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Third session
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**ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE THIRD SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE
REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION**

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS*

The third session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC) will be held from 2 to 11 May 2005 in Bonn, Germany. The present document contains general information which may be helpful to participants.

1. Committee secretariat

The head of the Committee secretariat is Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the Convention secretariat.

The secretariat can be reached at the following address:

Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
Haus Carstanjen
Martin-Luther-King-Strasse 8
D-53175 Bonn, Germany
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Fax no.: (+ 49 228) 815 28 98/99
E-mail: secretariat@unccd.int

* The submission of this document was delayed in order to provide the participants with the most up-to-date information on the arrangements for the third session of the CRIC.

2. Venue of the session

The third session of the CRIC will be held at the International Congress Centre Bundeshaus Bonn (*Internationales Kongresszentrum Bundeshaus Bonn – IKBB*) in Bonn, Germany, at the following address:

Görresstrasse 15
D-53113 Bonn, Germany
Tel. no.: (+ 49 228) 9267 0
Fax no.: (+ 49 228) 9267 110
Website: <http://www.ikbb.de>

Preliminary information on the Committee session can also be obtained at the following secretariat phone number: (+ 49 228) 815 28 14.

The session will open on Monday, 2 May 2005, with the official opening at 9 a.m. in the Plenary Hall. During the session, other meeting rooms will be made available for informal meetings without interpretation, subject to arrangements being made with the secretariat. Working hours will normally be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

3. Admittance to the session

Given that the same provisions governing the Conference of the Parties (COP) apply *mutatis mutandis* to the proceedings of its subsidiary bodies, participation in the CRIC is open to country Parties' delegations, United Nations specialized agencies, and observers¹ in accordance with the provisions of the Convention and the rules of procedure of the COP.

Since the CRIC is a subsidiary body to the COP, country Parties' delegations do not need to present credentials. However, an official list of delegation members should be forwarded to the UNCCD secretariat prior to the CRIC session for registration and security purposes. Observers already accredited by previous COPs should also comply with this requirement.

Any body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, which has not yet obtained observer status may be admitted to the third session of the CRIC, pending a final decision on its accreditation as observer by the COP at its next ordinary session, by submitting an official request to the UNCCD secretariat by 15 April 2005. This request should state the body's or agency's competence/qualification in matters covered by the Convention.

¹ 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 at the opening of the third session of the CRIC on 2 May 2005 will be the States and regional economic integration organizations to have deposited their instruments by 2 February 2005. Those that deposit their instruments after 2 and by 11 February 2005 will become Parties during the session. Those to 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.

4. Registration

In line with the requirements of the registration system, it is of the utmost importance to send to the secretariat a passport-size photograph of those members of delegations attending the third session of the CRIC who did not participate in the sixth session of the COP. This will allow for a timely pre-registration procedure, which will greatly reduce the waiting time for participants at the session venue.

Registration for national delegations, United Nations specialized agencies and programmes, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations as well as for the media, will operate on Friday, 29 April 2005 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Sunday, 1 May 2005 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Monday, 2 May 2005 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the side entrance to the IKBB (known as the *Pumpenhaus*) at Hermann-Ehlers-Strasse 29 (which is an extension of the Heussallee). Starting on Tuesday, 3 May 2005, and throughout the session, registration will operate at the main entrance to the IKBB at Görresstrasse 15, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Identity badges will be issued at the time of registration and participants are requested to wear them at all times, since they will be allowed access to the session venue only upon presentation of their badges.

5. How to get to the session venue

(a) From the Cologne-Bonn airport

The Cologne-Bonn airport is approximately 30 minutes' drive from the centre of Bonn. Participants arriving at the Cologne-Bonn airport can take a taxi or bus to Bonn city centre. Taxis are readily available; a one-way journey to the city costs between 35 and 40 euros. Bus line 670 connects the airport with Bonn's main railway station (*Hauptbahnhof*). The price for a one-way ticket to Bonn is 5.75 euros and tickets can be bought from the driver or from the ticket machine. The "Conference ticket", which is included in the price of accommodation if the booking is made through the Bonn Tourism and Congress Office (see below), can be used for this bus.

(b) From the main railway station (*Hauptbahnhof*) in Bonn

The IKBB can be reached by underground (*U-Bahn*), lines 16, 63 and 66, travelling in the direction of Bad Godesberg, Bad Honnef and Königswinter, respectively. The stop is called *Heussallee/Museumsmeile*. The sign for Heussallee should be followed and the IKBB is an approximately 5-10 minute walk, at the end of Heussallee on the left.

In addition, bus line 610 to Heiderhof passes very close to the IKBB. The bus stop is called *Deutsche Welle*.

6. Hotel accommodation

Hotel booking should be made directly by participants. Reservation of hotel rooms can be made through the Bonn Tourism and Congress Office, using the following Internet link:

<http://www.tcbonn.de/con/html/3193-62.html>

Alternatively, booking can be made using the form published on the UNCCD website or by contacting the Bonn Tourism and Congress Office at:

Tourism and Congress GmbH
Region Bonn/Rhein-Sieg/Ahrweiler
Hotelreservierung
Adenauerallee 131
D-53113 Bonn, Germany
Tel. no.: (+ 49 180) 500 33 65
Fax no.: (+ 49 228) 910 41 77
E-mail: reservierung@bonn-region.de

The booking includes a ticket (called the "Conference ticket") for the public transportation system in Bonn which is sent together with the booking confirmation by either e-mail or fax. This ticket is not transferable. For reservations made after 4 April 2005, the availability of rooms, as well as of prices, is no longer guaranteed, and the "Conference ticket" is no longer included.

A list of hotels for direct bookings is also attached in an annex. Reference to CRIC 3 may make discounts possible.

7. Services available for participants at the session venue

Information on medical services and emergency numbers, postal, telephone, fax, photocopying and Internet services, cafeteria and bars, banking services, travel agency and any other additional services available for participants will be published in the Official Journal of the session.

8. Immigration formalities and customs regulations

The Government of Germany has advised that immigration formalities will be facilitated at its embassies or consulates. Applications may be submitted, with reference to the Committee session, to the nearest German embassy or consulate. In those countries which do not have a German embassy or consulate, participants may submit their application to a German embassy or consulate in another country which covers the participant's country of origin or the embassy or consulate of another country which provides consular services on behalf of Germany. Participants are advised to contact an embassy or consulate in time to obtain precise information on regulations and deadlines for submission of applications. Information on customs regulations in force in Germany may be obtained from any German embassy or consulate.

9. Side events

Participants wishing to organize a side event are invited to send an application to:

E-mail: sideevents@unccd.int
Fax no.: (+ 49 228) 815 28 98/99

The application form can be downloaded from the UNCCD web site. Participants are advised that the secretariat will be responsible only for room allocation. No additional services will be provided by the secretariat. Time slots and rooms will be accommodated according to availability, on a first-come-first-served basis.

10. Exhibition facilities

Participants wishing to set up an exhibit are invited to contact:

E-mail: apires@unccd.int or mroelver@unccd.int
Tel. no.: (+ 49 228) 815 28 08 or (+49 228) 815 28 09
Fax no.: (+ 49 228) 815 28 98/99

Participants are advised that the secretariat will be responsible only for space allocation. Applicants will be allotted maximum 3 m² of exhibition space, which will be assigned with due consideration of relevance to the objectives of the UNCCD and equitable geographical distribution. The deadline for submission of requests to the secretariat is 15 April 2005.

The exhibitors selected will be responsible for customs clearance of their exhibition material in accordance with German customs regulations. The secretariat may, however, provide assistance. The exhibitors selected will be responsible for their own stands. The mounting of the exhibition structure should be done in consultation with the management of the IKBB. The following companies are specialized in organizing exhibitions and may be contacted for special exhibition supplies and equipment:

Trend Event GmbH
Mr. Joachim Kaesberg
Tel. no.: (+ 49 2572) 920 0
Fax no.: (+49 2572) 920 100
E-mail: joachim.kaesberg@pool.de

or:

Brähler ICS
Mr. Hans Henrik Friis
Tel no.: (+ 49 2244) 930 295
Fax no.: (+ 49 2244) 930 490
E-mail: hf@braehler.com

11. Press centre

An international press centre will be provided for accredited journalists. For information concerning accreditation, please contact:

E-mail: press@unccd.int

Fax no.: (+ 49 228) 815 28 98/99

12. General information about the session venue

Various useful information about the city of Bonn, including accommodation, transport and other facilities, can be found on the website: <http://www.bonn-region.de>.

Flights: Some airlines have direct flights to Cologne-Bonn and many others fly to Frankfurt or Düsseldorf. There are numerous train connections between the Frankfurt and Düsseldorf airports and Bonn. It may be possible to book the train ticket together with the airline ticket (travel agents may provide related information). Some of the trains from Frankfurt airport do not stop directly in Bonn, but in Siegburg, which is about 20 km from Bonn city centre. There are plenty of bus and tram connections from Siegburg to the main railway station in Bonn, for which the "Conference ticket" can be used.

Currency: 1 euro = approximately US\$ 1.30 (indicative rate in March 2005)

Weather: During the month of May, the average temperature in Bonn is around 15 degrees Celsius. Participants are recommended to bring warm clothing and an umbrella.

Electricity: 230 Volts, 50 Hertz

Local time: GMT + 01

Annex**LIST OF HOTELS IN BONN**

| HOTEL NAME AND ADDRESS | TEL. NO.: (+49) | FAX NO.: (+49) |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------|
| ACORA, Westpreußenstr. 20-30, 53119 Bonn | (0)228/6686-0 | (0)228/662020 |
| AIGNER, Dorotheenstr. 12, 53111 Bonn | (0)228/604060 | (0)228/6040670 |
| ALTES TREPPCHEN, Eendenicherstr. 308, 53121 Bonn | (0)228/625004 | (0)228/621264 |
| AM ROONPLATZ, Argelander Str. 91, 53115 Bonn | (0)228/911930 | (0)228/211334 |
| AMBER HOTEL PRESIDENT, Clemens-August Str. 32-36, 53115 Bonn | (0)228/7250-650 | (0)228/7250-72 |
| APPARTMENT VAAKUNA, Maximilianstr. 9, 53111 Bonn | (0)171/3822251 | (0)2241/330480 |
| ASTORIA, Hausdorffstr. 105-113, 53129 Bonn | (0)228/239507 | (0)228/230378 |
| AUERBERG, Kölnstr. 362, 53117 Bonn | (0)228/559930 | (0)228/672933 |
| AVALON, Breite Str. 98a, 53111 Bonn | (0)228/655057 655058 | (0)228/634941 |
| BADEN, Graurheindorfer Str. 1, 53111 Bonn | (0)228/96968-0 | (0)228/96968-50 |
| BEETHOVEN, Rheingasse 26, 53113 Bonn | (0)228/631411 | (0)228/691629 |
| BERGMANN, Kasernenstr. 13, 53111 Bonn | (0)228/633891 | (0)228/635057 |
| BRISTOL, Prinz-Albert-Str. 2, 53113 Bonn | (0)228/2698-0 | (0)228/2698-222 |
| CONSUL, Oxfordstr. 12-16, 53111 Bonn | (0)228/7292-0 | (0)228/7292-250 |
| CONTINENTAL, Am Hauptbahnhof 2-4, 53111 Bonn | (0)228/635360 | (0)228/631190 |
| DEUTSCHES HAUS, Kasernenstr. 19-21, 53111 Bonn | (0)228/633777 | (0)228/659055 |
| DOMICIL, Thomas-Mann-Str. 24-26, 53111 Bonn | (0)228/729090 | (0)228/691207 |
| EDEN-PRIVATHOTEL, Am Hofgarten 6, 53113 Bonn | (0)228/225075 | (0)228/225070 |
| HOTEL ESCHWEILER, Bonngasse 7, 53111 Bonn | (0)228/631760 | (0)228/694904 |
| EUROPA, Thomas-Mann-Str. 7, 53111 Bonn | (0)228/633063 | (0)228/695357 |
| ESPLANADE, Colmantstr. 47, 53115 Bonn | (0)228/98380-0 | (0)228/98380-11 |
| GROSS, Bonngasse 17, 53111 Bonn | (0)228/60453-0 | (0)228/60453-60 |
| HAUS DAUFENBACH, Brüdergasse 6, 53111 Bonn | (0)228/637944 | (0)228/637945 |
| HAUS HOFGARTEN, Fritz-Tillmann-Str. 7, 53113 Bonn | (0)228/223472 223482 | (0)228/213902 |
| HOLIDAY INN, Berliner Freiheit 2, 53111 Bonn | (0)228/7269-0 | (0)228/7269-700 |
| IBIS, Vorgebirgsstr. 33, 53119 Bonn | (0)228/7266-0 | (0)228/7266-405 |
| JACOBS, Bergstr. 85-87, 53129 Bonn | (0)228/53989 232822 | (0)228/232850 |
| KAISER KARL HOTEL, Vorgebirgsstr. 56, 53119 Bonn | (0)228/650933 | (0)228/637899 |
| KÖLNER HOF, Kölnstr. 502, 53117 Bonn | (0)228/671605 | (0)228/679737 |
| KÖNIGSHOF, Adenauerallee 9, 53111 Bonn | (0)228/2601-0 | (0)228/2601-529 |
| KRUG, Sternenburgstr. 15, 53115 Bonn | (0)228/225868 | (0)228/241544 |
| KURFÜRSTENHOF, Baumschulallee 20, 53115 Bonn | (0)228/985050 | (0)228/632045 |
| LÖHNDORF, Stockenstr. 6, 53113 Bonn | (0)228/655439 | (0)228/695712 |
| MERCEDES, Maarflach 17a, 53113 Bonn | (0)228/225051 | (0)228/264412 |
| MOZART, Mozartstr. 1, 53115 Bonn | (0)228/659071 659074 | (0)228/659075 |
| PASTIS, Hatschiergasse 8, 53111 Bonn | (0)228/9694270 | (0)228/96942727 |
| RESIDENCE, Kaiserplatz 11, 53113 Bonn | (0)228/2697-0 | (0)228/2697-777 |
| RHEINLAND BONN, Berliner Freiheit 11, 53111 Bonn | (0)228/658096 | (0)228/472844 |
| RÖMERHOF, Römerstr. 20, 53111 Bonn | (0)228/604180 | (0)228/633838 |
| SAVOY, Berliner Freiheit 7, 53111 Bonn | (0)228/725970 | (0)228/696899 |
| SCHWAN, Mozartstr. 24-26, 53115 Bonn | (0)228/963030 | (0)228/651793 |
| STERNHOTEL, Markt 8, 53111 Bonn | (0)228/7267-0 | (0)228/7267-125 |
| ZUM LÖWEN, Von-Groote-Platz 1, 5300 Bonn | (0)228/355951 354951 | (0)228/5288977 |

Bonn-Bad Godesberg

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| AMBASSADOR, Bonner-Str. 29-31, 53173 Bonn | (0)228/38900 | (0)228/313315 |
| AM HOHENZOLLERNPLATZ, Plitzerdorfer Str. 54-56, 53173 Bonn | (0)228-95759-0 | (0)228/95759-29 |
| AM MARKTPLATZ, Bürgerstr. 4, 53173 Bonn | (0)228/362756 | (0)228/359593 |
| APPART-HOTEL BAD GODESBERG, Schlehenweg 6, 53177 Bonn | (0)228/3290-0 | (0)228/3290-13 |
| BURGBLICK, Winterstr. 35a, 53177 Bonn | (0)228/95135-0 | (0)228/95135-99 |
| DAHL, Heideweg 9, 53343 Wachtberg-Niederb. | (0)228/341071 | (0)228/345001 |
| DALLADAS, Garni Ina, Zellerstr. 10, 53175 Bonn | (0)228/310766 | (0)228/316646 |
| EDEN, Am Kurpark 5a, 53177 Bonn | (0)228/95727-0 | (0)228/362494 |
| FLORA, Viktoriastr. 16, 53173 Bonn | (0)228/93571-0 | (0)228/352402 |
| GÄSTEHAUS DIANA, Drachenburgstr. 59-61, 53179 Bonn | (0)228/345161 | (0)228/345181 |
| GÄSTEHAUS SCHOLZ, Annettenstr. 16, 53175 Bonn | (0)228/379363 | (0)228/379363 |
| GASTHAUS DRACHENBURG, Mainzer Str. 152, 53179 Bonn | (0)228/349159 | (0)228/858841 |
| GÄSTEHAUS ANTON, Splickgasse 33, 53179 Bonn | (0)228/342069 | (0)228/342018 |
| GODESBURG, Auf dem Godesberg 5, 53177 Bonn | (0)228/316071 | (0)228/311218 |
| HAUS BERLIN, Rheinallee 40, 53173 Bonn | (0)228/353175 | (0)228/361933 |
| HAUS CHRISTEL, Friesdorfer Str. 245, 53175 Bonn | (0)228/316110 | - |
| HOF VON HOLLAND, Turmstr. 5, 53175 Bonn | (0)228/354894 | (0)228/359014 |
| INSEL HOTEL, Theaterplatz 5-7, 53177 Bonn | (0)228/3500-0 | (0)228/3500-333 |
| KAISERHOF BEST WESTERN HOTEL, Moltkestr. 64, 53173 Bonn | (0)228/957050 | (0)228/95705100 |
| KRONPRINZEN, Rheinallee 29, 53173 Bonn | (0)228/93552-0 | (0)228/93552-49 |
| LÖWEN, Zum, Von-Groote-Platz 1, 53173 Bonn | (0)228/355951 | (0)228/358438 |
| MARITIM HOTEL, Godesberger Allee, 53175 Bonn | (0)228/8108-0 | (0)228/8108-811 |
| PARK HOTEL, Am Kurpark 1, 53177 Bonn | (0)228/363081 | (0)228/354918 |
| PATRICIA, Mirbachstr. 2a, 53173 Bonn | (0)228/83006-0 | (0)228/365315 |
| REMI, Bonner Str. 30, 53173 Bonn | (0)228/319954 | (0)228/319177 |
| RHEINHOTEL DREESSEN, Rheinstr. 45-49, 53179 Bonn | (0)228/8202-0 | (0)228/8202-153 |
| RHEINLAND, Rheinallee 17, 53173 Bonn | (0)228/820000 | (0)228/351177 |
| SALSCHIEDER, Königsplatz 23, 53173 Bonn | (0)228/362895 | (0)228/369019 |
| SEBASTIANUSHOF, Waldburgstr. 34, 53177 Bonn | (0)228/95114-00 | (0)228/95114-50 |
| VIKTORIA, Viktoriastr. 33, 53173 Bonn | (0)228/820050 | (0)228/8200525 |
| ZUM ADLER, Koblenzer Str. 60, 53173 Bonn | (0)228/364071 | (0)228/361933 |
| ZUM STERN, Drachenburgstr. 68, 53179 Bonn | (0)228/348631 | (0)228/348631 |

Bonn-Beuel

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| DIECK'S BAUERNSTUBE, Adelheidisstr. 91, 53225 Bonn | (0)228/468571 | (0)228/462074 |
| FLORIN, Oelbergweg 17, 53227 Bonn | (0)228/975600 | (0)228/461794 |
| GARTEN-HOTEL, Siegburger Str. 107a, 53229 Bonn | (0)228/420725 | (0)228/468107 |
| MERTENS, Rheindorfer Str. 134, 53225 Bonn | (0)228/474451 | (0)228/420641 |
| OBERKASSELER HOF, Königswinterer Str. 613, 53227 Bonn | (0)228/441151 | (0)228/441151 |
| SCHLOSSHOTEL KOMMENDE RAMERSDORF, Oberkasseler Str. 10, 53227 Bonn | (0)228/440734 9709610 | (0)228/444400 |
| WILLKENS, Goetheallee 1, 53225 Bonn | (0)228/466871 | (0)228/462293 |
| ZUR ERHOLUNG, Rheinaustr. 221, 53225 Bonn | (0)228/461708 | - |
| ZUR POST, Königswinterer Str. 309, 53227 Bonn | (0)228/97294-0 | (0)228/97294-10 |

Bonn-Hardtberg/Röttgen

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| IRIS GÄSTEHAUS, Fichtenweg 8, 53125 Bonn | (0)228/252332 | (0)228/250559 |
| KLUTH, Rochusstr. 221, 53123 Bonn | (0)228/6215-31 | (0)228/6215-31 |
| KOTTENFORST, Reichsstr. 67, 53125 Bonn | (0)228/91922-0 252556 | (0)228/91922-55 |
| NETTEKOVEN, Rochusstr. 301, 53123 Bonn | (0)228/640511 | (0)228/640511 |
| NOVOTEL BONN-HARDTBERG, Max-Habermann-Str. 2, 53123 Bonn | (0)228/25990 | (0)228/250893 |
| ZUM WILDEN SCHWEIN, Rochusstr. 235, 53123 Bonn | (0)228/621037 | (0)228/614721 |
