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## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

### **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. Designation of the Rapporteur of the Committee.
  2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
  3. Review of the implementation of the Convention and of its institutional arrangements, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2 (a) and (b), and article 26 of the Convention, as well as decision 1/COP.5, paragraph 10:
    - (a) Review of the reports on implementation by affected African country Parties, including on the participatory process, and on experience gained and results achieved in the preparation and implementation of action programmes;
    - (b) Review of the reports by developed country Parties on measures taken to assist in the preparation and implementation of action programmes of affected African country Parties, 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 nongovernmental organizations, on their activities in support of the implementation of the Convention in affected African country Parties.
  4. Consideration of necessary adjustments to the elaboration process and the implementation of action programmes, including review of the enhanced implementation of the obligations of the Convention.
  5. Review of available information regarding the mobilization and use of financial resources and other support by multilateral agencies and institutions, with a view to enhancing their effectiveness and efficiency towards the achievement of the objectives of the Convention, including information on the activities of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the Global Mechanism (GM) and its Facilitation Committee.
  6. Consideration of ways and means of promoting know-how and technology transfer for combating desertification and/or mitigating the effects of drought, as well as of promoting experience sharing and information exchange among Parties and interested institutions and organizations.
  7. Consideration of ways and means of improving procedures for communication of information, as well as the quality and format of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties.

8. 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 was held in Rome, Italy, from 11 to 22 November 2002. In line with provisions of decision 1/COP.5, the second session of the CRIC was held during the sixth session of the COP, in Havana, Cuba, from 26 to 29 August 2003. By its decision 10/COP.6, the COP decided that the third session of the CRIC would be held in Autumn 2004, for a duration to be decided upon by the Bureau of the COP, on the basis of the draft provisional agenda and organization of work. Following the deliberations of the meeting of the Bureau of the COP held on 9 June 2004 in Bonn, Germany, and after consultations with the President of the COP and the Chairperson of the CRIC, it was agreed that the third session of the CRIC will be held in Bonn, Germany, from 2 to 11 May 2005.

### *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 third session of the CRIC on 2 May 2005 will be the States and regional economic integration organizations that would have deposited their instruments by 2 February 2005. Those that would deposit their instruments after 2 and by 11 February 2005 will become Parties during the session. Those that would do so after 11 February 2005 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 sixth session of the COP are listed in ICCD/COP(6)/9 and Add.1 as well as in ICCD/COP(6)/11. 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).

*Bureau*

6. In accordance with the provisions contained in decision 1/COP.5, the Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons of the Committee were elected during the sixth session of the COP (ICCD/COP(6)/11). One of the Vice-Chairpersons shall act as Rapporteur.

*Agenda*

7. 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.

8. 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 (CST) and the GM 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, and in particular decisions 11/COP.1 and 9/COP.6, have been taken into account in the provisional agenda prepared by the secretariat in agreement with the Chairperson of the Committee.

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

#### *Documentation*

10. 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. Designation of the Rapporteur of the Committee

11. Pursuant to article 4 of the terms of reference of the CRIC, as contained in decision 1/COP.5, the Chairperson would call for the selection of a Rapporteur among the four Vice-Chairpersons of the Committee.

#### 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

12. 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, elaborated in the subsections below, is contained in annex II.

#### *Purpose of the session*

13. By its decision 1/COP.5, the COP adopted the terms of reference of the CRIC, as contained in an annex to that decision. These 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.

14. By the same decision, the COP decided that, after the sixth session of the COP, the review shall be conducted in accordance with the timetable outlined in paragraphs 13 to 15 of decision 11/COP.1, which implies that, at its third session, the CRIC shall examine the reports submitted by affected African country Parties, as well as reports by developed country Parties and reports by relevant organs, funds and programmes of the United Nations, and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, on measures taken to assist action programmes of affected African country Parties.

15. By decision 1/COP.5, the review process shall examine, *inter alia*, information and advice from the GM and the 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.

16. 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.

17. Furthermore, the third session of the CRIC will consider reports on other matters arising from its terms of reference, as described in paragraph 8 above and in decision 9/COP.6.

#### *Opening meeting*

18. With regard to the structure of the opening meeting, the CRIC may wish to consider the following scenario. The Chairperson of the CRIC would open the session and then call for the designation of the Rapporteur and the adoption of the agenda. The CRIC would then hear the statement by the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD, who would present an overview of issues before the CRIC.

#### *Regional consultations of affected country Parties of the Convention's regional implementation annexes*

19. Pursuant to decision 1/COP.5, which requests the Executive Secretary to facilitate the preparation of regional inputs for the review process, and taking into consideration the global nature of the CRIC review, and given that regional meetings in preparation for the third

session of the CRIC will not take place, it is proposed to facilitate the organization of regional consultations of affected country Parties of the Convention's regional implementation annexes at the venue of the third session of the CRIC. The background information for these consultations is contained in documents ICCD/CRIC(3)/INF.6 to 9.

20. The statements made by the representatives of regional and interest groups would conclude the opening segment.

*First segment*

21. Following the provisions contained in decision 9/COP.6, it is proposed that the third session of the CRIC be divided into two segments. During the first segment, from 2 to 6 May 2005, the CRIC would conduct a review of the implementation of national action programmes under the Convention in Africa with due regard to the geographic subregions of Africa. The thematic topics would be introduced by the secretariat, followed by the presentations by the representatives of affected African country Parties. 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 this segment. A concluding discussion would complete the consideration of each of the thematic topics. The review of the implementation of subregional and regional action programmes under the Convention in Africa would also be conducted.

22. Where complementarity occurs, it is proposed to undertake the in-depth review of reports together with additional exchanges provided on items as identified in decision 9/COP.6, notably paragraph 1 c) and d) dealing with:

- Review of available information regarding the mobilization and use of financial resources and other support by multilateral agencies and institutions, with a view to enhancing their effectiveness and efficiency towards the achievement of the objectives of the Convention, including information on the activities of the GEF, the GM and its Facilitation Committee; and
- Ways and means of promoting know-how and technology transfer as well as of promoting experience sharing and information exchange among Parties and interested institutions and organizations.

Input by the representatives of the CST and the GM is expected to bring added value to this exercise.

*Second segment*

23. In the second segment, from 6 to 9 May 2005, consideration of the item identified under paragraph 1 (a) (iv) of the terms of reference of the CRIC and paragraph 1 b) of decision 9/COP.6, dealing with necessary adjustments to the elaboration process and the implementation of action programmes, including review of the enhanced implementation of the obligations of the Convention, would be facilitated through panel discussions on some areas of strategic action defined in decision 8/COP.4, as requested by decision 4/COP.6.

24. The item identified in paragraph 1 (a) (vii) of the terms of reference of the CRIC and in paragraph 1 e) of decision 9/COP.6, dealing with ways and means of improving procedures for communication of information, as well as the quality and format of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties, would also be considered.

25. It is also proposed that Global Interactive Dialogues (GIDs) be convened, taking into account areas of interest expressed by the Parties in the deliberations of CRIC 1 (as contained in document ICCD/CRIC(1)/10), which indicated the need to address the socio-economic impacts of desertification, placing them at the same time in a broader framework, such as the contribution of the action programmes under the Convention to the poverty reduction strategies and integration of the implementation of the Convention into national development strategies and other relevant policy frameworks. The background information on GID is contained in document ICCD/CRIC(3)/MISC.1.

26. The proposed tentative schedule allows for the formulation of the comprehensive report of the third session of the CRIC, including conclusions and recommendations, as stipulated in paragraph 1 (a) (x) and (xi) of its terms of reference, from 6 to 11 May 2005. During the concluding meeting on 11 May 2005, the final report would be submitted for adoption.

#### *Times of meetings*

27. The normal working hours of the third session of the CRIC will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. 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. No provision has been made for more than one meeting with official 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

28. 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.

29. 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.

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

30. By decision 1/COP.5, the third session of the CRIC is charged, *inter alia*, with the task of reviewing reports from affected African country Parties. Document ICCD/CRIC(3)/2 introduces the documents prepared by the secretariat to facilitate this review.

31. In accordance with decision 1/COP.5, the secretariat has prepared the synthesis and preliminary analysis of reports submitted by affected African country Parties, setting out the

trends emerging in implementation of the Convention. The synthesis and preliminary analysis of national reports as well as of subregional and regional reports is contained in documents ICCD/CRIC(3)/2/Add.1 and Add.2, respectively.

32. In accordance with decision 11/COP.1, the secretariat has also compiled summaries of such reports. The summaries of reports from affected African country Parties are contained in ICCD/CRIC(3)/2/Add.3.

33. 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. This feedback, obtained through the subregional workshops organized for affected African country Parties, is presented in ICCD/CRIC(3)/2/Add.4.

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

34. The synthesis and preliminary analysis of reports submitted by developed country Parties are contained in ICCD/CRIC(3)/3/Add.1, while the compilation of summaries of these reports is provided in ICCD/CRIC(3)/3/Add.2.

*(c) Review of information provided by relevant organs, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, on their activities in support of the implementation of the Convention in affected African country Parties*

35. The secretariat has prepared a synthesis of the information provided by United Nations organizations and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on their activities in support of the preparation and implementation of action programmes in Africa; this synthesis is contained in ICCD/CRIC(3)/4.

4. Consideration of necessary adjustments to the elaboration process and the implementation of action programmes, including review of the enhanced implementation of the obligations of the Convention

36. According to paragraph 1 (a) (iv) of the terms of reference of the CRIC, the Committee shall consider necessary adjustments to the elaboration process and the implementation of action programmes. In the light of decisions 8/COP.4 (Declaration on the commitments to enhance the implementation of the obligations of the Convention) and 4/COP.6 (on the implementation of this Declaration), the secretariat prepared a report to facilitate the review of these processes by the Committee. This report is contained in document ICCD/CRIC(3)/5.

5. Review of available information regarding the mobilization and use of financial resources and other support by multilateral agencies and institutions, with a view to enhancing their effectiveness and efficiency towards the achievement of the objectives of the Convention, including information on the activities of the GEF, the GM and its Facilitation Committee

37. By decision 1/COP.5, one of the tasks 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, the GM and its Facilitation Committee, is contained in ICCD/CRIC(3)/6. Additional information regarding the financing of Convention implementation is contained in the documents mentioned in paragraphs 31 to 35.

6. Consideration of ways and means of promoting know-how and technology transfer for combating desertification and/or mitigating the effects of drought, as well as of promoting experience sharing and information exchange among Parties and interested institutions and organizations

38. Paragraph 1 (viii) of the terms of reference of the CRIC calls for the CRIC to identify ways and means of promoting know-how and technology transfer for combating desertification and/or mitigating the effects of drought. Furthermore, paragraph 1 (ix) requests the CRIC to consider ways and means of promoting experience sharing and information exchange among Parties and interested institutions and organizations. The report prepared by the secretariat on these two matters is contained in document ICCD/CRIC(3)/7.

7. Consideration of ways and means of improving procedures for communication of information, as well as the quality and format of reports to be submitted to the COP

39. Pursuant to paragraph 1 (vii) of the terms of reference of the CRIC and in the light of decisions 1/COP.6 and 4/COP.6, the CRIC shall also consider ways and means of improving procedures for communication of information, as well as the quality and format of reports to be submitted to the COP. The report by the secretariat on these matters is contained in document ICCD/CRIC(3)/8.

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

40. 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.

41. The report adopted by the Committee shall be submitted to the COP for its consideration leading to any decision the COP may wish to take on the implementation of the Convention.

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

<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>Title or description</u>
ICCD/CRIC(3)/1	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work - Provisional agenda and annotations
ICCD/CRIC(3)/2	Review of reports on implementation by 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(3)/2/Add.1	Synthesis and preliminary analysis of information contained in reports submitted by affected African country Parties
ICCD/CRIC(3)/2/Add.2	Progress made in the formulation and implementation of subregional and regional action programmes in Africa
ICCD/CRIC(3)/2/Add.3	Compilation of summaries of reports submitted by African country Parties
ICCD/CRIC(3)/2/Add.4	Outcome of subregional workshops of affected African country Parties
ICCD/CRIC(3)/3	Review of reports by developed country Parties on measures taken to assist in the preparation and implementation of action programmes of affected African country Parties, including information on financial resources they have provided, or are providing, under the Convention
ICCD/CRIC(3)/3/Add.1	Synthesis and preliminary analysis of information contained in reports submitted by developed country Parties
ICCD/CRIC(3)/3/Add.2	Compilation of summaries of reports submitted by developed country Parties
ICCD/CRIC(3)/4	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 of African affected country Parties under the Convention

<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>Title or description</u>
ICCD/CRIC(3)/5	Consideration of necessary adjustments to the elaboration process and the implementation of action programmes, including review of the enhanced implementation of the obligations of the Convention
ICCD/CRIC(3)/6	Review of available information regarding the mobilization and use of financial resources and other support by multilateral agencies and institutions, with a view to enhancing their effectiveness and efficiency towards the achievement of the objectives of the Convention, including information on the activities of the Global Environment Facility, the Global Mechanism and its Facilitation Committee
ICCD/CRIC(3)/7	Consideration of ways and means of promoting know-how and technology transfer for combating desertification and/or mitigating the effects of drought, as well as of promoting experience sharing and information exchange among Parties and interested institutions and organizations
ICCD/CRIC(3)/8	Consideration of ways and means of improving procedures for communication of information, as well as the quality and format of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties
ICCD/CRIC(3)/INF.1	Arrangements for the third session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention - Preliminary information for participants
ICCD/CRIC(3)/INF.3	National reporting process of affected country Parties - Explanatory Note and Help Guide
ICCD/CRIC(3)/INF.4	National reporting process of developed country Parties - Explanatory Note
ICCD/CRIC(3)/INF.5	Status of ratification of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
ICCD/CRIC(3)/INF.6	Background information for the regional consultations of affected country Parties of the regional implementation annex for Asia
ICCD/CRIC(3)/INF.7	Background information for the regional consultations of affected country Parties of the regional implementation annex for Latin America and the Caribbean
ICCD/CRIC(3)/INF.8	Background information for the regional consultations of affected country Parties of the regional implementation annex for the Northern Mediterranean

<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>Title or description</u>
ICCD/CRIC(3)/INF.9	Background information for the regional consultations of affected country Parties of the regional implementation annex for Central and Eastern Europe
ICCD/CRIC(3)/MISC.1	Mainstreaming of national action programmes and their contribution to overall poverty eradication

**Other documents:**

**First session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention**

ICCD/CRIC(1)/10	Report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on its first session
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**Sixth session of the Conference of the Parties**

ICCD/COP(6)/9 and Add.1	Accreditation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, admission of observers
ICCD/COP(6)/11	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its sixth session: Proceedings
ICCD/COP(6)/11/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its sixth session: Action taken

**Previous sessions of the Conference of the Parties**

ICCD/COP(5)/11/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its fifth session: Action taken
ICCD/COP(4)/11/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on 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 on its third session: Action taken
ICCD/COP(2)/14/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its second session: Action taken
ICCD/COP(1)/11/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its first session: Action taken

Annex II

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF WORK**

<b>MONDAY, 2 MAY 2005</b>	
<b>9 a.m. – 1 p.m.</b>	<b>3 p.m. – 6 p.m.</b>
<p><i>Opening of the session by the Chairperson of the CRIC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Designation of the Rapporteur of the Committee</li><li>• Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (ICCD/CRIC(3)/1)</li></ul> <p><i>Statement by the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD</i></p> <p><i>Regional consultations of affected country Parties of the Convention's regional implementation annexes</i></p>	<p><i>Regional consultations of affected country Parties of the Convention's regional implementation annexes</i></p>

<b>TUESDAY, 3 MAY 2005</b>	
<b>10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</b>	<b>3 p.m. – 6 p.m.</b>
<p><i>Regional consultations of affected country Parties of the Convention's regional implementation annexes</i></p> <p><i>Statements by the representatives of regional and interest groups</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of the implementation of the Convention, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2(a) and (b), and article 26 of the Convention, as well as decision 1/COP.5, paragraph 10 (ICCD/CRIC(3)/2):</li> <li>- 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(3)/2/Add.1 and Add.3)</li> <li>- Review of reports by developed country Parties on measures taken to assist in the preparation and implementation of action programmes of affected African country Parties, including information on financial resources they have provided, or are providing, under the Convention (ICCD/CRIC(3)/3, Add.1 and Add.2)</li> <li>- 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 the Convention in affected African country Parties (ICCD/CRIC(3)/4)</li> </ul> <p><i>Thematic topic 1: Participatory processes involving civil society, non-governmental organizations and community-based organizations</i></p> <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>

<b>WEDNESDAY, 4 MAY 2005</b>	
<b>10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</b>	<b>3 p.m. – 6 p.m.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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>)</li> </ul> <p><i>Thematic topic 3: Resource mobilization and coordination, both domestic and international, including conclusions of partnership agreements</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of available information regarding the mobilization and use of financial resources and other support by multilateral agencies and institutions, with a view to enhancing their effectiveness and efficiency towards the achievement of the objectives of the Convention, including information on the activities of the Global Environment Facility, the Global Mechanism and its Facilitation Committee (ICCD/CRIC(3)/6)</li> </ul> <p><i>Panel discussion on the development of a global UNCCD programme</i></p>

<b>THURSDAY, 5 MAY 2005</b>	
<b>10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</b>	<b>3 p.m. – 6 p.m.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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>)</li> </ul> <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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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>)</li> </ul> <p><i>Thematic topic 7: Access by affected country Parties, particularly affected developing country Parties, to appropriate technology, knowledge and know-how</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consideration of ways and means of promoting know-how and technology transfer for combating desertification and/or mitigating the effects of drought, as well as of promoting experience sharing and information exchange among Parties and interested institutions and organizations (ICCD/CRIC(3)/7)</li> </ul>

<b>FRIDAY, 6 MAY 2005</b>	
<b>10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</b>	<b>3 p.m. – 6 p.m.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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>)</li> </ul> <p>- 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</p> <p><i>Review of subregional and regional reports (ICCD/CRIC(3)/2/Add.2)</i></p> <p><i>Presentation of the outcome of subregional workshops of affected African country Parties (ICCD/CRIC(3)/2/Add.4)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration of ways and means of improving procedures for communication of information, as well as the quality and format of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties (<i>ICCD/CRIC(3)/8</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration of necessary adjustments to the elaboration process and the implementation of action programmes, including review of the enhanced implementation of the obligations of the Convention (<i>ICCD/CRIC(3)/5</i>)</li> </ul> <p><i>Formulation of the report of the Committee to the Conference of the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations</i></p>

<b>MONDAY, 9 MAY 2005</b>	
<b>10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</b>	<b>3 p.m. – 6 p.m.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration of necessary adjustments to the elaboration process and the implementation of action programmes, including review of the enhanced implementation of the obligations of the Convention (<i>continued</i>)</li> </ul> <p><i>Panel discussion on sustainable use and management of rangelands</i></p> <p><i>Panel discussion on launching of reforestation/afforestation programmes and intensification of soil conservation programmes</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration of necessary adjustments to the elaboration process and the implementation of action programmes, including review of the enhanced implementation of the obligations of the Convention (<i>continued</i>)</li> </ul> <p><i>Panel discussion on desertification monitoring and assessment</i></p>

<b>TUESDAY, 10 MAY 2005</b>	
<b>10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</b>	<b>3 p.m. – 6 p.m.</b>
<i>Global interactive dialogue: Mainstreaming of national action programmes and their contribution to overall poverty eradication</i>	<i>Global interactive dialogue: Land degradation/desertification and their impact on migration and conflicts</i>  <i>Formulation of the report of the Committee to the Conference of the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations (continued)</i>

<b>WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY 2005</b>	
<b>10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</b>	<b>3 p.m. – 6 p.m.</b>
<i>Formulation of the report of the Committee to the Conference of the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations (continued)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption of the report of the Committee to the Conference of the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations</li> </ul> <i>Closure of the session</i>

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