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**COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
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**Item 1 of the provisional agenda**  
**Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

**Provisional agenda and annotations**

**Note by the secretariat**

**I. Provisional agenda**

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
2. Functioning of the Committee on Science and Technology: Work of the Bureau of the Committee on Science and Technology during the 2008 intersessional period.
3. Reshaping the operation of the Committee on Science and Technology in line with the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Intersessional Working Group 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018): Progress on the preparation of the ninth session of the Committee on Science and Technology in a scientific and technical conference-style format.
4. The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention – Committee on Science and Technology:
  - (a) Consideration of the document on the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention – Committee on Science and Technology;
  - (b) Consideration of the draft multi-year (four-year) work plan for the Committee on Science and Technology;

- (c) Consideration of the costed draft two-year work programme for the Committee on Science and Technology;
  - (d) Consideration of advice 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.
- 5. Other matters.
  - 6. Adoption of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology.

## **II. Annotations to the provisional agenda**

1. By decision 3/COP.8 the Conference of the Parties (COP) decided that the next session of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) shall be held in conjunction with the seventh session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC 7). This would be the first special session of the CST (CST S-1).

### *Venue*

2. CST S-1 will be held in Istanbul, Turkey, during CRIC 7. The CST is scheduled to open jointly with the CRIC on 3 November 2008. After regional consultations the CST will resume its meeting from 5 to 6 November 2008.

### *Participants*

3. Article 24 of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) provides that the CST shall be multidisciplinary and open to the participation of all Parties. Consistent with the provisions of article 22 of the Convention, it is anticipated that sessions of the CST will also be open to observers in accordance with the rules of procedure.

4. The Bureau of the CST at its meeting in February 2008 decided that the science and technology correspondents should be invited to CST S-1.

### *Documentation*

5. A list of documents prepared for this session of the CST is contained in annex I. In addition to normal distribution, documents will be made available on the secretariat's website at <<http://www.unccd.int>>.

## **1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

6. The CST will have before it for adoption the annotated provisional agenda and programme of work contained in this document, prepared by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Chair of the CST on the basis of the relevant decisions adopted by the COP at its eighth session (COP 8). A tentative schedule of work for the session is set out in annex II.

## **2. Functioning of the Committee on Science and Technology: Work of the Bureau of the Committee on Science and Technology during the 2008 intersessional period**

7. The Chair of the CST will introduce document ICCD/CST(S-1)/2, which is a report on the work of the Bureau of the CST during the 2008 intersessional period.

## **3. Reshaping the operation of the Committee on Science and Technology in line with the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Intersessional Working Group 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018): Progress on the preparation of the ninth session of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST 9) in a scientific and technical conference-style format**

8. By decision 13/COP.8, each future ordinary session of the CST shall be organized in a predominantly scientific and technical conference-style format by the Bureau of the CST in consultation with the lead institution/consortium.

9. At its meeting in Bonn, Germany, in February 2008, the Bureau of the CST decided to select a consortium. A call for expressions of interest was posted on the website of the UNCCD secretariat with a deadline for submission of 30 April 2008. The submissions received were sent to the members of the Bureau of the CST. The consortium was selected, in line with the terms of reference contained in the call for expressions of interest and the provisions of decision 13/COP.8, at the meeting of the Bureau of the CST in Bonn in June 2008.

10. The Chair of the CST will brief the CST on the current status of the preparations for CST 9, which will be outlined in document ICCD/CST(S-1)/3.

## **4. The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention – Committee on Science and Technology**

(a) Consideration of the document on the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention – Committee on Science and Technology

11. The COP at its eighth session requested the CST to have its work plan and programme developed following a results-based management approach, and to also develop advice to the Committee on the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC) on how best to measure progress on Strategic Objectives 1, 2 and 3 of The Strategy. The secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the CST has developed the requested documents and presents them in ICCD/CST(S-1)/4.

(b) Consideration of the draft multi-year (four-year) work plan for the Committee on Science and Technology

12. By decision 3/COP.8, the COP requested the CST to formulate a multi-year work plan according to the results-based management (RBM) principles and complemented by a costed draft two-year work programme consistent with the objectives of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (The Strategy). In accordance with

paragraph 38 of the same decision, a multi-year (four-year) work plan for the CST, is to be presented under the first planning cycle at CRIC 7 according to RBM principles.

13. The CST will have before it the draft four-year work plan for the CST (2008–2011) contained in document ICCD/CST(S-1)/4/Add.1. This draft 2008–2011 work plan is submitted to the CST for preliminary consideration and any recommendations it may wish to make to CRIC 7.

(c) Consideration of the costed draft two-year work programme for the Committee on Science and Technology

14. In accordance with decisions 3/COP.8 and 9/COP8, a costed two-year work programme for the CST based on RBM principles is to be presented at CRIC 7 and considered under the first budget cycle at COP 9. The Executive Secretary was requested, in consultation with the Bureaux of the COP and the CST, to prepare for the CST, in line with The Strategy, a costed draft two-year work programme that takes an RBM approach, and to present it to COP 9 for consideration and adoption.

15. The CST will have before it document ICCD/CST(S-1)/4/Add.2 – the costed draft two-year work programme for the CST (2008–2009), which is submitted to it for preliminary consideration and any recommendations it may wish to make to CRIC 7.

(d) Consideration of advice on how best to measure progress on Strategic Objectives 1, 2 and 3 of the 10 year strategic plan and framework the enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018)

16. By decision 3/COP8, paragraph 10, the COP requested the CST to provide advice to the CRIC discussion on reporting at COP 9 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 CST 9. The three Strategic Objectives are:

- a) Strategic Objective 1: To improve the living conditions of affected populations;
- b) Strategic Objective 2: To improve the condition of affected ecosystems;
- c) Strategic Objective 3: To generate global benefits through effective implementation of the UNCCD.

17. The CST will have before it document ICCD/CST(S-1)/4/Add.3 on this item. The CST is expected to reflect on a working approach and methodology following the indicators already set out in The Strategy, and to make any conclusions as appropriate.

## **5. Other matters**

18. The Committee may address this item, as deemed appropriate.

**6. Adoption of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology**

19. The Committee shall adopt its report, which will be presented by the Rapporteur.

Annex I

Documents before the Committee on Science and Technology  
at its First Special intersessional meeting

<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>Title</u>
ICCD/CST(S-1)/1	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CST(S-1)/2	Functioning of the Committee on Science and Technology. Report on the work of the Bureau of the Committee on Science and Technology. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CST(S-1)/3	Reshaping the operation of the Committee on Science and Technology in line with the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Intersessional Working Group 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018). Report on progress with the preparation of the ninth session of the Committee on Science and Technology in a scientific and technical conference-style format. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CST(S-1)/4	The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention – Committee on Science and Technology. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CST(S-1)/4/Add.1	The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention – Committee on Science and Technology. Addendum. Note by the secretariat. Consideration of the draft multi-year work plan for the Committee on Science and Technology (2008–2011)
ICCD/CST(S-1)/4/Add.2	The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention – Committee on Science and Technology. Addendum. Note by the secretariat. Consideration of the costed draft two-year work programme for the Committee on Science and Technology (2008–2009)
ICCD/CST(S-1)/4/Add.3	The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention – Committee on Science and Technology. Addendum. Note by the secretariat. Elements for provision of advice on how best to measure progress on Strategic Objectives 1, 2 and 3 of The Strategy.

Annex II

Tentative organization of work

Wednesday, 3 November 2008	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
<p><i>Joint opening of the first special session of the Committee on Science and Technology and of the seventh session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Regional consultations of affected country Parties of the Convention's regional implementation annexes</i></li> </ul>

Tuesday, 4 November 2008	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Regional consultations of affected country Parties of the Convention's regional implementation annexes (continued)</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Regional consultations of affected country Parties of the Convention's regional implementation annexes (continued)</i></li> </ul>

Wednesday, 5 November 2008	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Continuation of the first special session of the CST</i></li> <li>• <i>Introductory Statement by the Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology</i></li> <li>• <i>Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (ICCD/CST(S-1)/1)</i></li> <li>• <i>Functioning of the Committee on Science and Technology:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Consideration of the report on the work of the Bureau of the Committee on Science and Technology (ICCD/CST(S-1)/2)</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Reshaping the operation of the Committee on Science and Technology in line with the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Intersessional Working Group 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Consideration of the report on progress with the preparation of CST 9 in a scientific and technical conference-style format (ICCD/CST(S-1)/3)</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

- The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention – Committee on Science and Technology.
  - Consideration of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention – Committee on Science and Technology. (ICCD/CST(S-1)/4)
  - Consideration of the draft multi-year (four-year) work plan for the Committee on Science and Technology (ICCD/CST(S-1)/4/Add.1)

Wednesday, 5 November 2008

3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

- The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention – Committee on Science and Technology (*continued*)
  - Consideration of the costed draft two-year work programme for the Committee on Science and Technology (ICCD/CST(S-1)/4/Add.2)

Thursday, 6 November 2008

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention – Committee on Science and Technology (<i>continued</i>)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Elements for provision of advice on how best to measure progress on Strategic Objectives 1, 2 and 3 of The Strategy (ICCD/CST(S-1)/4/Add.3)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention – Committee on Science and Technology (<i>continued</i>)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Elements for provision of advice on how best to measure progress on Strategic Objectives 1, 2 and 3 of The Strategy (ICCD/CST(S-1)/4/Add.3) (<i>continued</i>)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Adoption of the report of the Committee</i></li> <li>• <i>Closure of the session</i></li> </ul> |
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