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Template and reporting guidelines for the civil society organizations on best practices on sustainable land management technologies, including adaptation*

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I. Introduction

1. Decisions 1/COP.9 and 13/COP.9, paragraphs 8 and 5, respectively, requested the secretariat, together with the GM and in collaboration with the UNEP/GEF capacity building initiative, to facilitate the reporting process of Parties and reporting entities and to prepare reporting tools for the fourth reporting cycle in 2010.
2. The information provided by Parties and Observers through their reports is an integral part of the performance review and assessment of implementation system (PRAIS) established by decision 12/COP.9. According to decision 11/COP.9, this information will allow the CRIC to perform the functions of assessing the implementation of the Convention and The Strategy (2008–2018) and of reviewing and compiling best practices on the implementation of the Convention.
3. According to the relevant provisions contained in decisions 11/COP.9 and 13/COP.9, the civil society organizations (CSOs) are invited to organize themselves to prepare collaborative reports on their work for the implementation of the Convention, especially through the provision of best practices, for transmission to the sessions of the CRIC held between ordinary sessions of the COP.
4. Decision 1/COP.9 also requests the secretariat to include in the new reporting guidelines provisions allowing CSOs to provide input to the CRIC, in particular on best practices;
5. The Bureau of the Committee for the Review of Implementation of the Convention (CRIC), at its meeting on 1-2 March 2010,
 - (a) Requested the Secretariat, in consultation with the CSOs accredited to the Conference of the Parties (COP), to prepare draft reporting guidelines for CSOs coherent to and consistent with the guidelines being devised for the other reporting entities, for consideration at CRIC 9 and recommendations to COP 10;
 - (b) Agreed on the proposal to invite accredited CSOs to report to CRIC 9 on best practices, using the same template and guidelines being devised for the other reporting entities.
6. This document presents the template and reporting guidelines for civil society organizations accredited to the COP.
7. Decision 13/COP.9, paragraph 8, invites Parties and other reporting entities to refer to common terminology and definitions. Therefore, these guidelines should be read in conjunction with the glossary of performance indicators for the review of implementation of The Strategy and best practices, common to all reporting entities and contained in a separate document (ICCD/CRIC(9)/13).

II. Template and reporting guidelines

A. Table of contents

8. The reports submitted by accredited CSOs include:
 - (a) General information section
 - (b) Best practices section
 - Template for best practices on sustainable land management technologies, including adaptation

B. General information

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE REPORTING ENTITY	
Reporting organization	
Name and surname of the person submitting the report	
Contact details	

9. Reporting is guided by means of templates, one for each performance indicator. Within the templates, *shaded areas* contain information and explanatory texts and *white areas* are for reporting purposes and need to be filled in by affected country Parties with relevant quantitative data, selection of multiple choice boxes, or narrative information.

C. Best practices

10. According to decision 13/COP. 9, Annex V, UNCCD best practices shall be collected according to seven themes: 1. Sustainable land management (SLM) technologies, including adaptation; 2. Capacity building and awareness raising; 3. Desertification, land degradation and drought (DLDD) and SLM monitoring and assessment/research; 4. Knowledge management and decision support; 5. Policy, legislative, institutional framework; 6. Funding/resource mobilization; 7. Participation, collaboration and networking.

11. While themes 2 to 7 represent different elements of the enabling environment needed for the implementation and dissemination/up-scaling of sustainable land management (SLM) technologies (indirect impact), theme 1 comprises all actions on the ground that have a direct impact on desertification, land degradation and drought mitigation.

12. In particular, as specified in document ICCD/CRIC(8)/5/Add.5, paragraph 12, theme 1 'SLM technologies, including adaptation' refers to SLM technologies that directly contribute to the prevention, mitigation and rehabilitation of desertification and land degradation on cropland, grazing land and woodland, with the aim of improving the livelihoods of affected populations and conserving ecosystem services. Successful implementation of SLM technologies is the base for achieving strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3 of The Strategy. Theme 1 also integrates five of the strategic areas defined by decision 8/COP.4, namely: (a) sustainable land use management, including water, soil and

vegetation in affected areas; (b) sustainable use and management of rangelands; (c) development of sustainable agricultural and ranching production systems; (d) development of new and renewable energy sources; and (e) launching of reforestation/afforestation programmes/ intensification of soil conservation programmes.

13. ICCD/CRIC(8)/5/Add.5 provides definitions for 'practice', 'good practice' and 'best practice'. These definitions are included in the common glossary that shall be referred to by Parties and other reporting entities while reporting to UNCCD, according to decision 13/COP.9, paragraph 8.

14. The template for reporting is based on the general structure for the documentation of best practices contained in ICCD/CRIC(8)/5/Add.5, paragraphs 40 to 43; it is tailored to the documentation of best practices related to theme 1 'SLM technologies, including adaptation'.

Template for best practices on sustainable land management technologies, including adaptation

SLM TECHNOLOGIES, INCLUDING ADAPTATION

If you have best practices to report on the theme ‘SLM technologies, including adaptation’ add as many templates as necessary

Property rights	<p>Clarify if the technology described in the template, or a part of it, is covered by property rights:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 100px;">Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 50px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 100px;">No</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>If yes, please provide relevant information on the holder of the rights. (max 100 words)</i></p>		Yes		No
	Yes				
	No				

DESCRIPTION

Section 1. Context of the best practice: frame conditions (natural and human environment)

Title of the best practice													
Location (if available, also include a map)													
If the location has well defined boundaries, specify its extension in hectares	<table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 100px;">Hectares (ha)</td> <td style="width: 150px;"></td> </tr> </table>	Hectares (ha)											
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Brief description of the natural environment within the specified location.	<p>Climate: <i>(max 50 words)</i></p> <p>Soil: <i>(max 50 words)</i></p> <p>Topography: <i>(max 50 words)</i></p>												

Prevailing socio-economic conditions of those living in the location and/or nearby	Income level: <i>(max 50 words)</i> Main income sources: <i>(max 50 words)</i> Land tenure and land use rights: <i>(max 50 words)</i>
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Short description of the best practice	<i>max 250 words</i>
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On the basis of which criteria and/or indicator(s) (not related to The Strategy) the proposed practice and corresponding technology has been considered as 'best'?	<i>max 100 words</i>
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Section 2. Problems addressed (direct and indirect causes) and objectives of the best practice

With respect to DLDD, the best practice directly contributes to:			Prevention
			Mitigation
			Adaptation
			Rehabilitation

Main problems addressed by the best practice	1. <i>(max 50 words)</i> 2. <i>(max 50 words)</i> 3. <i>(max 50 words)</i> 4. <i>(max 50 words)</i>
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Outline specific land degradation problems addressed by the best practice	<i>max 100 words</i>
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Specify the objectives of the best practice	1. <i>(max 50 words)</i> 2. <i>(max 50 words)</i> 3. <i>(max 50 words)</i> 4. <i>(max 50 words)</i>
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Section 3. Activities

Brief description of main activities, by objective	<u>Objective 1.</u> 1. <i>(max 50 words)</i> 2. <i>(max 50 words)</i> 3. <i>(max 50 words)</i>
	<u>Objective 2.</u> 1. <i>(max 50 words)</i> 2. <i>(max 50 words)</i> 3. <i>(max 50 words)</i>
	<u>Objective 3.</u> 1. <i>(max 50 words)</i> 2. <i>(max 50 words)</i> 3. <i>(max 50 words)</i>
	<u>Objective 4.</u> 1. <i>(max 50 words)</i> 2. <i>(max 50 words)</i> 3. <i>(max 50 words)</i>

Short description of the technology	<i>max 250 words</i>
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Technical specifications of the technology – if any	<i>max 250 words</i>
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Section 4. Institutions/actors involved (collaboration, participation, role of stakeholders)

Name and address of the institution developing the technology	
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Was the technology developed in partnership?	<table border="1"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"></td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>No</td> </tr> </table> <p>If yes, list the partners:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 4. 		Yes		No
	Yes				
	No				

Specify the framework within which the technology was promoted	<table border="1"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"></td> <td>Local initiative</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>National initiative – government-led</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>National initiative – non-government-led</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>International initiative</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Programme/project-based initiative</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Other (specify) (max 30 words)</td> </tr> </table>		Local initiative		National initiative – government-led		National initiative – non-government-led		International initiative		Programme/project-based initiative		Other (specify) (max 30 words)
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Was the participation of local stakeholders, including CSOs, fostered in the development of the technology?	<table border="1"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"></td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>No</td> </tr> </table> <p>If yes, list local stakeholders involved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 4. 		Yes		No
	Yes				
	No				

For the stakeholders listed above, specify their role in the design, introduction, use and maintenance of the technology, if any.	<i>max 250 words</i>
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Was the population living in the location and/or nearby involved in the development of the technology?	Yes
	No

If yes, by means of what?

	Consultation
	Participatory approaches
	Other (specify) (max 30 words)

ANALYSIS

Section 5. Contribution to impact

Specify to which strategic objectives of The Strategy the technology contributes <i>(more than one box can be ticked)</i>	1. To improve the living conditions of affected populations
	2. To improve the conditions of affected ecosystems
	3. To generate global benefits through effective implementation of the UNCCD

Describe on-site impacts (the major two impacts by category)	<i>Production or productivity:</i> 1. (max 50 words) 2. (max 50 words)
	<i>Socio-economic level (including cultural level):</i> 1. (max 50 words) 2. (max 50 words)
	<i>Environmental level:</i> 1. (max 50 words) 2. (max 50 words)
	<i>Other (specify):</i> 1. (max 50 words) 2. (max 50 words)

Describe the major two off-site (i.e. not occurring in the location but in the surrounding areas) impacts	1. (max 50 words)
	2. (max 50 words)

Impact on biodiversity and climate change	<p>In your opinion does the best practice/technology you have proposed positively impact on biodiversity conservation?</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 30px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="text-align: center;">No</td> </tr> </table> <p>Explain the reasons: <i>max 250 words</i></p> <p>In your opinion does the best practice/technology you have proposed positively impact on climate change mitigation?</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 30px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="text-align: center;">No</td> </tr> </table> <p>Explain the reasons: <i>max 250 words</i></p> <p>In your opinion does the best practice/technology you have proposed positively impact on climate change adaptation?</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 30px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="text-align: center;">No</td> </tr> </table> <p>Explain the reasons: <i>max 250 words</i></p>		Yes		No		Yes		No		Yes		No
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Has a cost-benefit analysis been carried out?	<table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 30px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="text-align: center;">No</td> </tr> </table> <p>If yes, summarize its main conclusions: <i>max 250 words</i></p>		Yes		No								
	Yes												
	No												

Section 6. Connection to other UNCCD themes

Specify if the technology relates to one or more of the other UNCCD themes		Capacity-building and awareness-raising
		DLDD and SLM monitoring and assessment/research
		Knowledge management and decision support
		Policy, legislative, institutional framework
		Funding/resource mobilization
		Participation, collaboration and networking

Section 7. Adoption and replicability

Was the technology disseminated/introduced to other locations?		Yes
		No
<i>If yes, where? (add as many rows as necessary)</i>		
Location: _____		

Were incentives to facilitate the take up of the technology provided?		Yes
		No

If yes, specify which type of incentives		Policy or regulatory incentives (for example, related to market requirements and regulations, import/export, foreign investment, research and development support, etc)
		Financial incentives (for example, preferential rates, State aid, subsidies, cash grants, loan guarantees, etc)
		Fiscal incentives (for example, exemption from or reduction of taxes, duties, fees, etc)

Can you identify the three main conditions that led to the success of the presented best practice/technology?	<i>Examples of conditions leading to success may include: highly motivated local governments, farmers organized into well structured cooperatives, extremely favorable weather conditions, etc. For each 'condition of success' you are able to identify, specify whether in your opinion such condition is: (a) linked to the local context and thus cannot be replicated elsewhere; (b) replicable elsewhere with some level of adaptation; (c) replicable elsewhere with major adaptation.</i>	
	<p>1. (max 50 words)</p> <p>2. (max 50 words)</p> <p>3. (max 50 words)</p>	

In your opinion, the best practice/technology you have proposed can be replicated, although with some level of adaptation, elsewhere?	Yes
	No

If yes, at which level?	Local
	Sub-national
	National
	Subregional
	Regional
	International

Section 8. Lessons learned

Related to human resources	1. (max 50 words) 2. (max 50 words) 3. (max 50 words)
Related to financial aspects	1. (max 50 words) 2. (max 50 words) 3. (max 50 words)
Related to technical aspects	1. (max 50 words) 2. (max 50 words) 3. (max 50 words)