of reference of the CRIC as contained in the annex to that decision.

23. By the same decision, the COP decided that the first session of the CRIC shall review updates to reports already available and/or new reports, to be submitted no later than 30 April 2002, and that the review shall focus on specific thematic issues identified by Parties.

24. Decision 1/COP.5 also recalls that the review process shall examine, *inter alia*, reports submitted by the Parties and information and advice from the GM and the CST, as well as reports by relevant organs, funds and programmes of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and such other reports as the COP may call for.

(a) Review of reports on implementation of the Convention by affected country Parties of all regions, including on the participatory process, and on experience gained and results achieved in the preparation and implementation of action programmes

25. By decision 1/COP.5, the first session of the CRIC is charged with the task of reviewing updates to reports already available and/or new reports from all regions. ICCD/CRIC(1)/2 to 5 introduce the documents prepared by the secretariat for each regional implementation annex.

26. In accordance with decision 1/COP.5, the secretariat has prepared the synthesis and preliminary analysis of reports submitted by affected country Parties, setting out the trends emerging in implementation of the Convention. The synthesis and preliminary analysis of national reports from affected African, Asian, Latin American and the Caribbean and Northern Mediterranean, Central and Eastern European and other affected country Parties are contained in ICCD/CRIC(1)/2/Add.1 to 5/Add.1, respectively.

27. In accordance with decision 11/COP.1, the secretariat has also compiled the summaries of such reports. The summaries of reports from affected African country Parties are contained in ICCD/CRIC(1)/2/Add.2, the summaries of reports from affected Asian country Parties in ICCD/CRIC(1)/3/Add.2, the summaries of reports from affected Latin American and the Caribbean country Parties in ICCD/CRIC(1)/4/Add.2, and the summaries of reports from Northern Mediterranean, Central and Eastern European and other affected country Parties in ICCD/CRIC(1)/5/Add.2.

28. Decision 1/COP.5 also requests the secretariat to take advantage of its ongoing activities at the regional and/or subregional levels to disseminate information stemming from its preliminary analysis in order to obtain feedback with a view to enriching the Committee's work base. The regional and subregional feedback, obtained through meetings organized for all regions, is presented in ICCD/CRIC(1)/2/Add.3, ICCD/CRIC(1)/3/Add.3, ICCD/CRIC(1)/4/Add.3 and ICCD/CRIC(1)/5/Add.3, for African, Asian, Latin

American and the Caribbean, and Northern Mediterranean, Central and Eastern European and other country Parties regions, respectively.

(b) Review of reports by developed country Parties on measures taken to assist in the preparation and implementation of action programmes of affected country Parties of all regions, including information on financial resources they have provided, or are providing, under the Convention

29. The synthesis and preliminary analysis of reports from developed country Parties are contained in ICCD/CRIC(1)/6/Add.1, while the compilation of summaries of these reports is provided in ICCD/CRIC(1)/6/Add.2.

(c) Review of information provided by relevant organs, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, on their activities in support of the preparation and implementation of action programmes under the Convention

30. The secretariat has prepared a synthesis of the information provided by United Nations organizations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on their activities in support of the preparation and implementation of action programmes; this synthesis is contained in ICCD/CRIC(1)/7.

(d) Review of available information regarding the financing of Convention implementation by multilateral agencies and institutions, including information on the activities of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) concerning desertification that relate to its four focal areas, as specified in article 20, paragraph 2(b) of the Convention

31. By decision 1/COP.5, one of the tasks of the first session of the CRIC is to consider information on the mobilization and use of financial resources and other support with a view to enhancing their efficiency and their effectiveness towards the achievement of the objectives of the Convention. The information regarding the financing of Convention implementation by multilateral agencies and institutions, including the GEF, is contained in ICCD/CRIC(1)/8, as well as ICCD/CRIC(1)/7. Additional information regarding the financing of Convention implementation is contained in the documents mentioned in paragraphs 26 to 30.

4. Review of activities for the promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and relevant international organizations, institutions and agencies

32. According to decision 1/COP.5, the first session of the CRIC should also consider linkages and synergies with other environmental conventions and, as appropriate, national development strategies. Document ICCD/CRIC(1)/9 gives a review of activities for the promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and relevant international organizations, institutions and agencies.

5. Programme of work for the second session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

33. By its decision 1/COP.5, the COP decided to charge the second session of the CRIC, which will take place during the sixth session of the COP, with the following tasks:

(i) Consideration of the comprehensive report of the first session of the CRIC;

(ii) Review of the policies, operational modalities and activities of the Global Mechanism;

(iii) Review of the report prepared by the secretariat on the execution of its functions;

(iv) Consideration of the report on the collaboration with the GEF;

with a view to elaborating draft decisions, where necessary, for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the COP.

6. Adoption of the comprehensive report of the Committee to the COP, including conclusions and recommendations

34. According to decision 1/COP.5, at sessions held between ordinary sessions of the COP, the CRIC is, *inter alia*, to draw conclusions and propose to the COP concrete recommendations on further steps in the implementation of the Convention, through a comprehensive report to the COP in the light of its programme of work.

35. The report of the Committee shall be submitted to the COP for its consideration and any decision the Conference may wish to take on the implementation of the Convention.

Annex I**LIST OF DOCUMENTS****Documents available at the first session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention:**

| <u>Document symbol</u> | <u>Title or description</u> |
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| ICCD/CRIC(1)/1 | Adoption of the agenda and organization of work - Provisional agenda and annotations |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/2 | Review of reports on implementation of affected African country Parties, including on the participatory process, and on experience gained and results achieved in the preparation and implementation of action programmes |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/2/Add.1(A) | Synthesis and preliminary analysis of information contained in reports submitted by affected African country Parties |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/2/Add.1(B) | Progress made in the formulation and implementation of subregional and regional action programmes in Africa |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/2/Add.2 | Compilation of summaries of reports submitted by affected African country Parties |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/2/Add.3 | Inputs from the regional meeting of affected African country Parties |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/3 | Review of reports on implementation of affected Asian country Parties, including on the participatory process, and on experience gained and results achieved in the preparation and implementation of action programmes |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/3/Add.1 | Synthesis and preliminary analysis of information contained in reports submitted by affected Asian country Parties, and progress made in the formulation and implementation of subregional and regional action programmes in Asia |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/3/Add.2 | Compilation of summaries of reports submitted by affected Asian country Parties |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/3/Add.3 | Inputs from the regional meeting of affected Asian country Parties |

| <u>Document symbol</u> | <u>Title or description</u> |
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| ICCD/CRIC(1)/4 | Review of reports on implementation of affected Latin American and the Caribbean country Parties, including on the participatory process, and on experience gained and results achieved in the preparation and implementation of action programmes |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/4/Add.1 | Synthesis and preliminary analysis of information contained in reports submitted by affected Latin American and the Caribbean country Parties, and progress made in the formulation and implementation of subregional and regional action programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/4/Add.2 | Compilation of summaries of reports submitted by affected Latin American and the Caribbean country Parties |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/4/Add.3 | Inputs from the regional meeting of Latin American and the Caribbean country Parties |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/5 | Review of reports on implementation of Northern Mediterranean, Central and Eastern European and other affected country Parties, including on the participatory process, and on experience gained and results achieved in the preparation and implementation of action programmes |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/5/Add.1 | Synthesis and preliminary analysis of information contained in reports submitted by Northern Mediterranean, Central and Eastern European and other affected country Parties, and progress made in the formulation and implementation of subregional and regional action programmes in Northern Mediterranean, Central and Eastern Europe and other affected country Parties |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/5/Add.2 | Compilation of summaries of reports submitted by Northern Mediterranean, Central and Eastern European and other affected country Parties |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/5/Add.3 | Inputs from the meeting of Northern Mediterranean, Central and Eastern European and other affected country Parties |

| <u>Document symbol</u> | <u>Title or description</u> |
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| ICCD/CRIC(1)/6 | Review of reports by developed country Parties on measures taken to assist in the preparation and implementation of action programmes of affected country Parties of all regions, including information on financial resources they have provided, or are providing, under the Convention |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/6/Add.1 | Synthesis and preliminary analysis of information contained in reports submitted by developed country Parties |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/6/Add.2 | Compilation of summaries of reports submitted by developed country Parties |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/7 | Review of information provided by relevant organs, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, on their activities in support of the preparation and implementation of action programmes under the Convention |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/8 | Review of available information regarding the financing of the implementation of the Convention by multilateral agencies and institutions, including information on the activities of the Global Environment Facility concerning desertification that relate to its four focal areas, as specified in article 20, paragraph 2(b) of the Convention |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/9 | Review of activities for the promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and relevant international organizations, institutions and agencies |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/INF.1 | Arrangements for the first session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention - Preliminary information for participants |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/INF.2 | Status of ratification of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/INF.3 | List of participants to the first session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention |

| <u>Document symbol</u> | <u>Title or description</u> |
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| ICCD/CRIC(1)/INF.4 | Second reporting process on UNCCD implementation - Explanatory Note and Help Guide (Affected country Parties of the Regional Implementation Annex for Africa) |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/INF.5 | Second reporting process on UNCCD implementation - Explanatory Note and Help Guide (Affected country Parties of the Regional Implementation Annex for Asia) |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/INF.6 | Second reporting process on UNCCD implementation - Explanatory Note and Help Guide (Affected country Parties of the Regional Implementation Annex for Latin America and the Caribbean) |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/INF.7 | Second reporting process on UNCCD implementation - Explanatory Note and Help Guide (Affected country Parties of regions other than Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean) |
| ICCD/CRIC(1)/INF.8 | Second reporting process on UNCCD implementation - Explanatory Note (Developed country Parties) |

Other documents:**Fifth session of the Conference of the Parties**

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| ICCD/COP(5)/9 | Accreditation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, admission of observers |
| ICCD/COP(5)/11 | Report of the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session: Proceedings |
| ICCD/COP(5)/11/Add.1 | Report of the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session: Action taken |

Previous sessions of the Conference of the Parties

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| ICCD/COP(4)/11/Add.1 | Report of the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session: Action taken |
| ICCD/COP(4)/AHWG/6 | Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group to the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties |
| ICCD/COP(3)/20/Add.1 | Report of the Conference of the Parties at its third session: Action taken |

| <u>Document symbol</u> | <u>Title or description</u> |
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| ICCD/COP(2)/14/Add.1 | Report of the Conference of the Parties at its second session: Action taken |
| ICCD/COP(1)/11/Add.1 | Report of the Conference of the Parties at its first session: Action taken |

Annex II

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF WORK

| <i>MONDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2002</i> | |
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| <i>10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</i> | <i>3 p.m. - 6 p.m.</i> |
| <p><i>Opening of the session by the Chairperson of the CRIC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of officers other than the Chairperson of the Committee • Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (ICCD/CRIC(1)/1) <p><i>Statement by the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD</i></p> <p><i>Other statements by Parties and observers</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the implementation of the Convention, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2(a) and (b), and article 26 of the Convention <p>- Review of reports on implementation of affected country Parties of all regions, including on the participatory process, and on experience gained and results achieved in the preparation and implementation of action programmes</p> <p>- Review of reports by developed country Parties on measures taken to assist in the preparation and implementation of action programmes of affected country Parties of all regions, including information on financial resources they have provided, or are providing, under the Convention</p> <p>- Review of information provided by relevant organs, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, on their activities in support of the preparation and implementation of action programmes under the Convention</p> <p><i>Thematic topic 1: Participatory processes involving civil society, non-governmental organizations and community-based organizations</i></p> |

| MONDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2002, cont'd | |
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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. |
| | <p><i>Thematic topic 2: Legislative and institutional frameworks or arrangements</i></p> <p><i>Thematic topic 4: Linkages and synergies with other environmental conventions and, as appropriate, with national development strategies</i></p> <p><i>African region (ICCD/CRIC(1)/2, ICCD/CRIC(1)/2/Add.1 to Add.3, ICCD/CRIC(1)/6, Add.1 and Add.2, ICCD/CRIC(1)/7)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of activities for the promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and relevant international organizations, institutions and agencies (ICCD/CRIC(1)/9) |

| TUESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2002 | |
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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. |
| <p><i>Thematic topics 1, 2 and 4 (continued)</i></p> <p><i>Asian region (ICCD/CRIC(1)/3, Add.1 to Add.3, ICCD/CRIC(1)/6, Add.1 and Add.2, ICCD/CRIC(1)/7)</i></p> <p><i>Latin American and the Caribbean region (ICCD/CRIC(1)/4, Add.1 to Add.3, ICCD/CRIC(1)/6, Add.1 and Add.2, ICCD/CRIC(1)/7)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of activities for the promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and relevant international organizations, institutions and agencies (ICCD/CRIC(1)/9) | <p><i>Thematic topics 1, 2 and 4 (continued)</i></p> <p><i>Northern Mediterranean and Central and Eastern European regions and other affected country Parties (ICCD/CRIC(1)/5, Add.1 to Add.3, ICCD/CRIC(1)/6, Add.1 and Add.2, ICCD/CRIC(1)/7)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of activities for the promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and relevant international organizations, institutions and agencies (ICCD/CRIC(1)/9) |

| WEDNESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2002 | |
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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the implementation of the Convention, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2(a) and (b), and article 26 of the Convention (continued) <p><i>Thematic topic 5: Measures for the rehabilitation of degraded land</i></p> <p><i>Thematic topic 6: Drought and desertification monitoring and assessment; early warning systems for mitigating the effects of drought</i></p> <p><i>Thematic topic 7: Access by affected country Parties, particularly affected developing country Parties, to appropriate technology, knowledge and know-how</i></p> <p><i>Asian region (ICCD/CRIC(1)/3, Add.1 to Add.3, ICCD/CRIC(1)/6, Add.1 and Add.2, ICCD/CRIC(1)/7)</i></p> | <p><i>Thematic topics 5, 6 and 7 (continued)</i></p> <p><i>Latin American and the Caribbean region (ICCD/CRIC(1)/4, Add.1 to Add.3, ICCD/CRIC(1)/6, Add.1 and Add.2, ICCD/CRIC(1)/7)</i></p> <p><i>Northern Mediterranean and Central and Eastern European regions and other affected country Parties (ICCD/CRIC(1)/5, Add.1 to Add.3, ICCD/CRIC(1)/6, Add.1 and Add.2, ICCD/CRIC(1)/7)</i></p> |

| THURSDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2002 | |
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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. |
| <p><i>Thematic topics 5, 6 and 7 (continued)</i></p> <p><i>African region (ICCD/CRIC(1)/2, Add.1 to Add.3, ICCD/CRIC(1)/6, Add.1 and Add.2, ICCD/CRIC(1)/7)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the implementation of the Convention, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2(a) and (b), and article 26 of the Convention (continued) <p><i>Thematic topic 3: Resource mobilization and coordination, both domestic and international, including conclusions of partnership agreements</i></p> <p><i>Latin American and the Caribbean region (ICCD/CRIC(1)/4, Add.1 to Add.3, ICCD/CRIC(1)/6, Add.1 and Add.2, ICCD/CRIC(1)/7)</i></p> |

| FRIDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2002 | |
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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. |
| <p><i>Thematic topic 3 (continued)</i></p> <p><i>Northern Mediterranean and Central and Eastern European regions and other affected country Parties (ICCD/CRIC(1)/5, Add.1 to Add.3, ICCD/CRIC(1)/6, Add.1 and Add.2, ICCD/CRIC(1)/7)</i></p> <p><i>African region (ICCD/CRIC(1)/2, Add.1 to Add.3, ICCD/CRIC(1)/6, Add.1 and Add.2, ICCD/CRIC(1)/7)</i></p> | <p><i>Thematic topic 3 (continued)</i></p> <p><i>Asian region (ICCD/CRIC(1)/3, Add.1 to Add.3, ICCD/CRIC(1)/6, Add.1 and Add.2, ICCD/CRIC(1)/7)</i></p> <p>- Review of available information regarding the financing of Convention implementation by multilateral agencies and institutions, including information on those activities of the Global Environment Facility concerning desertification that relate to its four focal areas, as specified in article 20, paragraph 2(b) of the Convention (ICCD/CRIC(1)/8)</p> |

| MONDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2002 | |
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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the implementation of the Convention, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2(a) and (b), and article 26 of the Convention (<i>continued</i>) <p><i>Wrap-up session on Africa (ICCD/CRIC(1)/2, Add.1 to Add.3, ICCD/CRIC(1)/6, Add.1 and Add.2, ICCD/CRIC(1)/7)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the implementation of the Convention, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2(a) and (b), and article 26 of the Convention (<i>continued</i>) <p><i>Wrap-up session on Asia (ICCD/CRIC(1)/3, Add.1 to Add.3, ICCD/CRIC(1)/6, Add.1 and Add.2, ICCD/CRIC(1)/7)</i></p> |

| TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2002 | |
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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the implementation of the Convention, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2(a) and (b), and article 26 of the Convention (<i>continued</i>) <p><i>Wrap-up session on Latin America and the Caribbean (ICCD/CRIC(1)/4, Add.1 to Add.3, ICCD/CRIC(1)/6, Add.1 and Add.2, ICCD/CRIC(1)/7)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the implementation of the Convention, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2(a) and (b), and article 26 of the Convention (<i>continued</i>) <p><i>Wrap-up session on the Northern Mediterranean, Central and Eastern Europe and other affected country Parties (ICCD/CRIC(1)/5, Add.1 to Add.3, ICCD/CRIC(1)/6, Add.1 and Add.2, ICCD/CRIC(1)/7)</i></p> |

| WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2002 | |
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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. |
| <i>Elaboration of the report of the Committee to the Conference of the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations</i> | <i>Elaboration of the report of the Committee to the Conference of the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations</i> |

| THURSDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2002 | |
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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. |
| <i>Elaboration of the report of the Committee to the Conference of the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations</i> | <i>Elaboration of the report of the Committee to the Conference of the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations</i> |

| FRIDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2002 | |
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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme of work for the second session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the report of the Committee to the Conference of the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations <i>Closing of the session</i> |

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