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I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. The provisional agenda presented for adoption is as follows:

1. Election of the President.
2. Election of other officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
4. Credentials of delegations.
5. Accreditation of non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations, admission of observers.
6. Other matters requiring action by the Conference of the Parties:
 - (a) Consideration and approval of certain parts of rules 22, 31 and 47 of the rules of procedure not yet agreed upon;
 - (b) Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning:
 - (i) Institutional linkage
 - (ii) Headquarters agreement with the Government of Germany;
 - (c) Programme and budget:
 - (i) Adjustment to the Convention budget and programme for 1999
 - (ii) Related budget decisions
 - (iii) Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds in 1998
 - (iv) Medium-term strategy of the secretariat
 - (v) Programme of work for the third and fourth sessions of the Conference of the Parties;
 - (d) Review of the implementation of the Convention, and of its institutional arrangements, including support to regional programmes;
 - (e) Review, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2(d) of the Convention, of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology, including its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties and its programme of work, and the provision of guidance to it;
 - (f) Review, pursuant to the same article, of the report of the Global Mechanism on its activities, and the provision of guidance to it;
 - (g) Review of available information regarding the financing of Convention implementation by multilateral agencies and institutions;
 - (h) Promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions;
 - (i) Consideration with a view to adopting, pursuant to article 27 of the Convention, procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions that may arise with regard to implementation;

- (j) Consideration with a view to proposing for adoption, in accordance with article 28, paragraphs 2(a) and 6 of the Convention, an annex containing arbitration and conciliation procedures;
- (k) Inclusion of activities of non-governmental organizations within the official programme of work of the Conference of the Parties;
- (l) Maintenance of the roster of experts;
- (m) Creation of an ad hoc panel or panels of experts, if necessary, with their terms of reference.

7. Report of the session.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction

Venue

2. By its decision 28/COP.1, the Conference of the Parties (COP) accepted the invitation of the Government of Senegal to host the second session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 2) to the Convention to Combat Desertification (CCD) in Dakar. It was confirmed by General Assembly resolution 52/198 of 18 December 1997 that the COP would be held in Dakar from 30 November to 11 December 1998. The session will, therefore, be opened by the Executive Secretary at the Méridien Conference Centre, Dakar, on Monday, 30 November 1998.

Logistic arrangements

3. A few weeks before the opening of COP 2, the secretariat will distribute an information note detailing registration and security procedures, as well as other logistic arrangements for the session.

Participants

4. In accordance with article 36, paragraph 2, of the CCD, for each State or regional economic integration organization which ratifies, accepts or approves the CCD or accedes thereto after the deposit of the fiftieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, the CCD enters into force on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit with the depositary of the relevant instrument. Consequently, the Parties as of the opening of COP 2 on 30 November will be the States and regional economic integration organizations that have deposited their instruments by 1 September 1998. Those which deposit their instruments after 1 September 1998 and by 12 September 1998 will become Parties during COP 2. Those that do so after 12 September 1998 will not become Parties until after the closure of the session but can participate in the session as observers, along with United Nations specialized agencies, accredited intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Relevant information on the status of ratifications is contained in document ICCD/COP(2)/Inf.3.

Agenda

5. In its decision 9/COP.1, the COP decided to include in the agenda for its second session certain standing items on its agenda and other selected items. These have been taken into account in the provisional agenda prepared for COP 2, in addition to issues arising from other decisions.

Documentation

6. A list of documents for the session and other documents of relevance is provided in Annex I. In addition to normal distribution, documents will be made available on the secretariat's World Wide Web site at the following address on the Internet: <<http://www.unccd.ch>>.

1. Election of the President

7. Rule 22 of the rules of procedure adopted by the COP (document ICCD/COP(1)/11/Add.1) provides for the election of the President from among the representatives of the Parties present at the session. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary will call for the election of the President.

2. Election of other officers

8. Pursuant to rule 22 of the rules of procedure, nine Vice-Presidents and the Chairperson of the Committee on Science and Technology, who, with the President, are to serve as the Bureau of the session, shall be elected from the representatives of the Parties present at the session. The President will call for the election of these officers.

3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

9. The COP will have before it the above provisional agenda which it may consider adopting. Annex II contains a tentative schedule of work for the session, on which the subsections below elaborate.

Purpose of the session

10. The Conference of the Parties, at its first session, adopted a decision on its programme of work (decision 9/COP.1), which included standing as well as selected items for discussion at COP 2. These items have been incorporated in the provisional agenda. The CCD provides, in article 22, paragraph 2(a), that the COP shall regularly review the implementation of the CCD and the functioning of its institutional arrangements. The organization of work of the session is designed to facilitate such activities, focusing attention on outstanding issues requiring resolution.

Opening meeting

11. As to the structure of the opening plenary, the COP may wish to consider the following scenario. The President would make a statement after his or her election. Statements would be made on behalf of regional groups, to be followed by an opportunity for statements by representatives of United Nations agencies and other intergovernmental organizations and one representative for non-governmental organizations. The Executive Secretary would then present an overview of issues before COP 2, introduce the documents prepared by the secretariat, and present a status report on ratifications of, or accessions to the CCD.

Establishment of a Committee of the Whole and allocation of its tasks

12. The practice followed at COP 1 was to establish a sessional Committee of the Whole (COW), chaired by a Vice-President of the COP and open to participation of all delegations. This could be done at COP 2. The COW would recommend decisions on outstanding issues for adoption by the COP. Its Chair would have the authority to delegate work, as appropriate, to drafting groups. Accordingly, the COP may wish to establish a COW at its opening plenary and to designate its Chair. The COP could allocate to the COW those items on which work from COP 1 remains outstanding, including any adjustment to the programme and budget, and the unagreed paragraphs of the rules of procedure referred to below, consideration of procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions, consideration of annexes for conciliation and arbitration procedures and the possible elaboration of an additional regional implementation annex.

Committee on Science and Technology

13. The Committee on Science and Technology (CST) is tentatively scheduled to meet from 1 to 3 December. In accordance with decision 16/COP.1, the secretariat has prepared document ICCD/COP(2)/CST/1 containing a provisional annotated agenda for the Committee's work, as well as other documents needed for its deliberations, which are listed in annex I.

Initial segment

14. It is proposed in the tentative schedule that COP 2 be divided into two segments. During the initial segment from 30 November to 7 December, in addition to the CST meeting, the COW would advance in its work in accordance with the agenda of the COP. The plenary would meet on Friday 4 December to hear reports from the COW and the CST, to take all possible decisions on issues before the COP, to review the organization of work for the second week, and to provide for further meetings of the COW if necessary.

Special segment on Convention implementation

15. At the special segment on 8 and 9 December, Parties with representation at the appropriate level would have an opportunity to make statements on ways and means by which the COP could promote timely and effective implementation of the Convention.

16. By its decision 9/COP.1, the Conference of the Parties decided to review the implementation of the Convention on the basis of statements and documents presented by delegations at its second session, which would also be undertaken during the special segment. The COP will have before it document ICCD/COP(2)/5, which will contain a report by the secretariat on activities which it has supported or in which it has participated since COP 1. The special segment could also take decisions on any issues remaining outstanding after the first week.

Parallel event

17. An interparliamentary round table on the contribution parliaments can make to the implementation of the Convention is being planned for Monday 7 December 1998, to be chaired by a member of the National Assembly of Senegal. It would involve the participation of parliamentarians from a number of countries. It is anticipated that any result from the round table would be communicated to the COP for consideration.

Concluding plenary

18. The concluding plenary of COP 2 will take any decisions not previously adopted. It will also have before it for adoption the report on credentials to be submitted by the Bureau. Finally, it will have to decide upon the date and venue of the third session of the Conference of the Parties, taking account of:

(a) Article 22, paragraph 4 of the CCD which provides that, unless otherwise decided by the COP, the third and fourth ordinary sessions shall be held yearly;

(b) Rule 4, paragraph 2 of the rules of procedure, which provides that, at each ordinary session, the COP shall decide on the date and duration of the next ordinary session and that the COP should endeavour not to hold such sessions at a time which would make the attendance of a significant number of delegations difficult;

(c) Rule 3 of the rules of procedure, which states that the sessions of the COP shall take place at the seat of the secretariat, unless the COP decides otherwise or other appropriate arrangements are made by the secretariat in consultation with the Parties; and

(d) Any offers to host the third session and cover the incremental costs thereof.

19. The proposed schedule allows for the afternoon of 10 December to be available for the preparation of final documents for consideration and decision at the final plenary on the morning of 11 December. Accordingly, all negotiations should be concluded by the lunch break on 10 December.

Times of meetings

20. The tentative schedule aims to make best use of the facilities available during normal working hours. No scheduling or budgetary provision has been made for evening or weekend sessions. Consistent with local working hours and to avoid incurring overtime expenses, the normal working hours of COP 2 will be from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. No provision has been made for more than two meetings to be held with services at any one time.

4. Credentials of delegations

21. Rule 19 of the rules of procedure provides: "The credentials of representatives as well as the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Permanent Secretariat if possible not later than twenty-four hours after the opening of the session. Any later change in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the Permanent Secretariat. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, or in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization." Rule 20 of the rules of procedure provides: "The Bureau of any session shall examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference of the Parties for decision." In addition, rule 21 provides: "Representatives shall be entitled to participate provisionally in the session, pending a decision by the Conference of the Parties to accept their credentials."

5. Accreditation of non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations, admission of observers

22. Article 22, paragraph 7 of the CCD provides: "The United Nations, its specialized agencies and any State member thereof or observers thereto not Party to the Convention, may be represented at sessions of the Conference of the Parties as observers. Any body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, which is qualified in matters covered by the Convention, and which has informed the Permanent Secretariat of its wish to be represented at a session of the Conference of the Parties as an observer, may be so admitted unless at least one third of the Parties present object". Rule 7 of the rules of procedure contains provisions to similar effect.

23. COP 1 adopted a decision on the accreditation of a certain number of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to the COP (decision 26/COP.1).

24. Document ICCD/COP(2)/12 contains a list of non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations newly proposed for accreditation at the COP.

25. The COP is invited to take action on the recommendations in accordance with the draft decision contained in document ICCD/COP(2)/13.

6. Other matters requiring action by the Conference of the Parties

- (a) *Consideration and approval of certain parts of rules 22, 31 and 47 of the rules of procedure not yet agreed upon*

26. In accordance with article 22, paragraph 2(e) of the CCD, the COP shall "agree upon and adopt, by consensus, rules of procedure ... for itself and any subsidiary bodies." At its first session, in its decision 1/COP.1, the COP decided to adopt its rules of procedure with the exception of the phrase "in the regions referred to in the implementation annexes of the Convention", in paragraph 1 of rule 22, with the exception of the same phrase in rule 31, and with the exception of paragraph 1 of rule 47.

27. The COP may wish to give further consideration to these outstanding issues and adopt by consensus the rules of procedure not yet agreed upon.

- (b) *Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning*

- (i) Institutional linkage

28. In its decision 4/COP.1, the Conference of the Parties noted with appreciation the offer of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to provide administrative and support arrangements for the secretariat contained in documents A/AC.241/44 and A./AC.241/55. At its fifty-second session, the United Nations General Assembly, in resolution 52/198 of 18 December 1997,

approved the institutional linkage between the secretariat and the United Nations, in accordance with the offer of the Secretary-General and as accepted by the Conference of the Parties. The report of the Executive Secretary on the implementation of decision 4/COP.1 is contained in document ICCD/COP(2)/9. The COP will be asked to approve the arrangements in accordance with the draft decision contained in document ICCD/COP(2)/13.

(ii) Headquarters agreement with the Government of Germany

29. In accordance with decision 5/COP.1, the Executive Secretary entered into negotiations for a headquarters agreement with the Government of Germany and the United Nations. The results of the negotiations are reflected in document ICCD/COP(2)/8, which will be before the Conference of the Parties together with ICCD/COP(2)/8/Add.1, which will contain the headquarters agreement for adoption by the COP. The COP will also have before it, for consideration, a report by the secretariat on the relocation to Bonn and possible liaison arrangements (ICCD/COP(2)/8/Add.2). The COP will be invited to consider and adopt the draft decision on the subject contained in ICCD/COP(2)/13.

(c) *Programme and budget*

(i) Adjustment to the Convention budget and programme for 1999

30. Article 22, paragraph 2(g) of the Convention calls on the COP to approve a programme and budget for its activities, including those of its subsidiary bodies, and to undertake necessary arrangements for their financing. At its first session, the COP approved in its decision 6/COP.1 the core budget of the Convention for 1999 and requested the Executive Secretary to report to COP 2 "any proposed adjustments to the Convention budget for 1999, on a detailed basis, including programme expenditure, overhead charges and offsetting contributions, taking account particularly of revisions deriving from the decisions on the physical location of the Permanent Secretariat". The report of the Executive Secretary is contained in document ICCD/COP(2)/2. At its first session, by decision 7/COP.1, the COP also noted the estimated requirements for 1999 for the Supplementary Fund and the Special Fund and requested the Executive Secretary to propose to the COP, at its second session, any related adjustments that might be required for 1999. The COP will be invited to consider the relevant draft decision contained in document ICCD/COP(2)/13.

(ii) Related budget decisions

31. As detailed in documents ICCD/COP(2)/2 and ICCD/COP(2)/13, the decision on programme and budget that the COP will consider for adoption contains all elements required by the CCD and the financial rules of the COP.

(iii) Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds in 1998

32. Document ICCD/COP(2)/3 provides actual and estimated expenditures in 1998 from the Trust Fund and the Special Voluntary Fund established by General Assembly resolution 47/188. Additionally, a summary report on expenditures from the same funds from 1993 to 1997, is contained in document ICCD/COP(2)/Inf.2.

(iv) Medium-term strategy for the secretariat

33. The secretariat has prepared a discussion paper (ICCD/COP(2)/6) on a proposed medium-term strategy for the secretariat, which the COP may wish to review and discuss. Provision has been tentatively made for such discussion on the afternoon of Wednesday, 2 December.

(v) Programme of work for the third and fourth sessions of the Conference of the Parties

34. A draft decision on the programme of work for the third and fourth sessions of the COP is contained in document ICCD/COP(2)/13.

- (d) *Review of the implementation of the Convention, and of its institutional arrangements, including support to regional programmes*

35. In accordance with article 22, paragraphs 2(a) and 2(b), and article 26, of the Convention, the COP is to review implementation of the CCD and its institutional arrangements. Participants will have an opportunity to conduct such a review during the special segment on Convention implementation on 8 and 9 December. In its decision 9/COP.1, the COP decided that the review of implementation at COP 2 would be conducted on the basis of statements and documents presented by delegations at that session. The secretariat has supplemented this information to be presented with a report on activities which have been funded through it or in which it has participated since the period covered in document ICCD/COP(1)/7, and this report is contained in document ICCD/COP(2)/5.

36. Included in that report is information on facilitation provided by the Executive Secretary for the effective and efficient functioning of regional action programmes, in accordance with decision 12/COP.1, paragraph (d). Provision has tentatively been made for discussion of implementation at the regional level on the morning of Wednesday, 2 December.

37. During COP 1, the President noted statements (ICCD/COP(1)/11, paragraph 53) made by some countries of Central and Eastern Europe concerning their wish to establish an additional regional instrument to the present Convention that would cover the specific concerns of these countries as well as the special commitments they are prepared to undertake within the framework of the Convention. This matter will be before the COP for discussion and any action the COP may wish to take.

- (e) *Review, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2(d) of the Convention, of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology, including its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties and its programme of work, and the provision of guidance to it*

38. In accordance with decision 9/COP.1, the review of the CST report constitutes a standing item on the agenda of the COP. The report of the Committee will describe the CST work programme in the period after COP 2. The CST will also be transmitting to it draft decisions resulting from the deliberations at its second session. The COP may wish to discuss the programme of work, make suggestions for its revision and provide any necessary guidance to the CST.

- (f) *Review, pursuant to the same article, of the report of the Global Mechanism on its activities, and the provision of guidance to it*

39. In its decision 24/COP.1, the COP identified the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) as the organization to house the Global Mechanism and agreed on its modalities. In its decision 25/COP.1, the COP decided that the agreement contained in the annex to that decision would serve as the initial basis for collaborative institutional arrangements in support of the Global Mechanism by IFAD, the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank. In decision 24/COP.1, the secretariat was requested, in consultation with the organization housing the Global Mechanism, as well as the two other collaborating organizations, to develop a memorandum of understanding between the COP and IFAD for consideration and adoption at the second session of the COP. The report of the Executive Secretary is contained in document ICCD/COP(2)/4, a draft memorandum of understanding is contained in ICCD/COP(2)/4/Add.1, and a draft decision in ICCD/COP(2)/13. The COP will hear and consider a report from the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism on behalf of the President of IFAD, in accordance with the reporting requirements of the Convention and COP decisions 24/COP.1 and 25/COP.1. In addition, the COP will hear and consider a report of IFAD, UNDP and the World Bank on collaborative institutional arrangements, in accordance with the reporting requirements of decision 25/COP.1.

- (g) *Review of available information regarding the financing of Convention implementation by multilateral agencies and institutions*

40. In its decision 9/COP.1, the COP decided to include, as a standing item on its agenda, a review of available information on the financing of the Convention by multilateral agencies and institutions, including information on the activities of the Global Environment Facility concerning desertification that relate to its four focal areas, as specified in article 20, paragraph 2(b) of the Convention. There will be an opportunity during the special segment on Convention implementation for relevant agencies and institutions to give information on support they have provided, including financial support, to affected country Parties in the implementation of the Convention by those Parties.

- (h) *Promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions*

41. In its decision 9/COP.1, the COP decided to include the topic of the promotion and strengthening of relationships with other conventions in accordance with article 8 and article 22, paragraph 2(i) of the Convention as a standing item on its agenda. In addition, the Executive Secretary was requested to report to the second session of the COP on the implementation of decision 13/COP.1 on collaboration with other conventions. The COP will have before it a report prepared by the secretariat in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme and in consultation with the secretariats of the Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Convention on Biological Diversity. This will be contained in document ICCD/COP(2)/7. The COP may wish to consider the related draft decision contained in document ICCD/COP(2)/13.

- (i) *Consideration with a view to adopting, pursuant to article 27 of the Convention, procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions that may arise with regard to implementation*

42. In its decision 9/COP.1, the COP decided to include in the agenda of its second session the consideration, with a view to the adoption, pursuant to article 27, of procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions that may arise with regard to implementation of the CCD. Document ICCD/COP(2)/10 contains a report prepared by the secretariat on this matter. The report includes a draft text which takes into account document A/AC.241/50 which was previously considered by members of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Desertification (INCD) at its eighth session. The Conference may wish to consider and adopt the related draft decision which is contained in document ICCD/COP(2)/13.

- (j) *Consideration with a view to proposing for adoption, in accordance with article 28, paragraphs 2(a) and 6 of the Convention, an annex containing arbitration and conciliation procedures*

43. In its decision 9/COP.1, the COP decided to include in the agenda of its second session the consideration, with a view to proposing it for adoption, in accordance with article 28, paragraph 2(a) of the CCD, of an annex containing arbitration procedures. Document ICCD/COP(2)/10 contains draft texts on arbitration procedures as well as conciliation procedures, which are the subject of article 28, paragraph 6. The report includes draft texts which take into account document A/AC.241/51 which was previously presented to members of the INCD at its eighth session. The Conference may wish to consider and adopt the related draft decision which is contained in document ICCD/COP(2)/13.

- (k) *Inclusion of activities of non-governmental organizations within the official programme of work of the COP*

44. By decision 27/COP.1, the COP requested that additional open dialogue sessions organized by NGOs occur within the official programme of work of future sessions of the COP, and that the secretariat of the Convention make all efforts to facilitate inclusion of at least two half-day NGO sessions

within the official programme of work. Such sessions would be organized in consultation with the secretariat and the Bureau of the COP through the President.

45. Half-day sessions have been tentatively scheduled for the afternoons of Thursday 3 and 10 December.

46. The COP may wish to consider requesting the secretariat, drawing on discussions at COP 2 and in consultation with the NGO community, to develop a draft work programme on this item for consideration at COP 3.

(l) *Maintenance of the roster of experts*

47. Article 24, paragraph 2 of the CCD provides that the COP shall establish and maintain a roster of independent experts with expertise and experience in the relevant fields. Procedures related to the establishment and maintenance of a roster of independent experts were adopted by the COP in its decision 18/COP.1. In accordance with decision 19/COP.1, Parties were asked to supplement their submissions to the secretariat for inclusion in the roster to ensure that under-represented areas were addressed in particular by making the roster more balanced in terms of gender representation, ensuring better representation of relevant disciplines and increasing representation of experts from non-governmental and international organizations. The updated roster is contained in document ICCD/COP(2)/11 and is being made available in electronic form in accordance with decision 19/COP.1.

(m) *Creation of an ad hoc panel or panels of experts, if necessary, with their terms of reference*

48. Article 24, paragraph 3 of the CCD provides for the creation of ad hoc panels as necessary by the Conference of the Parties. In decision 22/COP.1, the COP created an ad hoc panel on benchmarks and indicators. After considering the report of the CST, the COP may wish to consider appointing ad hoc panels, including reappointing the ad hoc panel already established, as necessary, in accordance with the procedures contained in decision 17/COP.1 for the establishment of ad hoc panels.

7. Report of the session

49. A draft report on the session will be prepared for adoption at the final plenary, in accordance with established practice. The COP is invited to authorize the Rapporteur to complete the final report after the session, with the assistance of the secretariat and under the guidance of the President.

Annex I

LIST OF DOCUMENTS PREPARED FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS OF RELEVANCE

ICCD/COP(2)/1	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
ICCD/COP(2)/2	Programme and budget
ICCD/COP(2)/3	Programme and budget: review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds
ICCD/COP(2)/3/Add.1	Programme and budget: review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds
ICCD/COP(2)/4	Global Mechanism
ICCD/COP(2)/4/Add.1	Global Mechanism: Memorandum of Understanding
ICCD/COP(2)/5	Review of implementation, including support to regional action programmes
ICCD/COP(2)/6	Medium-term strategy for the secretariat
ICCD/COP(2)/7	Collaboration with other conventions
ICCD/COP(2)/8	Headquarters arrangements
ICCD/COP(2)/8/Add.1	Headquarters arrangements: agreement
ICCD/COP(2)/8/Add.2	Headquarters arrangements: relocation and possible liaison arrangements
ICCD/COP(2)/9	Administrative and support arrangements
ICCD/COP(2)/10	Resolution of questions, arbitration and conciliation procedures
ICCD/COP(2)/11	Roster of independent experts
ICCD/COP(2)/12	List of non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations recommended for accreditation as observers
ICCD/COP(2)/13	Draft decisions for consideration by the Conference of the Parties
ICCD/COP(2)/Inf.1	Preliminary information for participants
ICCD/COP(2)/Inf.2	Extrabudgetary funds: summary report (1993-1997)
ICCD/COP(2)/Inf.3	Status of ratification of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

List of documents prepared for the second session of the Committee on Science and Technology

ICCD/COP(2)/CST/1	Adoption of agenda and organization of work of the CST
ICCD/COP(2)/CST/2	Survey and evaluation of existing networks
ICCD/COP(2)/CST/2/Add.1	Supplementary report on survey and evaluation of existing networks
ICCD/COP(2)/CST/3	Report on work on benchmarks and indicators
ICCD/COP(2)/CST/3/Add.1	Supplementary report on work on benchmarks and indicators: report of ad hoc panel
ICCD/COP(2)/CST/4	Report on work of other bodies performing work similar to that envisaged for the CST
ICCD/COP(2)/CST/5	Traditional knowledge
ICCD/COP(2)/CST/5/Add.1	Supplementary report on traditional knowledge

Other documents:

First session of the Conference of the Parties

ICCD/COP(1)/1	Adoption of agenda and organization of work
ICCD/COP(1)/1/Corr.1	Adoption of agenda and organization of work
ICCD/COP(1)/1/Corr.1/Rev.1	Adoption of agenda and organization of work
ICCD/COP(1)/2	Draft decisions for consideration by the Conference of the Parties
ICCD/COP(1)/2/Corr.1	Draft decisions for consideration by the Conference of the Parties
ICCD/COP(1)/3	Programme and budget

ICCD/COP(1)/3/Add.1	Programme and budget: budget estimates for 1999
ICCD/COP(1)/4	Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds
ICCD/COP(1)/4/Add.1	Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds
ICCD/COP(1)/5	Global Mechanism: compilation of revised offers of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
ICCD/COP(1)/5/Add. 1	Global Mechanism: compilation of revised offers of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
ICCD/COP(1)/5/Add.2	Global Mechanism: compilation of revised offers of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
ICCD/COP(1)/Add.2/Rev.1	Global Mechanism: compilation of revised offers of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
ICCD/COP(1)/6	Proposed roster of independent experts
ICCD/COP(1)/6/Add.1	Proposed roster of independent experts
ICCD/COP(1)/7	Urgent action in Africa and interim measures: compilation of information
ICCD/COP(1)/8	List of non-governmental organizations recommended for accreditation or observer status
ICCD/COP(1)/9	Adoption of recommendations to the Conference and other decisions and conclusions requiring action by the Conference of the Parties: Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning
ICCD/COP(1)/10	Credentials of the representatives of Parties
ICCD/COP(1)/11	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its first session (Part One)
ICCD/COP(1)/11/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its first session (Part Two)
ICCD/COP(1)/CRP.1	Letter dated 22 September 1997 from the representatives of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the United Nations Desertification Office of the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank addressed to the Executive Secretary of the Convention to Combat Desertification
ICCD/COP(1)/CRP.2	Letter dated 24 September 1997 from the representative of the United Nations Development Programme Office to Combat Desertification and Drought addressed to the Executive Secretary of the Convention to Combat Desertification
ICCD/COP(1)/CRP.3	Letter dated 30 September 1997 from the representative of the International Fund for Agricultural Development addressed to the Executive Secretary of the Convention to Combat Desertification
ICCD/COP(1)/Inf. 1	Preliminary information for participants
ICCD/COP(1)/Inf. 2	Information for participants on parallel events

First session of the Committee on Science and Technology

ICCD/COP(1)/CST/1	Adoption of agenda and organization of work of the CST
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ICCD/COP(1)/CST/2/Add.1	Supplementary report on survey and evaluation of existing networks
ICCD/COP(1)/CST/3	Report on work on benchmarks and indicators
ICCD/COP(1)/CST/3/Add.1	Supplementary report on work on benchmarks and indicators

ICCD/COP(1)/CST/4	Report on work of other bodies performing work similar to that envisaged for the CST
ICCD/COP(1)/CST/5	Reports on modalities and timing of future work on inventories of research and traditional knowledge; establishment of research priorities

Selected other documents for reference at the second session of the Conference of the Parties

Documents prepared for the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Desertification (INCD):

A/AC.241/44	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: administrative arrangements
A/AC.241/54/Add.2	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: physical location - Offer of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany
A/AC.241/63	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: physical location

Others:

Eighth session

A/AC.241/43	Identification of an organization to house the Global Mechanism
A/AC.241/50	Procedures to resolve questions on implementation
A/AC.241/51	Procedures for conciliation and arbitration

Ninth session

A/AC.241/56	Identification of an organization to house the Global Mechanism
A/AC.241/58	Report on work being done on benchmarks and indicators to measure progress in the implementation of the Convention

Tenth session (first part)

A/AC.241/68	Report on work being done on benchmarks and indicators to measure progress in implementation of the Convention, its subsidiary bodies and Permanent Secretariat
A/AC.241/Inf.4	Report on ongoing work being done on benchmarks and indicators

Reports of INCD sessions:

A/49/84/Add.2	Report of the INCD on its fifth session
A/50/74	Report of the INCD on its sixth session
A/50/74/Add.1	Report of the INCD on its seventh session
A/50/76	Report of the INCD on its eighth session
A/51/76/Add.1	Report of the INCD on its ninth session
A/52/82	Report of the INCD on its tenth session (first part)
A/52/82/Add.1	Report of the INCD on its tenth session (resumed part)

General Assembly resolutions:

Resolution 47/188 of 2 December 1992

- Establishment of an intergovernmental negotiating committee for the elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa

Resolution 48/191 of 21 December 1993

- Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa

Resolution 49/115 of 19 December 1994

- Observance of World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought

Resolution 49/234 of 23 December 1994

- Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa

Resolution 50/112 of 20 December 1995

- Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa.

Resolution 51/180 of 16 December 1996

- Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa.

Resolution 51/238 of 17 June 1997

- Use of the Special Voluntary Fund and the Trust Fund.

Resolution 52/198 of 18 December 1997

- Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa.

Any relevant resolutions of the General Assembly at its fifty-third session.

Annex II

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF WORK - SECOND SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Monday 30 November 1998		
	9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
P L E N A R Y	Informal consultations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of the Conference by Executive Secretary of CCD 2. Election of President of COP 3. Statement by the President 4. Statement by Under-Secretary-General Nitin Desai on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations 5. Statement by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization 6. Statement by the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization 7. Statement by the President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development 8. Statement by the Chief Executive Officer of the Global Environment Facility 9. Statements by other heads of United Nations agencies and programmes and executive secretaries of Convention secretariats 10. Statement by representative of non-governmental organizations 11. Statement by Executive Secretary of CCD 12. Adoption of the agenda (ICCD/COP(2)/1) 13. Election of other officers, including Chairperson of the Committee on Science and Technology 14. Adoption of organization of work and establishment of Committee of the Whole (ICCD/COP(2)/1) 15. Admission of observers and accreditation of non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations (ICCD/COP(2)/12)
C O W	--	--
C S T	--	--

Tuesday 1 December 1998		
	9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
P L E N A R Y	- Other statements by Parties and observers	To be determined
C O W	To be determined	--
C S T	Organization of work (ICCD/COP(2)/CST/1) - Review of outstanding items - Establishment of roster of experts (ICCD/COP(2)/11) - Survey and evaluation (ICCD/COP(2)/CST/2 and Add.1)	- Benchmarks and indicators (ICCD/COP(2)/CST/3 and Add.1) - Bodies doing work of relevance to CST (ICCD/COP(2)/CST/4)
Wednesday 2 December 1998		
	9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
P L E N A R Y	--	--
C O W	Organization of work including review of outstanding items - Consider action on outstanding rules of procedure (ICCD/COP(1)/11/Add.1) - Review of implementation at the regional level (ICCD/COP(2)/5) - Other issues related to Convention implementation at the regional level - Report of Global Mechanism (ICCD/COP(2)/4 and Add.1)	Designation of Permanent Secretariat - Institutional linkage (ICCD/COP(2)/9) - Headquarters agreement with Germany (ICCD/COP(2)/8, Add.1 and Add.2)
C S T	- Traditional knowledge (ICCD/COP(2)/CST/5 and Add.1)	- Traditional knowledge (ICCD/COP(2)/CST/5 and Add.1)

Thursday 3 December 1998		
	9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
P L E N A R Y	--	--
C O W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Programme and budget - Adjustments to 1999 Convention budget (ICCD/COP(2)/2) - Extrabudgetary funding (ICCD/COP(2)/3 and Add.1) - Medium-term strategy for secretariat (ICCD/COP(2)/6) - Work Programme for COP 3 and COP 4 	Inclusion of activities of NGOs within the official programme of work of the COP
C S T	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Programme of work for CST - Drafting of recommendations to COP 	- Adoption of recommendations to COP
Friday 4 December 1998		
	9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
P L E N A R Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designation of Permanent Secretariat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Institutional linkage - Headquarters agreement with Germany - Report from Committee of the Whole - Report of CST - Outstanding rules of procedure 	To be determined
C O W	To be determined	To be determined
C S T	--	--

Monday 7 December 1998		
	9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
P A R A L L E L E V E N T	- Interparliamentary round table	- Interparliamentary round table
C O W	--	--
C S T	--	--
Tuesday 8 December 1998		
	9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
P L E N A R Y	Special segment - Ways and means to promote the timely and effective implementation of the Convention, including support by multilateral agencies and institutions (ICCD/COP(2)/5, and statements and documents presented by delegations)	Special segment - Ways and means to promote the timely and effective implementation of the Convention
C O W	- Promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions (ICCD/COP(2)/7) - Procedures for resolution of questions on implementation (ICCD/COP(2)/10) - Procedures for arbitration and conciliation (ICCD/COP(2)/10)	To be determined
C S T	--	--

Wednesday 9 December 1998		
	9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
P L E N A R Y	Special segment - Ways and means to promote the timely and effective implementation of the Convention	Conclusion of special segment - Ways and means to promote the timely and effective implementation of the Convention
C O W	To be determined	To be determined
C S T	- -	- -
Thursday 10 December 1998		
	9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
P L E N A R Y	Report on conclusions of the Committee of the Whole	Inclusion of activities of non-governmental organizations within the official work programme of the COP
C O W	To be determined	To be determined
C S T	- -	- -
Friday 11 December 1998		
	9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
P L E N A R Y	- Adoption of conclusions of the Committee of the Whole and other actions to be taken by the COP - Other decisions - Report of the session	To be determined