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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. 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 of affected country Parties of regions other than Africa, 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 country Parties of regions other than Africa, 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 implementation of the Convention in affected country Parties of regions other than Africa.
 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 and the Global Mechanism 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. Consideration of the interim report on the status of celebration of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification.

9. Adoption of the report of the Committee to the Conference of the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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. By its decision 10/COP.7, the COP decided that the fifth session of the CRIC would be held in September 2006 in Argentina for a duration of eight working days. Following consultations with the Government of Argentina, it was agreed that the fifth session of the CRIC would take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 4 to 13 October 2006. At the request of the host country, and after further consultations with the President of COP 7 and the Chairperson of the CRIC at its fifth and sixth sessions, it was agreed that CRIC 5 would take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 12 to 21 March 2007.

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 Convention, 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 fifth session of the CRIC on 12 March 2007 will be the States and regional economic integration organizations that deposited their instruments by 13 December 2006. Those that deposited their instruments after 13 December but by 22 December 2006 will become Parties during the session. Those doing so after 22 December 2006 will not become Parties until after the closure of the session but can participate in the session as observers. The intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) accredited at the seventh session of the COP are listed in document ICCD/COP(7)/11 and Add.1. Relevant information on the status of ratifications has been made available on the secretariat website (<<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 as contained in decision 1/COP.1 in document ICCD/COP(1)/11/Add.1.

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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 seventh session of the COP (ICCD/COP(7)/16). 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 its 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. By its decision 7/COP.7, the COP decided to renew the mandate of the CRIC as a subsidiary body of the COP up to and including the eighth session of the COP, and requested the secretariat, in consultation with the Chairperson of the CRIC, to prepare the agenda and the organization of work of the Committee at its fifth session in accordance with decision 1/COP.5, in such a way as to maximize exchange of best practices, experience and lessons learned between Parties and observers, while paying due regard to improving the cost-effectiveness and time efficiency of its meetings.

8. By its decision 1/COP.5, the COP decided (see the annex to that decision) that at sessions held between ordinary sessions of the COP, the CRIC shall:

(a) 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 Global Mechanism (GM) consistent with their respective mandates, and such other reports as the COP may call for;

(b) 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;

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

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

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

(f) 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;

(g) 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;

(h) 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;

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

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

(k) 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, 9/COP.7 and 28/COP.7, 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 and full reports from country Parties and observers have been made available on the secretariat website (<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 from 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 chapter I above) to consider for adoption. A tentative schedule of work for the session, detailed 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 shall be an experience-sharing and lesson-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 should be conducted in accordance with the timetable outlined in paragraphs 13 to 15 of decision 11/COP.1, which implies that at its fifth session the CRIC shall examine the reports submitted by affected country Parties of regions other than Africa, as well as reports by developed country Parties and reports by relevant organs, funds and programmes of the United Nations, and other IGOs and NGOs, on measures taken to assist action programmes of affected country Parties in regions other than Africa.

15. According to 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, NGOs 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.

17. 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.

18. Furthermore, the fifth session of the CRIC will consider reports on other matters arising from its terms of reference, as described in paragraph 8 above and in decisions 9/COP.7 and 28/COP.7.

Opening meeting

19. 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 and the organization of work. 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

20. Regional consultations of affected country Parties of the Convention's regional implementation annexes would take place at the end of the opening meeting.

21. Statements by the representatives of regional and interest groups would conclude the opening segment.

First segment

22. Following the provisions contained in decision 9/COP.7, it is proposed that the fifth session of the CRIC be divided into two segments. During the first segment, from 12 to 20 March 2007, the CRIC would conduct a review of the implementation of action programmes under the Convention in regions other than Africa. Introduction of the thematic topics by the secretariat would be followed by panel discussions on the implementation of action programmes in regions other than Africa, among the representatives of affected and developed country Parties as well as of relevant organs, funds and programmes of the United Nations system and other IGOs and NGOs.

23. Where complementarity occurs, it is proposed to undertake the review of reports together with additional exchanges provided on items as identified in decision 9/COP.7, notably paragraph 1 (b), (c) and (d) 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;
- 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) and the GM and its Facilitation Committee;
- 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.

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

25. The item identified in paragraph 1 (e) of decision 9/COP.7, 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 COP, would also be considered in this segment.

Second segment

26. In the second segment, from 20 to 21 March 2007, the report on the status of celebration of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification (IYDD), prepared according to decision 28/COP.7, would be considered.

27. It is also proposed that a Global Interactive Dialogue (GID) be convened on Tuesday 20 March 2007, taking into account areas of interest expressed by the Parties during the deliberations at COP 7.

28. The proposed tentative schedule allows for the formulation of the comprehensive report of the fifth session of the CRIC, including conclusions and recommendations, as stipulated in paragraph 1(a)(x) and (xi) of its terms of reference, on Wednesday 21 March 2007. During the same concluding meeting, the report of the session would be submitted for adoption.

Times of meetings

29. The normal working hours of the fifth 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 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

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

31. By its decision 1/COP.5, the COP decided to establish the CRIC 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 country Parties of regions other than Africa, including on the participatory process, and on experience gained and results achieved in the preparation and implementation of action programmes

32. By decision 1/COP.5, the fifth session of the CRIC is charged, inter alia, with the task of reviewing reports from affected country Parties of regions other than Africa. Documents ICCD/CRIC(5)/2, ICCD/CRIC(5)/3 and ICCD/CRIC(5)/4 introduce the documents prepared by the secretariat to facilitate this review, for Asian, Latin American and Caribbean, and Northern Mediterranean, Central and Eastern European and other affected country Parties, respectively.

33. In accordance with decision 1/COP.5, the secretariat has prepared syntheses and preliminary analyses of reports submitted by affected country Parties of regions other than Africa, setting out the trends emerging in implementation of the Convention. The syntheses and

preliminary analyses of national reports are contained in documents ICCD/CRIC(5)/2/Add.1, ICCD/CRIC(5)/3/Add.1 and ICCD/CRIC(5)/4/Add.1, for the regions under review.

34. The information on progress made in the formulation and implementation of subregional and regional action programmes in the regions under consideration is provided in documents ICCD/CRIC(5)/2/Add.2, ICCD/CRIC(5)/3/Add.2 and ICCD/CRIC(5)/4/Add.2.

35. In accordance with decision 11/COP.1, the secretariat has compiled summaries of reports submitted by affected country Parties. These are contained in documents ICCD/CRIC(5)/MISC.1 and Add.1, ICCD/CRIC(5)/MISC.2 and Add.1, and ICCD/CRIC(5)/MISC.3.

36. 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 regional meetings organized for affected country Parties of regions other than Africa, is presented in documents ICCD/CRIC(5)/2/Add.3, ICCD/CRIC(5)/3/Add.3 and ICCD/CRIC(5)/4/Add.3.

(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 regions other than Africa, including information on financial resources they have provided, or are providing, under the Convention

37. Document ICCD/CRIC(5)/5 introduces the documents prepared by the secretariat to facilitate the review of reports submitted by developed country Parties, and contains the synthesis and preliminary analysis of those reports. The compilation of their summaries is contained in document ICCD/CRIC(5)/MISC.4.

(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 implementation of the Convention in affected country Parties of regions other than Africa

38. The secretariat has prepared a synthesis of the information provided by United Nations organizations and IGOs and NGOs on their activities in support of the preparation and implementation of action programmes in regions other than Africa; this synthesis is contained in document ICCD/CRIC(5)/6.

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

39. 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 accordance with decision 8/COP.4 (Declaration on the commitments to enhance the implementation of the obligations of the Convention), and decisions 4/COP.6 and 4/COP.7 (on the implementation of this Declaration). Information on this item is contained in the

syntheses and preliminary analyses of national reports in documents ICCD/CRIC(5)/2/Add.1, ICCD/CRIC(5)/3/Add.1 and ICCD/CRIC(5)/4/Add.1.

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 and the Global Mechanism and its Facilitation Committee

40. According to 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 and the GM and its Facilitation Committee, is contained in document ICCD/CRIC(5)/7. Additional information regarding the financing of Convention implementation is contained in the documents mentioned in paragraphs 33 to 38.

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

41. Paragraph 1(a)(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(a)(ix) requests the CRIC to identify 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(5)/8.

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

42. Pursuant to paragraph 1(a)(vii) of the terms of reference of the CRIC and in the light of decision 8/COP.7 and its annex, providing the terms of reference of the Ad Hoc Working Group (AHWG) on improving the procedures for communication of information, as well as the quality and format of reports to be submitted to the COP, the CRIC shall consider the document containing the compilation and categorization of submissions by AHWG members describing technical issues experienced in the national reporting process and suggestions for improvement (ICCD/CRIC(5)/9).

8. Consideration of the interim report on the status of celebration of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification

43. By its decision 28/COP.7, the COP requested the secretariat to prepare an interim report on the status of celebration of the IYDD and to present it to the CRIC at its fifth session.

However, because CRIC 5 is being held in 2007, after the end of the IYDD, the secretariat has prepared a final report. This report is contained in document ICCD/CRIC(5)/10.

9. Adoption of the comprehensive report of the Committee to the Conference of the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations

44. According to the terms of reference of the CRIC, annexed 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.

45. 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 fifth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention:

<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>Title or description</u>
ICCD/CRIC(5)/1	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work - Provisional agenda and annotations
ICCD/CRIC(5)/2	Review of reports on implementation by 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(5)/2/Add.1	Synthesis and preliminary analysis of information contained in reports submitted by affected Asian country Parties
ICCD/CRIC(5)/2/Add.2	Progress made in the formulation and implementation of subregional and regional action programmes in Asia
ICCD/CRIC(5)/2/Add.3	Outcome of the regional meeting of affected Asian country Parties
ICCD/CRIC(5)/3	Review of reports on implementation by affected Latin American and 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(5)/3/Add.1	Synthesis and preliminary analysis of information contained in reports submitted by affected Latin American and Caribbean country Parties
ICCD/CRIC(5)/3/Add.2	Progress made in the formulation and implementation of subregional and regional action programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean
ICCD/CRIC(5)/3/Add.3	Outcome of the regional meeting of affected Latin American and Caribbean country Parties
ICCD/CRIC(5)/4	Review of reports on implementation by affected Northern Mediterranean and Central and Eastern European country Parties 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

<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>Title or description</u>
ICCD/CRIC(5)/4/Add.1	Synthesis and preliminary analysis of information contained in reports submitted by affected Northern Mediterranean and Central and Eastern European country Parties and other affected country Parties
ICCD/CRIC(5)/4/Add.2	Progress made in the formulation and implementation of subregional and regional action programmes in affected Northern Mediterranean and Central and Eastern Europe country Parties and other affected country Parties
ICCD/CRIC(5)/4/Add.3	Outcome of the regional meeting of Northern Mediterranean and Central and Eastern European country Parties and other affected country Parties
ICCD/CRIC(5)/5	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 regions other than Africa, including information on financial resources they have provided, or are providing, under the Convention, and synthesis and preliminary analysis of information contained in those reports
ICCD/CRIC(5)/6	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 implementation of the Convention in affected country Parties of regions other than Africa
ICCD/CRIC(5)/7	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 and the Global Mechanism and its Facilitation Committee
ICCD/CRIC(5)/8	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(5)/9	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

<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>Title or description</u>
ICCD/CRIC(5)/10	Report on the status of celebration of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification
ICCD/CRIC(5)/INF.1	Arrangements for the fifth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention. Preliminary information for participants
ICCD/CRIC(5)/INF.3	National reporting process of affected country Parties. Explanatory Note and Help Guide
ICCD/CRIC(5)/INF.4	National reporting process of developed country Parties. Explanatory Note
ICCD/CRIC(5)/INF.5	Status of ratification of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
ICCD/CRIC(5)/MISC.1 and Add.1	Compilation of summaries of reports submitted by affected Asian country Parties
ICCD/CRIC(5)/MISC.2 and Add. 1	Compilation of summaries of reports submitted by affected Latin American and Caribbean country Parties
ICCD/CRIC(5)/MISC.3	Compilation of summaries of reports submitted by affected Northern Mediterranean and Central and Eastern European country Parties and other affected country Parties
ICCD/CRIC(5)/MISC.4	Compilation of summaries of reports submitted by developed country Parties

Other documents:

Third session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

ICCD/CRIC(3)/9	Report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on its third session
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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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Seventh session of the Conference of the Parties

ICCD/COP(7)/11 and Add.1	Accreditation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, admission of observers
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<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>Title or description</u>
ICCD/COP(7)/16	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its seventh session: Proceedings
ICCD/COP(7)/16/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its seventh session: Action taken

Previous sessions of the Conference of the Parties

ICCD/COP(6)/11/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its sixth session: Action taken
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

Monday, 12 March 2007	
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<p><i>Opening of the session by the Chairperson of the CRIC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designation of the Rapporteur of the Committee • Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (ICCD/CRIC(5)/1) <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>Statements by the representatives of regional and interest groups</i></p>
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>- Review of the reports on implementation of affected country Parties of regions other than Africa, including on the participatory process, and on experience gained and results achieved in the preparation and implementation of action programmes (<i>ICCD/CRIC(5)/2 and Add.1, ICCD/CRIC(5)/3 and Add.1, ICCD/CRIC(5)/4 and Add.1, ICCD/CRIC(5)/MISC.1 and Add.1, ICCD/CRIC(5)/MISC.2 and Add.1, ICCD/CRIC(5)/MISC.3</i>)</p> <p>- Review of the reports by developed country Parties on measures taken to assist in the preparation and implementation of action programmes of affected country Parties of regions other than Africa, including information on financial resources they have provided, or are providing, under the Convention (<i>ICCD/CRIC(5)/5, ICCD/CRIC(5)/MISC.4</i>)</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 implementation of the Convention in affected country Parties of regions other than Africa (<i>ICCD/CRIC(5)/6</i>)</p> <p><i>Thematic topic 1: Participatory processes involving civil society, non-governmental organizations and community-based organizations</i></p> <p><i>Panel discussion</i></p>

Tuesday, 13 March 2007	
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (<i>continued</i>) <p><i>Thematic topic 2: Legislative and institutional frameworks or arrangements</i></p> <p><i>Panel discussion</i></p>
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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(5)/9</i>)

Wednesday, 14 March 2007	
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (<i>continued</i>) <p><i>Thematic topic 3: Resource mobilization and coordination, both domestic and international, including conclusion of partnership agreements</i></p> <p><i>Panel discussion</i></p>
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 and the Global Mechanism and its Facilitation Committee (<i>ICCD/CRIC(5)/7</i>)

Thursday, 15 March 2007	
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (<i>continued</i>) <p><i>Thematic topic 5: Measures for the rehabilitation of degraded land and for early warning systems for mitigating the effects of drought</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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(5)/2/Add.1; ICCD/CRIC(5)/3/Add.1; ICCD/CRIC(5)/4/Add.1) <p><i>Panel discussion</i></p>
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (<i>continued</i>) • 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>)

Friday, 16 March 2007	
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (<i>continued</i>) <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"> • 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(5)/8) <p><i>Panel discussion</i></p>

Friday, 16 March 2007	
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (<i>continued</i>) • 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 (<i>continued</i>)

Monday, 19 March 2007	
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (<i>continued</i>) <p><i>Thematic topic 4: Linkages and synergies with other environmental conventions and, as appropriate, with national development strategies</i></p> <p><i>Panel discussion</i></p>
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (<i>continued</i>) <p><i>Thematic topic 6: Drought and desertification monitoring and assessment</i></p> <p><i>Panel discussion</i></p>

Tuesday, 20 March 2007	
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 (<i>continued</i>) <p><i>Review of subregional and regional reports (ICCD/CRIC(5)/2/Add.2, ICCD/CRIC(5)/3/Add.2 and ICCD/CRIC(5)/4/Add.2)</i></p> <p><i>Presentation of the outcome of the regional meetings (ICCD/CRIC(5)/2/Add.3, ICCD/CRIC(5)/3/Add.3, ICCD/CRIC(5)/4/Add.3)</i></p>
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<p><i>Global interactive dialogue: Investment in rural areas in the context of combating land degradation and desertification</i></p>

Wednesday, 21 March 2007	
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consideration of the report on the status of celebration of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification (<i>ICCD/CRIC(5)/10</i>) <p><i>Formulation of the report of the Committee to the Conference of the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations</i></p>
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<p><i>Formulation of the report of the Committee to the Conference of the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations (continued)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adoption of the report of the Committee to the Conference of the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations <p><i>Closure of the session</i></p>
