



## Convention to Combat Desertification

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### Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention Ninth session

Bonn, 21–25 February 2011

#### Information for participants\*

The ninth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC 9) and the second special session of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST S-2) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), hereinafter referred to as “the conference”, will be held from 16 to 25 February 2011 in Bonn, Germany. The present document contains general information which may be helpful to participants. Additional information will be provided in due course on the UNCCD website <[www.unccd.int](http://www.unccd.int)>.

#### 1. Secretariat

The secretariat of the UNCCD is headed by the Executive Secretary, Mr. Luc Gnacadja, and based in Bonn, Germany, at:

Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification  
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Hermann-Ehlers-Strasse 10  
53113 Bonn, Germany  
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#### 2. Venue of the session

The conference will be held at the World Conference Center Bonn (WCCB), at the following address:

Platz der Vereinten Nationen 2

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\* The submission of this document was delayed due to the change of venue and the time necessary to gather the relevant information for participants.

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### 3. Admittance to the session

The provisions governing the Conference of the Parties (COP) apply *mutatis mutandis* to the proceedings of its subsidiary bodies. Participation in the conference is therefore open to Party delegations, United Nations specialized agencies and observers in accordance with the provisions of the UNCCD and the rules of procedure of the COP.<sup>1</sup>

Party delegations do not need to present credentials because the CRIC and the CST are subsidiary bodies of the COP. However, an official list of delegation members should be forwarded to the UNCCD secretariat, for registration and security purposes, before the conference session. Observers already accredited to previous sessions of the COP 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 conference on submission of an official request to the UNCCD secretariat, pending the decision on its accreditation as an observer by the COP at its next ordinary session. This request should state the competence or qualification of the body or agency in matters covered by the UNCCD.

### 4. Registration

Registration for national delegations, specialized agencies and United Nations programmes, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as for the media and staff of the United Nations, will take place from Monday, 14 February 2011 to Friday, 25 February 2011 at the main entrance of the WCCB:

Platz der Vereinten Nationen 2  
D-53113 Bonn, Germany

Registration will continue throughout the sessions on working days, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The CST S-2 session will open on Wednesday, 16 February 2011. In addition to the Plenary Hall, meeting rooms will be made available, without interpretation services, for

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with article 36, paragraph 2, of the Convention, for each State or regional economic integration organization which ratifies, accepts, approves or accedes to the Convention 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 by such State or regional economic integration organization of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. Consequently, the Parties as at the opening of the conference on 16 February 2011 will be the States and regional economic integration organizations that have deposited their instruments by 18 November 2010. States that deposited their instruments after 18 November but by 27 November 2010 will become Parties during the session. States that deposited their instruments after 27 November 2010 will not become Parties until after the session is closed, but may participate in the session as observers. Intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that were accredited at the ninth session of the COP are listed in document ICCD/COP(9)/16 and Add.1. Relevant information on the status of ratifications is available on the secretariat website <[www.unccd.int](http://www.unccd.int)>.

informal meetings. Arrangements for such meetings should be made with the secretariat. Working hours will normally be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

Identity badges will be issued at the time of registration and participants are requested to wear them at all times since access to the WCCB is allowed only upon presentation of badges.

## 5. How to get to the session venue

### 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 a train ticket together with the airline ticket (travel agents may provide related information) or train tickets can be purchased in the airport train station.

### From Cologne-Bonn airport

Cologne-Bonn airport is approximately 30 minutes' drive from the centre of Bonn. Participants arriving at this 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 SB60 connects the airport with Bonn's main railway station (Hauptbahnhof). The price of a one-way bus ticket to Bonn is 6.70 euros. Tickets may be purchased from the driver or at 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), may be used for this bus.

### From Frankfurt airport to Bonn centre

Participants arriving at Frankfurt airport should go to the Frankfurt airport long-distance train station, which is reached by following the signs to "*Frankfurt Flughafen Fernbahnhof*" (Frankfurt airport long-distance train station). **This station is in the AIRail Terminal**, next to Terminal 1. Trains arrive at and depart from platforms 4 to 7. Participants are recommended to travel either by high-speed ICE train to Bonn/Siegburg or by direct train to Bonn central station (Bonn Hauptbahnhof).

High-speed Inter City Express (ICE) trains to Siegburg/Bonn or Intercity (IC)/Eurocity (EC) trains to Bonn central station (Hauptbahnhof) leave from the Frankfurt airport long-distance train station two to three times every hour between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m. The high-speed ICE train journey to Siegburg/Bonn takes 40 minutes. Trains leave at least once an hour. **For additional information, please check: <[www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de)>.**

Alternatively the IC/EC train, also from Frankfurt long-distance airport, goes directly to Bonn central station (in the centre of Bonn). Journey time is between 1.5 and 2 hours.

### From Siegburg railway station to Bonn centre

Passengers travelling to Bonn via Siegburg ICE station must change at Siegburg station onto the local tram (Telekom Express line 66) which leaves every 10 minutes. To reach the tram, passengers will have a 7-minute walk (clearly marked) from the ICE platform to tram 66.

Journey time into the centre of Bonn is about 30 minutes. Tickets can be purchased on the tram. A one-way journey by taxi from Siegburg to Bonn costs approximately 30 euros.

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

Participants travelling by public transport from Bonn to the WCCB may use either bus or underground train (U-Bahn).

Bus lines 610 and 611 (direction Heiderhof/Papelweg) pass near the Centre; participants should alight at the *Deutsche Welle* bus stop.

The underground (U-Bahn) lines 16, 63 and 66 (direction Bad Godesberg, Bad Honnef and Königswinter, respectively), also stop near the Centre; participants should alight at the *Heussallee/Museumsmeile* stop, follow the sign for “Heussallee” and walk down that road for approximately 5-10 minutes. The WCCB is at the end of Heussallee, on the left-hand side.

## **6. Hotel accommodation**

Hotel bookings should be made directly by participants. Reservations for hotel rooms may be made through the Bonn Tourism and Congress Office, using the following Internet link:

[<www.tcbonn.de/con/html/3454-378.html>](http://www.tcbonn.de/con/html/3454-378.html)

Alternatively, bookings may be made by contacting the Bonn Tourism and Congress Office at:

Tourismus & Congress GmbH  
Region Bonn/Rhein-Sieg/Ahrweiler  
Platz der Vereinten Nationen 2 (Im WCCB)  
D-53113 Bonn, Germany  
Hotel Reservation Department  
Hotline: + 49 228 910 4133  
E-Mail: [a.isengard@bonn-region.de](mailto:a.isengard@bonn-region.de)  
(Monday-Friday: 9am - 5pm)

All bookings include a “Conference ticket” that is valid on public transport in Bonn for the duration of the stay. This ticket is not transferable.

## **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 competent<sup>2</sup> German embassy or consulate.

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<sup>2</sup> Please check the following website in order to find the competent German mission:  
[<www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/Infoservice/FAQ/VisumFuerD/04\\_Verfahren.html?nn=480902>](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/Infoservice/FAQ/VisumFuerD/04_Verfahren.html?nn=480902).

The visa always has to be applied for by the person who intends to travel. Further information on the procedure and details of the documents to be presented are available on the website of the competent German mission or directly from the mission itself. Participants are advised to contact the German mission as soon as possible, but no later than 14 days prior to departure. Please note that in most missions appointments are necessary to file the application.

Information on customs regulations in force in Germany may be obtained from any German embassy or consulate.

Additional information about visa regulations, a table of countries whose citizens require/do not require visas to enter Germany and application forms (to be downloaded) may be found at the following internet address:

<[http://www.auswaertigesamt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/StaatenlisteVisumpflicht\\_node.html](http://www.auswaertigesamt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/StaatenlisteVisumpflicht_node.html)>

## 9. Intervention at official meetings

By its latest legislation, namely General Assembly resolution 64/230 on the Pattern of Conferences and the report of the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly (document A/64/580), the General Assembly reiterates its request to ensure the provision of high quality conference services to member States and other participants in official United Nations meetings.

In the interest of the smooth running of the meetings, participants need to maintain a normal speed whenever delivering speeches or making statements, so that the provision of the required high quality simultaneous interpretation services can be achieved to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

## 10. Side events

Participants who wish to organize side events during the conference are requested to apply to the secretariat by telephone, fax or email, as follows:

Tel.: + 49 228 815 2800 / 36  
Fax: + 49 228 815 2898 / 99  
E-mail: [sideevents@unccd.int](mailto:sideevents@unccd.int)

The application form can be downloaded from the UNCCD website at <[www.unccd.int](http://www.unccd.int)>. Applications for side events should be made before 14 January 2011.

Participants are advised that the secretariat is responsible only for room allocation. Time slots and rooms will be accommodated according to availability and on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional services (such as catering, technical equipment, etc.) may be obtained on a commercial basis from local accredited providers, as follows:

### **Catering**

L&D GmbH

Ms. Anika Hentschel

Tel.: + 49 228 1848 6912

Fax: + 49 228 1848 6913

E-Mail: [eventgastronomie-bonn@l-und-d.de](mailto:eventgastronomie-bonn@l-und-d.de)

Business hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a. m. until 5:00 p.m.

**Technical equipment**

Mr. Jürgen Leipold

Tel.: + 49 221 598 1350

Fax: + 49 221 598 1352

E-Mail: unccd-sideevent-2011@worldccbonn.com

Business hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a. m. until 5:00 p.m.

A calendar of side events during the conference will be published in the Official Journal. For any additional information on side events, please refer to the guidelines posted on the UNCCD website.

## 11. Exhibition facilities

Limited space for exhibition facilities will be available to participants. Arrangements can be made through the secretariat on a first-come, first-served basis.

Participants wishing to set up exhibits are invited to contact Mr. Bertrand Vincent at:

Tel.: + 49 228 815 2857

Fax: + 49 228 815 2898 / 99

E-mail: bvincent@unccd.int

Participants are advised that the secretariat is responsible only for the allocation of exhibition space, which will be according to availability and on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants will be allotted a maximum of 3m<sup>2</sup> 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 14 January 2011.

Exhibitors will be responsible for customs clearance of their exhibition material in accordance with German customs regulations. The secretariat may, however, provide assistance. Exhibitors will be responsible for their own stands. The mounting of the exhibition structure should be done in consultation with the management of the WCCB. Deliveries of exhibition equipment may be made to the following address:

World Conference Center Bonn

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*Name of Exhibitor and/ or recipient*

Stresemannufer via Dahlmannstraße/ Eingang 8

53113 Bonn, Germany

Deliveries will be accepted from Monday to Friday from 8.15 a.m. until 3.45 p.m.

In case of queries, please contact:

Mr. Ronald Pöhland

Tel.: + 49 228 926 7116

E-Mail: r.poehland@worldccbonn.com

Additional services such as catering and supplying of technical equipment may be obtained on a commercial basis from local accredited providers, as listed under item 10 above.

For any additional information on exhibition facilities, please refer to the information posted on the UNCCD website.

## 12. Press centre/Information for the media

An international press centre will be provided for accredited journalists.

For information concerning accreditation, please contact:

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Langer Eugen  
Hermann-Ehlers-Strasse 10  
53113 Bonn, Germany  
Tel.: + 49 228 815 2820  
Fax: + 49 228 815 2898 / 99  
E-mail: wmwangi@unccd.int

## 13. General information about the session venue

### Information about Bonn

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

### Currency

1 euro = approximately US\$ 1.30 (indicative rate in December 2010).

### Weather

During the month of February the average temperature in Bonn oscillates between -1 and 6 degrees Celsius. Participants are recommended to bring warm clothing and an umbrella. Coat racks will be available next to the Plenary Hall.

### Electricity

Electricity: 220 volts, 50 Hz European plugs with two circular metal pins are used.

### Local time

GMT + 01 hour

Further information is available on the UNCCD home page:

<[www.unccd.int](http://www.unccd.int)>.

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