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Preliminary analysis of the information contained in the report from the secretariat on the operational objectives of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018)

# Preliminary analysis of information contained in the report from the secretariat on the operational objectives of The Strategy

### Note by the secretariat

#### Summary

This document contains a preliminary analysis of information collected by the secretariat on operational objectives 1, 2 and 3 of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018) (The Strategy). According to decision 13/COP.9, the secretariat shall participate in the assessment of implementation as one of the seven reporting entities and shall report on five of the 18 consolidated performance indicators. Since the secretariat is the only reporting entity reporting on CONS-O-2 and CONS-O-12, this document analyses the information provided on these indicators with a focus on the targets set in decision 13/COP.9. Since all seven reporting entities report on CONS-O-3, CONS-O-7 and CONS-O-11, the analysis of these indicators refers to the global analysis of the other reporting entities, which was presented to the ninth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention.

As this is the first time that the secretariat has used the performance review and assessment of implementation system to submit a report on performance indicators as part of the assessment of implementation, as well as a report on the implementation of its 2010–2011 work programme for the performance review, this document includes some considerations on the secretariat's schedule for reporting against performance indicators

The document also presents options for the refinement of some indicators and their targets as part of the iterative process.



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## I. Introduction

1. Parties at the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 9) adopted a new performance review and assessment of implementation system (PRAIS). The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018) (The Strategy), contained in decision 3/COP.8, built the foundation of PRAIS and the terms of reference of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC) define the review modalities, which consist of two main pillars: the performance review and the assessment of implementation (decisions 11/COP.9, 12/COP.9 and 13/COP.9).

2. The performance review is based on the respective work programmes of the Convention's institutions and bodies, which use a results-based management (RBM) approach, and is to be undertaken every two years at the session of the CRIC held in conjunction with ordinary sessions of the COP. The assessment of implementation compiled by the reporting entities is to be conducted against impact indicators for the strategic objectives of The Strategy (to be reported on every four years) and performance indicators for the operational objectives (to be reported on every two years), as well as reporting on financial flows contained in the Standardized Financial Annex and the Programme and Project Sheet. The assessment of implementation is to be undertaken at the CRIC session held between ordinary sessions of the COP. Reporting is accompanied by an iterative process of refining the indicators and methodologies applied.

3. The CRIC at its ninth session (CRIC 9) reviewed the information contained in reports from affected and developed country Parties, United Nations agencies and intergovernmental organizations, the Global Mechanism (GM), and the Global Environment Facility on operational objectives 1–5 of The Strategy, which were compiled and submitted to CRIC 9 in the preliminary analysis documents ICCD/CRIC(9)/3 to 6.<sup>1</sup>

4. The present document contains the analysis of the report by the secretariat on the set of five performance indicators,<sup>2</sup> which has been uploaded onto the PRAIS portal. The secretariat is the only reporting entity reporting on CONS-O-2 and CONS-O-12. The document therefore presents and analyses those indicators with a focus on their targets as set out in decision 13/COP.9. Since all seven reporting entities report on CONS-O-3, CONS-O-7 and CONS-O-11, the analysis of these three consolidated performance indicators also refers to the global analysis of the other reporting entities, which was presented at CRIC 9. The secretariat's report on assessment of implementation refers to the reporting period 2008–2009.

5. This is the first time that the secretariat has submitted a report on performance indicators in the PRAIS framework as part of the assessment of implementation or a report on the implementation of its 2010–2011 work programme for the performance review.<sup>3</sup> This document therefore includes some considerations on the secretariat's schedule for reporting on performance indicators.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> They are complemented by documents on financial flows (ICCD/CRIC(9)/8), on the review and compilation of best practices (ICCD/CRIC(9)/9) and on the consideration of the iterative process (ICCD/CRIC(9)/10).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As contained in decision 13/COP.9, annex III.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> ICCD/COP(10)/12, Report on the implementation of the costed two-year work programme of the secretariat (2010–2011).

6. The template and reporting guidelines on assessment of implementation used for the first report of the secretariat are annexed to this document.<sup>4</sup>

### **II.** Assessment of implementation

#### A. Performance indicator CONS-O-2 for outcome 1.2

#### Performance indicator CONS-O-2

Number of official documents and decisions at international, regional and subregional levels relating to DLDD issues.

(See CONS-O-2 in decision 13/COP.9, annex III)

7. This indicator provides a measure of the recognition of issues related to desertification/land degradation and drought (DLDD) at the international, regional and subregional levels by assessing the number and type of decisions and official documents from outside the Convention that contain declarations, conclusions and recommendations related to DLDD, distinguishing between the different bodies from which they emanate.

8. In 2008, reference was made to DLDD in 19 decisions of intergovernmental bodies and six decisions from international organizations, whereas in 2009 reference was made in only three decisions from intergovernmental organizations and there were no references in decisions by international organizations. This does not necessarily reflect a negative trend, however, but only mirrors the number of DLDD-relevant conferences in the biennium. For instance, the Ramsar Convention and the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD) each held a COP in 2008 but not in 2009, and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) held the World Conservation Congress in 2008. It should also be noted that in 2009 two resolutions were passed by the General Assembly which made specific reference to desertification and the Convention.<sup>5</sup> In 2008 and 2009, regional organizations made reference to DLDD in one decision in each year. In addition, the reference in the Yokahama declaration reflects the importance given to DLDD in South-South cooperation between Asia and Africa.

9. Reference to DLDD was made in five documents emanating from meetings of intergovernmental organizations in 2008 and in 18 documents in 2009. This increase in numbers is mainly due to the eighth United Nations Forum on Forests, held in 2009. It should be noted, however, that the sixteenth sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) in 2008 and the seventeenth session CSD in 2009 had a thematic focus on Africa, agriculture, drought and desertification, land and rural development.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> In line with decision 8/COP.8, which requests the secretariat to develop reporting guidelines for the review of the implementation of the Convention for all entities that are requested to report regularly to the COP, the secretariat has prepared a reporting template for the secretariat, and uploaded this template on to the PRAIS portal.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Resolution 64 201 on the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (2010–2020), and resolution 64 202 on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa).

#### **Contribution to the target**

The Convention website has been restructured and includes a thematic database on relevant decisions and documents as part of the PRAIS.

(See decision 13/COP.9, annex III, performance indicator CONS-O-2, target.)

10. Since the information needed is, by its nature, collected centrally, the secretariat is the only reporting entity to report on this indicator. During the reporting period (2008–2009), the secretariat compiled a list of relevant international forums and has uploaded it onto the PRAIS portal.<sup>6</sup> The database allows access to all the decisions and documents listed under the indicator.

11. The secretariat has achieved this target, although the database has been available on the PRAIS portal only since August 2011.

#### Additional information for the iterative process

12. Parties may wish to consider refining the target, since it only sets a milestone for 2010. The refined target could identify a quantitative objective related to a timeline, for instance, "the number of decisions or documents that refer to the Convention or DLLD by 2013", or "the percentage increase in the number of decisions and documents making reference to the Convention or DLLD by 2013".

## B. Performance indicator CONS-O-3 for outcome 1.3

#### Performance indicator CONS-O-3

Number of civil society organizations and science and technology institutions participating in the Convention process.

(See CONS-O-3 in decision 13/COP.9, annex III)

13. This indicator measures the level of participation by civil society organizations and science and technology institutions at the institutional level of the Convention (meetings of the COP, the CRIC and the CST, as well as (sub)regional meetings, such as regional meetings preparatory to the COP). The indicator aims to monitor whether the active participation of these stakeholders in these institutional initiatives increases over time and whether effective mechanisms have been established to encourage the engagement of, and receive contributions from, civil society organizations and science and technology institutions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The database is available at <http://www.unccd-prais.com/Home/DLDDDecisionsAndDocs>.

#### Contribution to the target

A steady growth in the participation of civil society organizations and science and technology institutions in the Convention processes is recorded along the implementation period of The Strategy.

(See decision 13/COP.9, annex III, performance indicator CONS-O-3, target.)

14. The information provided in this reporting cycle can only be treated as baseline information, since trends for the participation of civil society organizations and science and technology institutions can only be identified by comparing participation at equivalent meetings.<sup>7</sup> It is therefore not yet possible to make any statement on this target.

15. The baseline for participation at the CRIC and the CST is the eighth session of the CRIC (CRIC 8) and the first special session of the CST (CST S-1) in 2008. Representatives of 45 civil society organizations (a total of 73 participants), 51 governmental and 15 United Nations/intergovernmental science and technology institutions participated in CRIC 8 and CST S-1. The participation of 29 of the 45 civil society representatives was facilitated by the secretariat. The baseline for regional meetings is 2009, when the regional meetings preparatory to COP 9 took place. In 2009, representatives of 16 civil society organizations participated in the regional meetings preparatory to the COP, 13 of which were funded by the secretariat. The baseline for the participation of civil society organizations and science and technology institutions at the COP is COP 9. Representatives of 49 civil society organizations (with a total of 205 participants) and 77 governmental and 11 United Nations/intergovernmental science and technology institutions participated at COP 9 in 2009, 16 of which were funded by the secretariat.

#### 1. Comparison with the data and information provided by other reporting entities

16. The data provided by the secretariat can be compared with the data provided by other reporting entities on the involvement of civil society organizations and science and technology institutions in the field in DLDD-related programmes and projects. Preliminary analysis presented in document ICCD/CRIC(9)/3 of the information contained in reports from affected and developed country Parties, United Nations agencies and intergovernmental organizations, and the Global Environment Facility on operational objective 1 of The Strategy shows that, in 2008, a total of 8883 civil society organizations were involved in DLDD-related programmes and projects worldwide. This number increased to 10,011 in 2009. In addition, 1707 science and technology institutions were involved in DLDD-related programmes and projects worldwide in 2008. This number decreased slightly to 1651 in 2009. The participation of civil society organizations at the CRIC and the CST in 2008 thus represents 0.5 per cent of the civil society organizations involved in DLDD-related programmes, and the participation of civil society organizations at COP 9 in 2009 also represents 0.5 per cent. The participation of science and technology institutions at the CRIC and the CST in 2008 represents 3.9 per cent of the science and technology institutions involved in DLDD-related programmes and projects, and the participation of science and technology institutions at COP 9 in 2009 represents 5.3 per cent of their involvement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> That is, participation in the COP should only be compared with participation in the COP, and participation at regional meetings should only be compared with participation at regional meetings.

#### 2. Additional information for the iterative process

17. The reporting template of the secretariat does not request information at the same level of detail on the participation of science and technology institutions and civil society organizations as that requested by other reporting entities. Less detail is requested on the participation of science and technology institutions, because this information is currently not available. There is a need for participants in the COP, the CST and the CRIC as well as in the regional meetings to clearly identify and register themselves as representing science and technology institutions. Once this information is provided and stored in the registration database, the reporting template for the secretariat should be changed to take better account of it.

#### C. Performance indicator CONS-O-7 for outcome 2.5

#### Performance indicator CONS-O-7

Number of initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions or mechanisms for joint implementation at all levels.

(See CONS-O-7 in decision 13/COP.9, annex III.)

18. This indicator measures the contribution of the secretariat to promoting synergistic processes at the national, subregional, regional and global levels which foster the introduction or strengthening of mutually reinforcing measures among the three Rio Conventions, by counting the number of instruments (i.e. joint planning/programming and/or operational mechanisms) the establishment of which has been supported, either technically and/or financially, by the secretariat.

19. Apart from the joint publication in 2009 of UNCCD/UNEP/UNDP, Climate Change in African drylands, options and opportunities for adaptation and mitigation, the secretariat did not directly provide technical or financial assistance for any country Party or region, but was mainly engaged in liaison with the other Rio conventions to promote synergies in the implementation of the Convention. The outcome of these activities is reflected in the elaboration of a roadmap between the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Convention for national action programme and national adaptation programme of action alignment, and CBD decision IX/17 on the sub-programme on biodiversity in dry and sub-humid lands.

#### **Contribution to the target**

By 2014, each affected country Party has either one joint national plan in place or functional mechanism(s) to ensure synergies among the three Rio conventions.

(See decision 13/COP.9, annex III, performance indicator CONS-O-7, target.)

# Contribution to the target and comparison with the data and information provided by other reporting entities

20. The target set for this indicator measures progress towards achievements at the country level. Therefore, the contribution of the secretariat to the achievement of this target can only be measured in the context of the assessments of implementation of all reporting

entities. As is presented in the preliminary analysis in document ICCD/CRIC(9)/4 of operational objective 2 of The Strategy, in 2009, 64 affected country Parties reported 116 synergistic initiatives. Most of the countries have both types of synergetic initiative (joint planning/programming initiatives and operational mechanisms for joint implementation or mutual reinforcement). Of the 64 affected countries which have a synergistic initiative, 16 (or 25 per cent) were supported by developed country Parties. It is arguable that this is more than one-third (38%) of the 2014 target. It is, however, difficult to measure the extent to which the advocacy action undertaken by the secretariat at the global level contributed to the achievement of this target.

#### D. Performance indicator CONS-O-11 for outcome 3.5

#### Performance indicator CONS-O-11

Type, number and users of DLDD-relevant knowledge-sharing systems at the global, regional, subregional and national levels described on the Convention website.

(See CONS-O-11 in decision 13/COP.9, annex III.)

21. This indicator measures the presence of DLDD-related knowledge-sharing processes at the national, subregional, regional and global levels, through the quantification of the type and number of existing knowledge-sharing systems. The information relevant to this indicator is mostly provided by the other reporting entities, the role of the secretariat being to compile this information and make it accessible in a database. In addition, the secretariat is invited to list any regional, subregional or global knowledge management system which has been uploaded to the database.

#### Contribution to the target

By 2010, the Convention website has been restructured and includes a thematic database on knowledge-sharing systems as part of the PRAIS.

(See decision 13/COP.9, annex III, performance indicator CONS-O-11, target)

#### 1. Contribution to the target by compiling data provided by other reporting entities

22. At the time of reporting (2008–2009), the secretariat was planning to make use of the data to be submitted to PRAIS by the reporting countries in order to prepare the database. The database is uploaded on the website and accessible at: <a href="http://www.unccd-prais.com/Home/KnowledgeSharingSystems">http://www.unccd-prais.com/Home/KnowledgeSharingSystems</a>. The secretariat has achieved the target, although the thematic database on the DLDD-relevant knowledge-sharing systems has been available only since August 2011. It should be noted, however, that the information required for the compilation of the database was made available by Parties and other reporting entities only in late 2010. Although not specifically requested by the indicator, and in order to measure the contribution to the achievement of outcome area 3.5, the secretariat plans to compile data on the number of users of this database.

23. As is noted in document ICCD/CRIC(9)/5, 308 knowledge-sharing systems and 326 web links were reported by the Parties and three by the GM. The secretariat has compiled all the links to knowledge-sharing systems and made them available on the PRAIS portal sorted by region, subregion and country. The database is accessible at the following link:

<http://www.unccd-prais.com/Home/KnowledgeSharingSystems>. The database currently presents a collection of national knowledge management systems, since no reporting entities for subregional action programmes and regional action programmes have yet been identified.

#### 2. Additional information for the iterative process

24. Since the target only sets a milestone for 2010 and the indicator could be improved, Parties may wish to further refine both as part of the mid-term evaluation and/or the iterative process. Since all reporting entities report against CONS-O-11, the estimated number of users of the thematic database on knowledge-sharing systems could eventually be reported.

#### E. Performance indicator CONS-O-12 for outcome 3.6

#### Performance indicator CONS-O-12

Number of science and technology networks, institutions or scientists engaged in research mandated by the COP.

(See CONS-O-12 in decision 13/COP.9, annex III.)

25. This indicator measures the presence of Convention-driven research processes by the quantification of technology networks, institutions and scientists that have contributed concretely with their research work to the implementation of the Convention. Only the secretariat reports on this indicator since only the engagement requested by the COP (on the advice of the CST) and/or formalized by the secretariat is to be considered. Thus, for the purposes of measuring indicator CONS-O-12, research mandated by the COP is defined as research undertaken by science and technology networks, institutions or scientists contracted by the secretariat to undertake research on issues raised by the COP.

#### **1.** Contribution to the target

26. CONS-O-12 does not have any targets identified by Parties. However, since there was a significant increase in engagement by science and technology networks, institutions and scientists in COP processes from 2008 to 2009, a trend may be indicated. In 2008, one scientific institution and three individual scientists were contracted by the secretariat. This number increased significantly in 2009, when four scientific networks, five scientific institutions and 11 individual scientists were contracted. In addition, 218 scientists participated in the 1st scientific conference. The participation of 50 of them, as well as 10 keynote speakers, was facilitated by the secretariat. The positive trend in the engagement of scientists in the Convention processes can be clearly ascribed to the new format of the CST since CST 9, which included the 1st scientific conference.

#### 2. Additional information for the iterative process

27. An absolute target for this indicator would be of limited significance, but a trend could be measured from variations in the indicator over the two-year period.

# **III.** Considerations on the secretariat's reporting obligations against performance indicators

28. The provisions relating to the secretariat's reporting obligations under PRAIS are contained in decision 11/COP.9 and decision 13/COP.9.

29. Annex III of decision 13/COP.9 on improving the procedures for communication lists the secretariat among the seven reporting entities of PRAIS and singles out five performance indicators against which the secretariat is requested to report.<sup>8</sup> However, the decision does not indicate whether this report should be submitted at intersessional sessions of the CRIC together with the other reporting entities.

30. The terms of reference of the CRIC contained in the annex to decision 11/COP.9 determine that the performance review of the Convention's institutions and subsidiary bodies is to be undertaken at CRIC sessions held in conjunction with the COP and should include a review of performance indicators.

31. In response to the COP decisions relevant to its reporting obligations, the secretariat prepared and submitted for consideration by the Parties two separate sets of documents:

(a) A report on assessment of implementation of The Strategy (2008–2009), which is available on the PRAIS portal, together with the present document, and contains a preliminary analysis of the secretariat's report taking into consideration the reporting against performance indicators by other entities as applicable;

(b) A report on the implementation of the secretariat's 2010–2011 work programme and its 2010–2013 workplan (document ICCD/COP(10)/12) within the overall reporting on the performance of the Convention's trust funds, as well as a preliminary analysis of the performance reports of the Convention's institutions (ICCD/CRIC(10)/8).

32. In order to avoid duplication of information, Parties may wish to advise on how to further improve the reporting process and consider the following options:

(a) **Maintaining the status quo:** The secretariat reports against the consolidated performance indicators and uploads them on to the PRAIS portal. The analysis of the secretariat is presented at CRIC sessions held in conjunction with the COP in a separate document, which makes reference to the information on the assessment of implementation provided by the other reporting entities;

(b) **Reporting streamlined:** The secretariat reports against the consolidated performance indicators and submits its information, together with the other reporting entities, to the CRIC sessions held between ordinary sessions of the COP. The analysis of the secretariat's performance indicators is undertaken together with the analysis of the other reporting entities and is presented in the same document as the assessment of implementation.

(c) **Merging performance reporting:** The secretariat reports against performance indicators as part of the performance review undertaken in CRIC sessions held in conjunction with the COP. Performance indicators on the secretariat's workplans and programmes are harmonized and complementary to those indicated in decision 13/COP.9, and the secretariat submits a single, consolidated report to the CRIC on its performance relating to the biennium in which the performance review takes place. The baseline established for 2008–2009, however, will be applied to measure progress.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Paragraph 8, annex III, decision 13/COP.9 determines that the secretariat is requested to report on indicators CONS-O-2, CONS-O-3, CONS-O-7, CONS-O-11 and CONS-O-12.

33. Although the GM has already been given a specific timeline for reporting on assessment of implementation (i.e. at sessions held in between the sessions of the COP), Parties may wish to align the timeframes and the content of the reporting obligations of the Convention's two institutions to facilitate review by the CRIC.

### **IV.** Conclusions and recommendations

34. As regards CONS-O-2, it could be stated that the secretariat achieved the target set for 2010 to upload a thematic database on relevant decisions and documents as part of the PRAIS, although the database has been accessible online only since August 2011. After reaching this target, a new target should be adopted that could refer to the number of decisions and documents making reference to the Convention and DLLD in a given period.

35. No numeric targets against which progress can be measured are associated with CONS-O-3. It aims, instead, to achieve a steady growth in participation by civil society organizations and science and technology institutions in the Convention process. The information provided for 2008–2009 can only be treated as baseline information, since trends in participation at official meetings can only be measured over time.

36. The secretariat does not directly support initiatives at the national level, but does promote synergistic planning and implementation, mainly through liaison with the other Rio conventions. Since the target set for CONS-O-7 measures progress towards achievements at the country level, this indicator can be analysed only in the context of the assessment of implementation of all reporting entities. It is, however, difficult to measure the extent to which global advocacy by the secretariat contributed to the achievement of this target.

37. With regard to CONS-O-11, it could be stated that the secretariat has achieved the target, although the thematic database on DLDD-relevant knowledge-sharing systems has been accessible only since August 2011. As is noted above, the information required for the compilation of the database was made available by Parties and other reporting entities only in late 2010. The target needs to be further refined by requesting, for example, information on the number of users' knowledge-sharing systems in a given period of time.

38. CONS-O-12 does not define any targets. However, a significant increase in engagement by science and technology networks, institutions or scientists in the COP processes is reported (2008 to 2009). This positive trend could be ascribed to the new format of the CST, which since CST 9 had included a scientific conference.

**39.** The guidance provided by decision 13/COP.9 and decision 11/COP.9 leaves space for interpretation on when the secretariat should submit its report on the assessment of implementation. For this reporting cycle the assessment of implementation by the secretariat was undertaken in conjunction with the ordinary CRIC sessions, and is presented in this document.

40. However, as an alternative, for future reporting cycles the secretariat could undertake the assessment of implementation together with the other reporting entities, or link the analysis of the five consolidated performance indicators more closely to the performance review of the secretariat. In this regard, the document suggests three alternative approaches for the assessment of implementation and the performance review of the secretariat (see para. 32). On the one hand, an analysis of the linkages of the consolidated performance indicator with the secretariat work programmes indicates that there is a high level of congruence between the consolidated performance indicators against which the secretariat is requested to report as part of the assessment of implementation and the indicators on the secretariat's work programme related to the same outcome areas. This provides an argument for linking the assessment of implementation by the secretariat more closely with the performance review or even for integrating the consolidated indicators into the secretariat's work programme, making their review an integral part of the performance review. On the other hand, having a separate assessment of implementation linked to the assessments of the other reporting entities might be considered valuable as additional information may be derived that is necessary for a comprehensive assessment.

#### 41. Parties at CRIC 10 may wish to:

(a) Review the baseline information for the five performance indicators and make recommendations on the contribution of the secretariat to the achievement of the three related outcome areas;

(b) Consider the three options put forward in paragraph 32, on the synchronization and streamlining of the reports of the Convention's institutions;

(c) Consider the options for further refinement of the targets for the five performance indicators proposed in the present document, as part of the iterative process or the mid-term evaluation.

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# Template and reporting guidelines for the secretariat

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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 by the Convention's institutions and subsidiary bodies 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), of reviewing the performance of the Convention's institutions and subsidiary bodies following a result-based management approach (RBM), and of reviewing and compiling best practices on the implementation of the Convention.

3. The attachment to decision 13/COP.9, paragraph 6, requests the Convention's institutions and subsidiary bodies to submit a performance report of the last biennium to each session of the CRIC held in conjunction with ordinary sessions of the COP. These performance reports are structured along a RBM approach on the basis of the adopted work plans and programmes of work

4. Besides the performance reports, according to paragraphs 7 and 8 of the attachment, the Convention's institutions are requested to report on some of the performance indicators provisionally adopted by decision 13/COP.9, on best practices and on any additional information related to reporting that may improve the overall monitoring process of the Convention. This reporting shall be harmonized with the reporting tools used by other reporting entities, to foster, overall, the maximum possible coherence of the reporting system of UNCCD.

5. The reporting tools of the stakeholders under review within the assessment of implementation (affected country Parties, developed country Parties, the Global Mechanism, United Nations agencies and intergovernmental organizations, entities reporting on the implementation of subregional and regional action programmes, the Global Environment Facility and, possibly, civil society organizations) have been developed along nine main building blocks.

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3. Impact indicators for strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3 (DLDD profile)
4. Impact indicators for strategic objective 4
5. Performance indicators
6. Standard Financial Annex
7. Programme and Project Sheet
8. Additional information
9. Best practices

6. For coherence purposes, the secretariat's additional reporting will be structured against the same blocks, namely those blocks covering the reporting requirements set by decision 13/COP.9, paragraphs 7 and 8 of the attachment.

7. This document presents the reporting guidelines for the secretariat related to blocks 1, 2, 5, 8 and 9 (shaded blocks). The guidelines are based on the provisions of Annex III and V of decision 13/COP.9 specifying performance indicators, their reporting attribution, baseline and targets, and the thematic topics to be covered by collected best practices.

8. 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 a glossary, common to all reporting entities and presented in a separate document.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Glossary Document, Title and Internet link to be added when posted on website.

# II. Template and reporting guidelines

## A. General information

GENER	RAL INFORMATION ON THE REPORTING ENTITY
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## **B.** Table of contents

- 1. The table of contents of the report submitted by the secretariat includes:
  - 1. General information on the reporting entity (see paragraph II.A of the guidelines)
  - 2. Report on performance indicators (see paragraph II.C of the guidelines)
    - 1) template for CONS-O-2
    - 2) template for CONS-O-3
    - *3) template for CONS-O-7*
    - 4) template for CONS-O-11
    - 5) template for CONS-O-12
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    - 1) Additional section template
  - 4. Report on best practices (see paragraph II.E of the guidelines)
    - *1) Best practices templates*

### C. Performance indicators

2. Performance indicators are for measuring progress against the five operational objectives of The Strategy, in line with decision 3/COP.8. The year 2008 (the first year of the Strategy) serves as the baseline year.

3. The secretariat is requested to report on the following five performance indicators out of the eighteen consolidated performance indicators presented in ICCD/CRIC(8)/5/Add.1 and Add.2.

Outcome	Indicator n°	Indicator name
1.2	CONS-O-2	Number of official documents and decisions at international, regional and subregional level relating to DLDD issues.
1.3	CONS-O-3	Number of CSOs and science and technology institutions participating in the Convention processes.
2.5	CONS-O-7	Number of initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio Conventions or mechanisms for joint implementation, at all levels.
3.5	CONS-O-11	Type, number and users of DLDD-relevant knowledge-sharing systems at the global, regional, subregional and national levels described on the Convention website.
3.6	CONS-O-12	Number of science and technology networks, institutions or scientists engaged in research mandated by the COP.

4. 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 the secretariat with relevant quantitative data, selection of multiple choice boxes, or narrative information. The Section on qualitative assessment is shaded as well to indicate that no reporting should be undertaken in this reporting cycle. Qualitative assessment should be reported starting from the next reporting on assessment of implementation in 2013 using the baseline that was established in 2011.

5. With respect to the templates used for the other reporting entities, the reporting templates of the secretariat, as well as those of the GM, include a section on 'harmonization' where synergies and coherence with the reporting on RBM are outlined. Adopted work plans and programmes of work are in fact also structured against the operational objectives and outcome areas of The Strategy.

# Templates for reporting on performance indicators

<b>Operational O</b>	)hiective 1:	Advocacy, away	eness raising and	education									
-	,	•	0	cuucution									
	indicator CONS-O-2												
	ficial documents and	decisions at inte	rnational, regional	and subregional le	evels relating to								
DLDD issues.													
Understandin	g of the indicator												
The indicator	e indicator provides a measure of the recognition of DLDD issues at the international, regional and												
subregional le	onal levels by assessing the number and type of the non UNCCD decisions and of non UNCCD												
official docur	ocuments containing declarations, conclusions and recommendations related to DLDD,												
distinguishing	hing between the different bodies they emanate from in order to determine the effect of the												
decision and d	locument. The indica	tor will outline w	whether the Conver	ntion receives eno	ugh attention in								
different conte	exts, including the po	litical arena, whe	ther DLDD issues	have the necessar	y visibility, and								
whether they a	are taken into accoun	t in relevant poli	cy-making process	es. Only the secre	tariat reports on								
this indicator	since the information	n needed is, by a	nature, to be colle	cted centrally. A	list of 'relevant								
international for	orums' shall be comp	oiled and kept up	lated by the secret	ariat and decisions	and documents								
shall be upload	led on the Convention	n website											
Data needed	<ul> <li>Information on de</li> </ul>	ecisions and offic	ial documents dire	ctly or indirectly r	elated to DLDD								
	issues and taken/	/presented/publici	zed at relevant in	ternational forums	s. For reference								
	purposes												
	<ul> <li>Official docume</li> </ul>	nts and decisio	ns are classified	according to th	neir originating								
	institutions, being	g (a) intergoverni	nental governing l	bodies such as the	e United Nation								
	General Assembly	y, the Assembly	and the Council of	the Global Enviro	onment Facility,								
	the Conference of	of the Parties of	Multilateral Envir	ronmental Agreem	ents - with the								
	exception of the	UNCCD COP -	- etc.), (b) interna	ational organizatio	ons, institutions,								
	authorities worki	ng at global, (c)	regional, (d) sub-	regional levels an	d (e) any other								
	entities not belong	ging to the previor	us groups.										
	<ul> <li>Official document</li> </ul>	ts shall contain de	eclarations, conclus	sions and recomme	endations related								
	to DLDD. They	are classified	according to the	e type of source	e (international,								
	regional/subregion	nal/national, CS	Os/STIs, others),	thus measuring	the level of								
	involvement in ad	lvocacy at differen	nt levels and by dif	ferent stakeholders	5.								
Data sources	The Internet, the we	eb sites of the for	rums, the websites	of the organizatio	ons dealing with								
(indicative	DLDD, hard copies of	of decisions and d	ocuments.	-	-								
only)	-												
Check the	'Decisions and do	cuments' 'Offici	al document', 'C	SOs', 'STIs', in	tergovernmental								
glossary for			organization, regi		-								
	organization, relevan				5								
Number of D	LDD-related decision												
Decision	n Intergovernme	International	Regional,	Subregional	Others								
taken by	y ntal governing	organizations	organizations	organizations									
Year	bodies												
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Sources of	Specify the sources		• •		as many rows as
information	necessary). If repo	orting online, you	may also upload r	elevant documents.	
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	2.				
	3.				
Number of DL	<b>DD-related</b> official	documents, by so	ource		
Source	Intergovernme	International	Regional,	Subregional	Others
	ntal governing	organizations	organizations	organizations	
Year	bodies				
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Sources of	Specify the sources	s used to extract t	he information pro	wided above (add a	is many rows as
information	necessary). If repo				
	1.				
	2.				
	3.				
Overall target	By 2010 the Conv	antion wabsite has	s been restructured	and includes a the	matic database
Overall target	on relevant decisio				matic database
Contribution			•		
to the target	At the time of report	ing, is the UNCCD	secretariat undertak	ing concrete initiativ	es to achieve the
C	target set for 2010?				
	Yes				
	No				
	If yes what kind of a	ctivities is the score	atariat undartaking?		
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	[Textbox]				

Qualitative assessment	Specify the reasons for the increasing and/or decreasing trend of DLDD-related decisions/official documents (tick as many boxes as necessary and rate the level of importance )													
	Reasons for increasing of decisions	Not important	Important	Very important										
	UNCCD policy making process is accelerated by exceptional global events related to DLDD													
	Significant increase of valuable scientific evidence													
	facilitating knowledge-based decision-making													
	Other (specify): (max 30 words)													
	Reasons for decreasing of decisions	Not important	Important	Very important										
	Exceptional global events emphasise other													
	environmental priorities than DLDD													
	Lack of valuable scientific evidence supporting													
	knowledge-based decision-making													
	Other (specify): (max 30 words)													
	Reasons for increasing of official documents	Not important	Important	Very important										
	UNCCD policy making process is accelerated by	1												
	exceptional global events related to DLDD													
	Significant increase of valuable scientific evidence													
	facilitating knowledge-based decision-making													
	Other (specify): (max 30 words)													
	Reasons for decreasing of official documents	Not important	Important	Very important										
	Exceptional global events emphasise other	important		mportant										
	environmental priorities than DLDD													
	Lack of valuable scientific evidence supporting													
	knowledge-based decision-making													
	Other (specify): (max 30 words)													

Harmonization with RBM reporting	Specify the multi-year workplan for the secretariat in force at the time of reporting:         2008–2011         2010–2013         2012–2015         2014–2017									
	accomplishments and corresponding performance indicators under outcome area 1.2 of the workplan?									
	Yes									
	No									
	If yes, specify how the two are complementing each other.									
	Max 100 words									
	If no, explain any evidence of incongruence and, if possible, provide reasons:									
	Max 100 words									
	Specify the work programme for the secretariat in force at the time of reporting:									
	2008–2009 2010–2011 2012–2013 2014–2015 2016–2017									
	Is reporting on CONS-O-2 coherent with and/or synergistic to the relevant expected accomplishments under operational objective 1 of the work programme?									
	Yes No									
	If yes, specify how the two are complementing each other.									
	Max 100 words									
	If no, explain any evidence of incongruence and, if possible, provide reasons:									
	Max 100 words									

Operational Ob	jective 1:	Advocacy, awareness raising and education									
Performance in	dicator CONS-O	-3 for Outcome 1.3									
Number of CSO	Number of CSOs and science and technology institutions participating in the Convention processes.										
Understanding	of the indicator										
technology insti CRIC, and (sub stakeholders in t within the Corr contributions fro the secretariat b	tutions (STIs) at t )regional meeting hese institutional i evention valid an om, CSOs and STI by reporting on th	of participation of civil society organizations (CSOs) and science and he institutional level of the UNCCD (meetings of the COP and of the s). The indicator will outline whether the active involvement of these nitiatives increases over time and whether the secretariat has established d/or sufficient mechanisms for the engagement of, and receiving s. Other reporting entities will complement the information provided by e involvement of CSOs and STIs at the field level, in DLDD-related nally, the GM will report on the involvement of CSOs and STIs within									
Data needed	the CRIC and • Only formal	ion of the organizations participating to the meetings of the COP and of to regional/subregional meetings. engagement is to be considered. At the institutional level, this implies is the stakeholders among the participants and their actual participation in									
Data sources ( <i>indicative</i> only)	Registration form	ns and lists of attendance									
Check the glossary for	'STIs', 'CSOs',	'Convention processes', 'IFS'									

# Number of CSOs participating to UNCCD meetings (Ind=individuals; Org=organization)

Year			CO	P				RIC/C	ST i	nterse	ession	nal	(sub)regional						
	Fur	nded	Fun	ded	То	tal	Fun	ded	Fur	nded	Total		Α	Funded		Funded		To	otal
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Year			CO					RIC/CST intersessional (sub)regional																							
	Func			Funded		Funded		Funded								tal	Func	led	Fund	ded	Total		Annex	<u> </u>	inded	Fu	inded	Т	otal		
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the targe	et					-			-	cipai	tion of	f C	SOs a	nd S	TIs in	the	Conv	enti	on's												
		$p_{i}$	roces	ses a	t the	inst	itution	al lev	vel?																						
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										Ν	lo																				

Qualitative	Specify the reasons for the increasing and/or a	0		-			
assessment	CSOs and STIs to the Convention's processes at the institutional level. (tick as many						
	boxes as necessary and rate the level of important	nce)					
	Descent for in encoding	N-4	I	V			
	Reasons for increasing	Not important	Important	Very important			
	Increased networking and collaboration						
	opportunities with CSOs						
	Increased networking and collaboration						
	opportunities with STIs						
	Increased interest in working with CSOs						
	Increased interest in working with STIs						
	Strengthened lobbying capacity of STIs						
	Strengthened lobbying capacity of CSOs						
	Increased availability of funding						
	Other (specify): (max 30 words)						
	Reasons for decreasing for CSOs	Not	Important	Very			
		important		important			
	Worsening of networking and collaboration						
	linkages with CSOs						
	Engagement of CSOs is not a priority						
	Diminishing funding availability						
	Other (specify): (max 30 words)						
	Reasons for decreasing for STIs	Not	Important	Very			
	8	important	*	important			
	Decreasing interest of STIs in DLDD-related topics						
	Engagement of STIs is not a priority						
	Diminishing funding availability						
	Other (specify): (max 30 words)						
	Call (specify). (max 50 words)						
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Harmonization with RBM reporting	Specify the multi-year workplan for the secretariat in force at the time of reporting:         2008–2011         2010–2013         2012–2015         2014–2017			
	Is reporting on CONS-O-3 coherent with and/or synergistic to the expected accomplishments and corresponding performance indicators under outcome area 1.3 of the workplan?			
	Yes			
	No			
	If yes, specify how the two are complementing each other.			
	Max 100 words			
	If no, explain any evidence of incongruence and, if possible, provide reasons:			
	Max 100 words			
	Specify the work programme for the secretariat in force at the time of reporting:			
	2008–2009 2010–2011 2012–2013 2014–2015 2016–2017			
	Is reporting on CONS-O-3 coherent with and/or synergistic to the relevant expected accomplishments under operational objective 1 of the work programme?			
	Yes No			
	If yes, specify how the two are complementing each other.			
	Max 100 words			
	If no, explain any evidence of incongruence and, if possible, provide reasons:			
	Max 100 words			

<b>Operational O</b>	bjective 2:	Policy fra	amework				
Performance in	ndicator CONS	5-O-7 for Outco	me 2.5				
Number of initi	Number of initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio Conventions or mechanisms						
for joint implen							
Understanding	•						
					gistic processes a		
-	•	•			of or strengthen t	-	
					ber of instruments		
				ose establishment	t has been support	ted	
	• •	by the UNCCD		struments in plac	e, the higher the	possibility of	
-	•		-	-	retariat will be co		
					bregional, region		
level.		is on synergistic	processes a	t the national, su	oregional, region	ai una giobai	
Data needed	<ul> <li>Planning/pr</li> </ul>	rogramming do	cuments, in	formation from	partnership agre	eements and	
	programme	0 0			1 1 1 2		
			ms which h	ave the achiever	nent of joint imp	plementation,	
	synergies, o	convergence, and	d the introdu	ction or strength	ening of reinforc	ing measures	
	Ŭ		s clearly stat	ed in their object	ives shall be cons	sidered under	
	this indicat	or.					
			· ·				
Data sources		nits within the se					
(indicative	<ul> <li>Partnership</li> </ul>	agreements, glo	bal/(sub)reg	ional programme	es/projects reports		
only) Check the	"Joint plann	in a /programmin	a initiativ	as" "Operation	al mechanisms	for joint	
glossary for	·	• • •	•	"Partnership agr		for joint	
glossary for	implementatio	n or mutual tem	iorcement,	Tarthership agr	cements		
For an indica	tive list of activ	ities by Parties t	o promote sy	vnergies among t	he Rio Conventio	ns, refer to	
	-	UNEP/CBD/	COP/DC/IX	/16, Annex II			
	11						
Number of					and global level	with the	
		anning/progran		ort of the secreta		<sup>c</sup> on ioint	
	Joint pi	initiatives	unning	-	Operational mechanisms for joint lementation or mutual reinforcement		
Year Level	national	(sub)region	global	national	(sub)region	global	
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According to the information you have provided above, if you have supported the establishment of one or more enabling instrument(s), reply to the questions below.

Specify the type of joint initiative(s) and/or of mechanism(s) supported (tick as many boxes as necessary)

Joint planning/programming initiatives			
Review of national plans and identification of gaps in synergies			
Identification of sectors and policies that could benefit from synergies and			
cooperation			
Review of plans and policies to enhance cooperation			
Enhancement of the institutional and scientific capacity of relevant			
stakeholders as well as of their awareness			
Other (specify): (max 30 words)			

Operational mechanisms for joint implementation or mutual reinforcement

Establishment of a national coordinating committee for implementation of
Establishment of a haronal coordinating committee for implementation of
the three Rio Conventions
Other (specify): (max 30 words)

Specify the framework(s) within which the above support was provided (tick as many boxes as necessary)

UNCCD-related framework
Joint Liaison Group
Other (specify): (max 30 words)

Specify the type of support provided (tick as many boxes as necessary)

Mainly technical
Mainly financial
Both technical and financial
Facilitation role

List the name(s) of the beneficiary UNCCD subregion(s)/region(s)/country(ies)(add as many rows as necessary)		1.       2.       3.	
Sources of information	Specify the sources used to extract the information provided above (add as many rows as necessary). If reporting online, you may also upload relevant documents.		
	1.		
	2.		
	3.		
Overall target	By 2014, each affected country Party has either one joint national plan in place of functional mechanism(s) to ensure synergies among the three Rio Conventions		

Contribution to the target	· · · ·	riat plans for providing support to one or more gion(s) or globally for the establishment of he three Rio Conventions?			
		Yes			
		No			
	If yes, when?				
		2010–2011			
		2012–2013			
		2014–2015			
		2016–2017			
	If yes and if known at the time of reporting, to which country(ies)/subregion(s)/region(s)?(add as many rows as necessary)(if globally, write 'global'; if not known leave the reply empty) 1. 2. 3.				

Qualitative assessment	In case the secretariat supported the establishment of synergistic planning/programming or mechanisms for joint implementation at the national, subregional, regional and/or global level, identify the major difficulties experienced in the establishment process (tick					
	as many boxes as necessary and rate the level of importance).					
	as many cones as necessary and rate me teret of	Not	Important	Very		
		important	mportant	important		
	Lack of coordination among relevant institutions of	·		1		
	the recipient (sub)region(s)					
	Human and/or financial resources constraints of the					
	recipient (sub)region(s)					
	Low political willingness of the recipient					
	(sub)region(s)					
	Lack of coordination among the Rio Conventions'					
	institutions					
	Lack of common targets among involved					
	organizations/institutions/conventions					
	Other (specify): (max 30 words)					
	In case the secretariat did not <u>suppor</u> planning/programming or mechanisms for je					
	subregional, regional and/or global level, ide delivery of this type of support (tick as many be importance)	entify the r	easons that	prevented		
	subregional, regional and/or global level, ide delivery of this type of support (tick as many b	entify the r	easons that essary and r	prevented ate the level		
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	subregional, regional and/or global level, ide delivery of this type of support (tick as many be importance) Not a development cooperation priority for UNCCD Insufficient financial resources	entify the r oxes as nece Not	easons that essary and r	prevented ate the level Very		
	subregional, regional and/or global level, ide         delivery of this type of support (tick as many be         importance)         Not a development cooperation priority for         UNCCD         Insufficient financial resources         No intervention was requested by recipient	entify the r oxes as nece Not	easons that essary and r	prevented ate the level Very		
	subregional, regional and/or global level, ide         delivery of this type of support (tick as many be         importance)         Not a development cooperation priority for         UNCCD         Insufficient financial resources         No intervention was requested by recipient         (sub)region(s)	entify the r oxes as nece Not	easons that essary and r	prevented ate the level Very		
	subregional, regional and/or global level, ide         delivery of this type of support (tick as many be         importance)         Not a development cooperation priority for         UNCCD         Insufficient financial resources         No intervention was requested by recipient	entify the r oxes as nece Not	easons that essary and r	prevented ate the level Very		

with RBM reporting	2008-2011         2010-2013         2012-2015         2014-2017         Is reporting on CONS-0-7 coherent with and/or synergistic to the expected accomplishments and corresponding performance indicators under outcome area 2.5 of the workplan?         Yes         No         If yes, specify how the two are complementing each other.         Max 100 words         If no, explain any evidence of incongruence and, if possible, provide reasons:         Max 100 words         Specify the work programme for the secretariat in force at the time of reporting:         2008-2009         2010-2011         2012-2013         2014-2015
	If yes, specify how the two are complementing each other.
	Max 100 words
	If no, explain any evidence of incongruence and, if possible, provide reasons:
	Max 100 words
	Specify the work programme for the secretariat in force at the time of reporting:
	2010–2011 2012–2013
	Is reporting on CONS-O-7 coherent with and/or synergistic to the relevant expected accomplishments under operational objective 2 of the work programme?
	Yes No
	If yes, specify how the two are complementing each other.
	Max 100 words
	If no, explain any evidence of incongruence and, if possible, provide reasons:

<b>Operational Ob</b>	jective 3:	Science, technology and knowledge				
Performance in	dicator CONS-O-1	1 for Outcome 3.5				
	Type, number and users of DLDD-relevant knowledge-sharing systems at the global, regional, subregional					
	and national levels described on the Convention website.					
0	Understanding of the indicator					
The indicator measures the presence at the national, subregional, regional and global level of DLDD- related knowledge-sharing processes, through the quantification of the type and number of existing knowledge-sharing systems. Effectiveness of these systems is measured through quantification of their user-base. The indicator will inform to what extent scientific and traditional knowledge, including best practices, are available to and sufficiently shared with end-users. The information for this indicator is mostly provided by the other reporting entities. The role of the secretariat is to compile this information and make it accessible in a database system. For the secretariat this indicator will thus look at the work undertaken in preparing such a database. In addition the secretariat is asked to list any regional, subregional or global knowledge management system, which it has uploaded to the database. Data needed • Information from websites.						
	<ul> <li>Only DLDD-rel</li> </ul>	evant knowledge-sharing systems and networks shall be considered.				
Data sources (indicative only)	Relevant organizat PRAIS portal	ions at the subregional, regional and global level.				
Check the 'knowledge-sharing system', 'PRAIS' glossary for						
-		ge-sharing system' at subregional, regional and global level you are link and estimated number of users per year (add as many rows as necessary)				
Name of the syst	em:					
Internet link:						
Estimated number	er of users per year:					
Name of the syst	em:					
Internet link:	C					
	er of users per year:					
Overall target	on knowledge-shar	ention website has been restructured and includes a thematic database ring systems as part of the PRAIS that includes also the information s and other reporting entities on this particular issue.				
Contribution to	At the time of report	ing, is the UNCCD secretariat undertaking concrete initiatives to achieve the				
the target	target set for 2010?					
	Yes					
	No					
	If yes what kind of a	ctivities is the secretariat undertaking?				
	[Textbox]					
Qualitative	-					
assessment						

Harmonization with RBM reporting	Specify the multi-year workplan for the secretariat in force at the time of reporting:         2008-2011         2010-2013         2012-2015         2014-2017         Is reporting on CONS-0-11 coherent with and/or synergistic to the expected accomplishments and corresponding performance indicators under outcome area 3.5 of the workplan?         Yes         No         If yes, specify how the two are complementing each other.         Max 100 words         If no, explain any evidence of incongruence and, if possible, provide reasons:         Max 100 words         Specify the work programme for the secretariat in force at the time of reporting:         2008-2009         2010-2011         2012-2013         2010-2011         2012-2013         2014-2015         2016-2017         Is reporting on CONS-O-11 coherent with and/or synergistic to the relevant expected accomplishments under operational objective 3 of the joint work programme?
	2010-2011         2012-2013         2014-2015         2016-2017    Is reporting on CONS-O-11 coherent with and/or synergistic to the relevant expected accomplishments under operational objective 3 of the joint work programme?          Yes

<b>Operational Obje</b>	ctive 3:		Science	e, techn	ology a	nd knov	vledge				
Performance indi	cator CON	NS-0-12	2 for Oi	itcome	3.6						
Number of science						r scienti	ists eno	aged in	research	h manda	ated by
the COP.		liology	network	5, 1115trt		i serent		ugeu III	researer	ii iiiuiiu	lieu oy
Understanding of	the indica	tor									
The indicator meas	ures the pr	resence	of Conv	ention-c	lriven re	esearch j	processe	es throug	gh the qu	uantifica	ation of
technology networ	ks, institut	ions and	d scienti	sts havi	ng cont	ributed of	concrete	ly with	their re	search v	vork to
the implementation	of the Co	nventio	n. The i	ndicator	will in	form to	what ex	tent the	implem	entatior	n of the
Convention is guid											
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secretariat is to be	considered	•									
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#### D. Additional information

6. The section on additional information is meant to provide an instrument of flexibility in the reporting exercise as well as to enrich the knowledge base of the CRIC on concrete issues faced by those entities reporting to the Convention and consequently to make more targeted and specific recommendations to the COP. In general, it allows commenting or reporting upon issues that are not covered elsewhere but that are nevertheless of importance within the framework of the implementation of The Strategy and the Convention.

7. The additional information section allows feedback to be received on the reporting process. It is also meant to accommodate *ad hoc* COP requests for reporting on specific topics or new reporting requirements deriving from COP deliberations that may supersede existing ones and imply changes in implementation.

8. The proposed template for reporting is adjusted to the mandate of the secretariat, as requested by decision 13/COP.9, paragraph 17 of the attachment; in particular, it responds to the request under paragraph 7 of the attachment to provide in the secretariat's report additional information relating to the reporting process.

Template for	reporting	on additional	information
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	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION				
to reporting	Section 1. Reporting process-related issues, regarding support provided by entities				
Parties to meet	Financial resourcesDid the secretariat provide financial support to affect UNCCD reporting obligations?	Financial resources			
	Yes No				
to the UNCCD	Provide an estimate of the amount invested by the service process.				
	Currency       Amount				
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#### E. Best practices

9. According to decision 13/COP. 9, Annex V, UNCCD best practices shall be collected according to seven themes: 1. SLM technologies, including adaptation; 2. Capacity building and awareness raising; 3. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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'.

14. When reporting on best practices implemented in affected country Parties, the secretariat is expected to have contacted and coordinated with the corresponding UNCCD NFP, to ensure coherence and lack of duplication in reporting on the practice.

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

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Property rights	Clarify if the technology described in the template, or a part of it, is covered by property rights:				
	If yes, please provide relevant information on the holder of the rights. (max 100 words)				
	DESCRIPTION				
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Location (if available, also include a map)					
If the location has well defined boundaries, specify its extension in hectares	Hectares (ha)				
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Specify the objectives of the best practice	1. (max 50 words)         2. (max 50 words)         3. (max 50 words)         4. (max 50 words)
Section 3. Activities	
Brief description of main activities, by objective	Objective 1.           1. (max 50 words)           2. (max 50 words)           3. (max 50 words)           Objective 2.           1. (max 50 words)           2. (max 50 words)           3. (max 50 words)           Objective 3.           1. (max 50 words)           2. (max 50 words)           Objective 3.           1. (max 50 words)           2. (max 50 words)           0. (max 50 words)           2. (max 50 words)           3. (max 50 words)           0. (max 50 words)           2. (max 50 words)           3. (max 50 words)           2. (max 50 words)           3. (max 50 words)           3. (max 50 words)           3. (max 50 words)           3. (max 50 words)
Short description of the technology	max 250 words
Technical specifications of the technology – if any	max 250 words
Section 4. Institutions/acto	ors involved (collaboration, participation, role of stakeholders)
Name and address of the institution developing the technology	

Was the technology	
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developed in partnership?	Yes
	No
	If yes, list the partners:
	1.
	2.
	3.
	4.
Specify the framework	
within which the	Local initiative
technology was promoted	National initiative – government-led
	National initiative – non-government-led
	International initiative
	Programme/project-based initiative
	Other (specify) (max 30 words)
Was the participation of	
local stakeholders,	Yes
including CSOs, fostered	No
in the development of the	110
technology?	
	If yes, list local stakeholders involved:
	1.
	2.
	3.
	4.
For the stakeholders listed	max 250 words
	max 230 woras
above, specify their role in the design introduction	
the design, introduction,	
use and maintenance of the technology if any	
the technology, if any.	

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 (more than one box can be ticked)	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         4. To mobilize resources to support implementation of the Convention through building effective partnerships between national and international actors	
Describe on-site impacts (the major two impacts by category) Describe the major two	Production or productivity:         1. (max 50 words)         2. (max 50 words)         Socio-economic level (including cultural level):         1. (max 50 words)         2. (max 50 words)         Environmental level:         1. (max 50 words)         2. (max 50 words)         0. (max 50 words)         1. (max 50 words)         2. (max 50 words)         2. (max 50 words)         1. (max 50 words)         2. (max 50 words)         1. (max 50 words)         2. (max 50 words)         1. (max 50 words)         1. (max 50 words)         1. (max 50 words)	
off-site (i.e. not occurring in the location but in the surrounding areas) impacts	2. (max 50 words) 2. (max 50 words)	

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Impact on biodiversity and climate change	In your opinion does the best practice/technology you have proposed positively impact on biodiversity conservation?
	Yes
	No
	Explain the reasons: max 250 words
	In your opinion does the best prestice/technology you have proposed
	In your opinion does the best practice/technology you have proposed positively impact on climate change mitigation?
	Yes
	No
	Explain the reasons: max 250 words
	In your opinion does the best practice/technology you have proposed positively impact on climate change adaptation?
	Yes
	No
	Explain the reasons: max 250 words
Has a cost-benefit analysis been carried out?	Yes No
	If yes, summarize its main conclusions: max 250 words

Section 6. Connection to other UNCCD themes		
Specify if the technology relates to one or more of the other UNCCD themes Section 7. Adoption and re	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	
Was the technology disseminated/introduced to other locations?	Yes       No       If yes, where? (add as many rows as necessary)       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 & 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?	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.	

In your opinion, the best practice/technology you have proposed can be replicated, although with some level of adaptation, elsewhere? If yes, at which level?	1. (max 50 words)         2. (max 50 words)         3. (max 50 words)         Yes         No
	Local
	Sub-national
	National
	Subregional
	Regional
	International
Section 8. Lessons learned	
Related to human	1. (max 50 words)
resources	2. (max 50 words)
	3. (max 50 words)
Related to financial	1. (max 50 words)
aspects	2. (max 50 words)
Related to technical	3. (max 50 words) 1. (max 50 words)
aspects	1. (max 50 words) 2. (max 50 words)
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