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6. Adoption of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention.
7. Election of officers other than the Chairperson of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Article 22, paragraph 2 (a), of the Convention provides that the Conference of the Parties (COP) shall regularly review the implementation of the Convention and the functioning of its institutional arrangements.
2. In decision 1/COP.5, the COP established 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 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.
3. In decision 7/COP.8, the COP decided that the CRIC should function under its terms of reference as specified in decision 1/COP.8, where applicable.

Venue

4. Pursuant to provisions contained in paragraph 5 of the annex to decision 1/COP.5, the eighth session of the CRIC (CRIC 8) will be held during the ninth session of the COP (COP 9) in Buenos Aires from 23 to 30 September 2009.

Participants

5. In accordance with 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 CRIC as an observer may be admitted unless one-third of the Parties present at the session object.

Bureau

6. In accordance with decision 1/COP.5 and rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the COP (decision 1/COP.1, as amended by decision 20/COP.2), the COP at its eighth session (COP 8) elected the Chairperson of the CRIC. Four Vice-Chairpersons of the CRIC were elected by the CRIC at its sixth session, and one of these was designated at the seventh session to act as Rapporteur. The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson constitute the Bureau of the CRIC.

Agenda

7. In decision 7/COP.8, the COP also decided that the provisional agenda for CRIC 8 should be prepared by the Chairperson of the CRIC in consultation with the secretariat.

8. In decision 1/COP.5, the COP decided that, at sessions held during the COP, the CRIC should:

- (a) Consider the comprehensive report of its intersessional session;
- (b) Review regularly the policies, operational modalities and activities of the Global Mechanism (GM);
- (c) Review regularly reports prepared by the secretariat on the execution of its functions;
- (d) Consider reports on the collaboration with the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

9. These, in addition to other matters arising from decision 1/COP.5 and other relevant decisions, in particular decision 3/COP.8, have been taken into account in devising the provisional agenda contained in this document.

Documentation

10. A list of documents for the session and other relevant documents is provided at annex I to this document. In addition to normal distribution, official documents for the session will be made available on the UNCCD website: <www.unccd.int>.

Opening of the session

11. The Chairperson of the CRIC will open the eighth session of the CRIC on 23 September 2009.

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

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

Purpose of the session

13. In accordance with paragraph 1 (b) of the terms of reference of the CRIC, CRIC 8 will take up its agenda with a view to formulating draft decisions, where necessary, for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the COP.

Organization of work

14. The CRIC may wish to consider the following scenario. At the opening session on 23 September 2009, the Chairperson of the CRIC will call for adoption of the agenda and organization of work. This will be followed by consideration of items 2 and 4 on the agenda until its fifth meeting on Friday 25 September. At the plenary meeting of the COP on Friday 25 September, the draft decisions relating to these items will be submitted to the COP for consideration and possible adoption.

15. It is proposed that the Committee resume its work on 30 September 2009 to continue consideration of agenda item 3 (additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention), once the COP has concluded its consideration of the terms of reference of the CRIC.

16. Following the completion of all agenda items, the proposed tentative schedule of work allows for the formulation of the report on the session, including, where necessary, the draft decisions for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the COP. During the concluding meeting, on 30 September 2009, the CRIC will consider the programme of work for its ninth session and adopt its report. Finally, the Chairperson will call for the election of officers other than the Chairperson of the CRIC.

Times of meetings

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

2. Review of the implementation of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018)

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

19. In decision 1/COP.5, the COP decided to establish the CRIC as its subsidiary body to assist in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention, and adopted its terms of reference as contained in the annex to that decision.

20. In decision 3/COP.8, the COP adopted the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (The Strategy) and decided that the CRIC will be responsible for reviewing the implementation of The Strategy by the Parties and the institutions and bodies of the Convention.

(a) Consideration of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on its seventh session

21. In accordance with 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.

22. In decision 3/COP.8, the COP decided that CRIC 7 would be a special session to consider methodological matters to further advance the implementation of The Strategy, in line with decision 9/COP.8.

23. At the end of its seventh session, the CRIC adopted a draft of the report on the session and authorized the Rapporteur to finalize it, with the assistance of the secretariat, as appropriate.

24. The report of the CRIC on its seventh session¹ contains the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on: (a) the programmatic framework; (b) the reporting process; and (c) the review process. These have been taken into consideration in the preparation of the relevant documentation for CRIC 8.

¹ ICCD/CRIC(7)/5.

(b) Consideration of the workplans of the institutions and subsidiary bodies of the Convention

25. In paragraph 3 of decision 3/COP.8 the COP requested the various Convention bodies to develop their respective results-based management (RBM) multi-year (four-year) workplans in line with The Strategy and to report on progress with their implementation to the CRIC.

26. In paragraph 38 of the same decision the COP set the planning and budgeting cycles of the Convention bodies and stated that under the first planning cycle the draft multi-year (four-year) workplans would be presented at CRIC 7 and considered along with the drafts under the first budget cycle at COP 9. Similarly, in paragraph 125 of the report on CRIC 7 the Parties recommended that the work programmes of the institutions and subsidiary bodies of the Convention should be submitted to the CRIC for consideration and advice, while action on budgetary matters should be taken by the COP.

27. In consideration of the above-mentioned provisions, the draft multi-year (four-year) workplans of the institutions and subsidiary bodies of the Convention are contained in documents ICCD/CRIC(8)/2 and ICCD/CRIC(8)/2/Add.1, Add.3 and Add.4 for consideration by the CRIC.

28. The draft joint work programme of the secretariat and the Global Mechanism (2010–2011) is contained in document ICCD/CRIC(8)/2/Add.2. The draft multi-year workplan for the Committee on Science and Technology (CST), as contained in document ICCD/COP(9)/CST/3/Add.1, is submitted to CST 9 for preliminary consideration. The Chairperson of the CST will provide input to the CRIC on this preliminary consideration of the draft multi-year workplan of the CST.

(c) Review of available information regarding the financing of the implementation of the Convention by multilateral agencies and institutions, including information on the activities of the Global Environment Facility

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

30. In decision 1/COP.5, the COP decided that, at sessions held during the COP, the CRIC should also consider reports on collaboration with the GEF. Decision 6/COP.8 provides for a number of actions to be taken with respect to the support provided by the GEF on the focal area of land degradation, and the cooperation with the secretariat and the Global Mechanism. The report of the Executive Secretary, in accordance with decision 6/COP.8, is contained in document ICCD/CRIC(8)/3.

31. The memorandum of understanding between the UNCCD and the GEF to enhance collaboration between them, adopted in decision 6/COP.7, provides that the GEF will submit a

report to each regular session of the COP through the UNCCD secretariat on its strategies, programmes and projects for financing the agreed incremental costs of activities concerning desertification. In decision 6/COP.8 the Chief Executive Officer/Chairperson of the GEF was further requested to report to COP 9 on the implementation of that decision.

32. At its seventh session the CRIC suggested inviting the GEF to submit its reports to the intersessional sessions of the CRIC, at the same time as reports from Parties and Observers are received. While a final decision on this matter may be taken by COP 9, the report of the GEF on its strategies, programmes and projects for financing the agreed incremental costs of activities concerning desertification is contained in document ICCD/CRIC(8)/3/Add.1.

3. Additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention

Performance review and assessment of the implementation of the Convention and of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018)

33. In paragraph 16 of decision 3/COP.8, the COP requested the CRIC to finalize proposals for the performance review and assessment of the implementation of the Convention, and especially of The Strategy, including recommendations emanating from the CST, for discussion at COP 9.

34. In section VI of The Strategy (implementation framework), the roles and responsibilities of the various UNCCD institutions, partners and stakeholders in meeting the operational and strategic objectives of The Strategy are defined, and the manner in which the subsidiary bodies of the COP should be reshaped is outlined.

35. In decision 7/COP.8, the COP decided that the terms of reference of the CRIC should be considered and revised at its ninth session, bearing in mind the strategic plan and role of the CRIC as specified in the relevant decisions of COP 8, as well as the recommendations of CRIC 7 and CRIC 8.

36. At its seventh session the CRIC made a number of recommendations on how to conduct a global review of The Strategy and the Convention, including on interactions between the subsidiary bodies to the COP, and the role of the CST in assisting the CRIC in the review of the implementation of the Convention. CRIC 7 also recommended that the secretariat prepare a document on the revised terms of reference for and format of future sessions of the CRIC, for consideration by the COP in accordance with decisions 3/COP.8 and 9/COP.8.

37. Document ICCD/CRIC(8)/4 contains proposals for the overall performance review and appraisal system for the UNCCD. Document ICCD/CRIC(8)/INF.1 contains an overview of the institutional set-up of the review and assessment systems of the other Rio conventions. Document ICCD/COP(9)/7 contains the proposed terms of reference of the CRIC, including the format of and schedule for its future meetings. It is submitted to the COP for consideration and any decision that the COP may wish to take.

4. Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and format of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties - consideration of draft reporting guidelines for reporting entities referred to in decision 8/COP.8

38. In decision 8/COP.8, the COP requested the Executive Secretary, taking into account the views of the GM, to develop draft reporting guidelines for six reporting entities as well as for reports on the implementation of subregional and regional action programmes, before the seventh session of the CRIC.

39. At CRIC 7, general agreement was reached by Parties on the reporting principles proposed by the secretariat as they relate to the content of reporting, its format and the reporting process. The secretariat was requested to produce new reporting guidelines for consideration at the appropriate preparatory processes leading to COP 9, as stipulated in decision 8/COP.8.

40. In the documentation prepared by the secretariat, assisted by the Inter-Agency Task Force established for this purpose, the various elements of the reporting guidelines are separately submitted for the consideration of the CRIC, with the understanding that a specific reporting manual for Parties and Observers be prepared for the fourth reporting cycle according to the final decisions taken on this issue at COP 9.

41. A general overview of reporting guidelines is provided in document ICCD/CRIC(8)/5 for consideration by the CRIC and any recommendations it might wish to make to the COP. A sample of the guidelines is given for information in ICCD/CRIC(8)/INF.2.

(a) Indicators and monitoring of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018)

42. Parties at CRIC 7 requested the secretariat to focus on the consolidation of performance indicators, with a view to identifying a minimum set and harmonizing the various sets used by The Strategy. The secretariat was also requested to propose a methodology to guide Parties in the use of performance indicators, and a glossary to clarify the terminology and definition of these indicators.

43. The report by the secretariat on performance indicators, which includes the advice provided by the CST, particularly on indicators for operational objective 3, is contained in document ICCD/CRIC(8)/5/Add.1.

44. Information on the methodology and a glossary are contained in documents ICCD/CRIC(8)/5/Add.2 and Add.3, respectively. Document ICCD/CRIC(8)/5/Add.4 contains the proposed financial annex to the reports of the Parties and of Observers on the implementation of the Convention and The Strategy, as well as the programme and project sheet.

45. In decision 7/COP.8, the COP requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the GM, to bring to the attention of donors the importance of financial support for national reporting, particularly from the GEF and other financial institutions, in order to achieve monitoring capacity at the national level in affected country Parties and a consequent higher quality of national reports.

46. Parties at CRIC 7 recognized the need for a global assessment of capacity needs in order to ascertain the level of assistance required, and called for the GEF to provide UNCCD Parties with amounts of funding for capacity-building in reporting, similar to the processes of the other Rio conventions. Document ICCD/CRIC(8)/INF.3 contains information on the GEF full-size project proposal for assistance to affected country Parties in monitoring the implementation of the Convention and The Strategy.

(b) Common framework for the definition and selection of best practices

47. In The Strategy particular attention is paid to documentation and the dissemination of best practices. In this regard, Parties at CRIC 7 recommended that the secretariat develop a common framework for the definition and selection of best practices, for consideration at COP 9.

48. Document ICCD/CRIC(8)/5/Add.5 contains the relevant information on this matter.

(c) Consideration of the input from the Committee on Science and Technology on how best to measure progress on strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3 of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018)

49. In paragraph 10 of decision 3/COP.8, the COP requested the CST to provide advice to the CRIC on how best to measure progress on strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3 of The Strategy, inter alia, based on the deliberations and outcomes of its ninth session.

50. Parties at CRIC 7 expressed appreciation for the contribution of the CST to this process and recommended, inter alia, that it concentrate its efforts on the identification of existing relevant indicators and data at the country level as part of the process of establishing the minimum set of indicators for measuring the impact of the implementation of The Strategy.

51. Document ICCD/CRIC(8)/5/Add.6² will contain input from the CST on how best to measure progress on strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3 of The Strategy, on the basis of the deliberations and outcomes of the CST at its ninth session.

(d) Consideration of how best to measure progress on strategic objective 4 of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018)

52. In decision 3/COP.8, the COP adopted inter alia the strategic objectives of The Strategy and their impact indicators. The CST was requested to further elaborate indicators for strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3, but there was no explicit assignment made for fine-tuning strategic objective 4. The secretariat and the GM have integrated the fine-tuning of impact indicators for strategic objective 4 into their joint work programme for 2008–2009 in order to make relevant proposals and ensure that Parties have impact indicators available to report on all the strategic objectives in The Strategy.

² This document will be issued during the session.

53. Document ICCD/CRIC(8)/5/Add.7 contains proposals by the secretariat, in consultation with the GM, on how best to measure progress on strategic objective 4 of The Strategy.

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

54. In decisions 7/COP.7 and 7/COP.8, the COP decided that the review of the terms of reference of the CRIC, its operations and its schedule of meetings would take place at COP 9. This review may alter the programme of work and the ways in which this subsidiary body assists the COP in reviewing the implementation of the Convention.

55. Based on the provisions described above, the CRIC is to submit a tentative programme of work for its ninth session, including estimates of the financial implications, to the COP for adoption.

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

56. According to decision 1/COP.5, the CRIC shall report on its work at each ordinary session of the COP. The report of the CRIC on its eighth session, including, where necessary, draft decisions, shall be submitted to the COP for its consideration and, as appropriate, adoption.

7. Election of officers other than the Chairperson of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

57. Pursuant to paragraph 4 of the terms of reference of the CRIC, as contained in decision 1/COP.5, four Vice-Chairpersons who, together with the Chairperson elected by the COP in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the COP, constitute the Bureau of the CRIC, shall be elected with due regard to the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution and adequate representation of affected country Parties, particularly those in Africa, while not neglecting affected country Parties in other regions.

58. The Chairperson will call for the election of these officers at the concluding meeting. The Committee may, in accordance with established practice, wish to elect these Vice-Chairpersons to serve for two consecutive terms, thus enabling their terms to coincide with that of the Chairperson.

Annex I

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

<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>Title or description</u>
ICCD/CRIC(8)/1	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(7)/5	Report of the seventh session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, held in Istanbul from 3 to 14 November 2008
ICCD/CRIC(8)/2	Workplans of the institutions and subsidiary bodies of the Convention. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(8)/2/Add.1	Workplans of the institutions and subsidiary bodies of the Convention. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Consideration of the draft multi-year workplan for the secretariat (2010–2013)
ICCD/CRIC(8)/2/Add.2	Workplans of the institutions and subsidiary bodies of the Convention. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Consideration of the draft joint work programme of the secretariat and the Global Mechanism (2010–2011)
ICCD/CRIC(8)/2/Add.3	Workplans of the institutions and subsidiary bodies of the Convention. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Consideration of the draft multi-year workplan for the Global Mechanism (2010–2013)
ICCD/CRIC(8)/2/Add.4	Workplans of the institutions and subsidiary bodies of the Convention. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Consideration of the draft multi-year workplan for the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (2010–2013)
ICCD/CRIC(8)/3	Review of available information regarding the financing of the implementation of the Convention by multilateral agencies and institutions, including information on the activities of the Global Environment Facility. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(8)/3/Add.1	Review of available information regarding the financing of the implementation of the Convention by multilateral agencies and institutions, including information on the activities of the Global Environment Facility. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Report by the Global Environment Facility on its strategies, programmes and projects for financing the agreed incremental costs of activities concerning desertification

<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>Title or description</u>
ICCD/CRIC(8)/4	Performance review and assessment of the implementation of the Convention and of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018). Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(8)/5	Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and format of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties: consideration of draft reporting guidelines as referred to in decision 8/COP.8. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(8)/5/Add.1	Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and format of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties: consideration of draft reporting guidelines as referred to in decision 8/COP.8. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Performance indicators for the review of implementation of The Strategy
ICCD/CRIC(8)/5/Add.2	Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and format of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties: consideration of draft reporting guidelines as referred to in decision 8/COP.8. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Methodological guide on the use of performance indicators for the review of implementation of The Strategy and related metadata
ICCD/CRIC(8)/5/Add.3	Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and format of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties: consideration of draft reporting guidelines as referred to in decision 8/COP.8. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Glossary of performance indicators for the review of implementation of The Strategy and best practices
ICCD/CRIC(8)/5/Add.4	Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and format of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties: consideration of draft reporting guidelines as referred to in decision 8/COP.8. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Financial annex and programme and project sheet

<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>Title or description</u>
ICCD/CRIC(8)/5/Add.5	Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and format of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties: consideration of draft reporting guidelines as referred to in decision 8/COP.8. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Common framework for the definition and selection of best practices
ICCD/CRIC(8)/5/Add.6	Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and format of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties: consideration of draft reporting guidelines as referred to in decision 8/COP.8. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Consideration of the input from the Committee on Science and Technology on how best to measure progress on strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3 of The Strategy ^a
ICCD/CRIC(8)/5/Add.7	Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and format of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties: consideration of draft reporting guidelines as referred to in decision 8/COP.8. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Consideration of how best to measure progress on strategic objective 4 of The Strategy
ICCD/CRIC(8)/INF.1	Additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention. Institutional set-up of the review and assessment systems under the other Rio conventions
ICCD/CRIC(8)/INF.2	Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and format of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties. Sample format for reporting guidelines
ICCD/CRIC(8)/INF.3	Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and format of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties. Full-size project proposal for assistance to affected country Parties in monitoring the implementation of the Convention and The Strategy

^a This document will be issued during the session.

Annex II**Tentative schedule of work**

Wednesday, 23 September 2009	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
<p><i>Opening of the session by the Chairperson of the CRIC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (ICCD/CRIC(8)/1) • Review of implementation of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Report of the Committee on its seventh session (ICCD/CRIC(7)/5)</i> - <i>Workplans of the institutions and subsidiary bodies of the Convention (ICCD/CRIC(8)/2 and Add.1–Add.4)</i> - <i>Report by the Chairperson of the CST on consideration of the draft multi-year (four-year) workplan for the CST</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of implementation of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Review of available information regarding the financing of implementation of the Convention by multilateral agencies and institutions, including information on the activities of the Global Environment Facility (ICCD/CRIC(8)/3 and Add.1)</i>

Thursday, 24 September 2009	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and format of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties: consideration of draft reporting guidelines as referred to in decision 8/COP.8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Indicators and monitoring of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (ICCD/CRIC(8)/5 and Add.1–Add.4)</i> - <i>Common framework for the definition and selection of best practices (ICCD/CRIC(8)/Add.5)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and format of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties: consideration of draft reporting guidelines as referred to in decision 8/COP.8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Consideration of how best to measure progress on strategic objective 4 of The Strategy (ICCD/CRIC(8)/5/Add.7)</i>

Friday, 25 September 2009	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
<i>Formulation of the report of the CRIC, including, where necessary, draft decisions for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the Conference of the Parties</i>	- - -

Wednesday, 30 September 2009	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and format of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties: consideration of draft reporting guidelines as referred to in decision 8/COP.8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Consideration of the input from the Committee on Science and Technology on how best to measure progress on strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3 of The Strategy (ICCD/CRIC(8)/5/Add.6)</i> • Additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Performance review and assessment of the implementation of the Convention and of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (ICCD/CRIC(8)/4)</i> 	<p><i>Formulation of the report of the CRIC, including, where necessary, draft decisions for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the Conference of the Parties</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme of work for the ninth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention • Adoption of the report of the Committee, including, where necessary, the draft decisions for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the Conference of the Parties • Election of officers other than the Chairperson of the Committee <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Closure of the session</i></p>

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