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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Informal consultations Plenary Hall

OPENING OF THE SESSION

3 – 6 p.m. 1st meeting Plenary Hall

1. Opening of the Conference by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its tenth session
2. Election of the President of the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties [1]
3. Statement by the President of the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties
4. Address by the Honourable Uahekua Herunga, Minister of Environment and Tourism of Namibia
5. Statement by the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
6. Statements by regional and interest groups, representatives of the United Nations system, its specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, and a representative of non-governmental organizations
7. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (ICCD/COP(11)/1) [2]
8. Election of officers other than the President [3]
 - (a) Election of Vice-Presidents
9. Accreditation of intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector (ICCD/COP(11)/20) [5]

Introduction and discussion

FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL MEETINGS

Tuesday, 17 September 2013

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 1st meeting Plenary Hall

1. Programme and budget [9]

(a) Programme and budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (ICCD/COP(11)/6, ICCD/COP(11)/7, ICCD/CRIC(12)/2-ICCD/COP(11)/CST/9)

(b) Financial performance for the Convention trust funds (ICCD/COP(11)/8, ICCD/COP(11)/9, ICCD/COP(11)/10, ICCD/COP(11)/11, ICCD/COP(11)/12, ICCD/COP(11)/13, ICCD/CRIC(12)/3, ICCD/CRIC(12)/INF.1)

Introduction and discussion

2. Follow-up to the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) (ICCD/COP(11)/5) [10]

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3. Governance and institutional arrangements of the Global Mechanism, including recommendations on the new housing arrangements of the Global Mechanism (ICCD/COP(11)/3) [8]

Introduction and discussion

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 1st meeting Main Committee Room

1. Opening of the eleventh session of the Committee on Science and Technology

*Opening remarks by the Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology,
Prof. Antonio Rocha Magalhães*

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (ICCD/COP(11)/CST/1) [1]

3. Consideration of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology on its third special session (ICCD/CST(S-3)/7) [2]

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4. The roster of independent expert (ICCD/COP/(11)/15) [7]

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3 – 6 p.m. 2nd meeting Main Committee Room

1. Consideration of progress made in the organization of international, interdisciplinary scientific advice in the Convention process (ICCD/COP(11)/CST/3, ICCD/COP(11)/CST/INF.1 and ICCD/COP(11)/CST/INF.2) [4]

Introduction and general discussion

2. Consideration of the progress report of the UNCCD fellowship programme (ICCD/COP(11)/CST/8) [8]

Introduction and general discussion

**COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION**

3 – 6 p.m. 1st meeting Plenary Hall

1. Opening of the session by the Chairperson of the Committee
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (ICCD/CRIC(12)/1) [1]
3. Review of the implementation of the Convention and The Strategy [2]

- (b) Multi-year workplans of the Convention’s institutions and subsidiary bodies (ICCD/CRIC(12)/2- ICCD/COP(11)/CST/9)
- (c) Performance of the Convention’s institutions and subsidiary bodies (ICCD/CRIC(12)/3, ICCD/COP(11)/8, ICCD/COP(11)/9, ICCD/COP(11)/10, ICCD/COP(11)/11, ICCD/COP(11)/12, ICCD/COP(11)/13, ICCD/CRIC(12)/INF.1)

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MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

The designations employed do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<hr/> GROUP OF AFRICAN STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	Rio Pavilion
9 – 10 a.m.	<hr/> GROUP OF ARAB STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-2
9 – 10 a.m.	<hr/> GROUP OF ASIAN STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-09
12 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<hr/> GROUP OF EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-4
8:30 – 11 a.m.	<hr/> GROUP OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-1
1 – 2 p.m.	<hr/> GROUP OF 77 <i>Closed meeting</i>	Rio Pavilion
9:30 – 11 a.m.	<hr/> JUSSCANNZ <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-10

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Joint meeting of CRIC and CST Bureaux <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-12
7 – 8 p.m.	COP Bureau meeting <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-03
9 – 10 a.m.	Civil Society Organizations	MET-08
1:15 – 1:45 p.m.	Press Conference "Opening of the Eleventh Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 11). Briefing on the expected outcomes".	MET-03

SIDE EVENTS

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

1 – 3 p.m.	Implementing UNCCD objectives - experiences from research (German Federal Ministry of Education and Research and Desertnet International)	MET-06
1 – 3 p.m.	The Global Environment Facility's Carbon Benefits Project – new tools to measure carbon & the GEF's experience applying the tools (GEF – STAP)	MET-07
1 – 3 p.m.	Namibian farming in a variable environment: Variability matters in DLDD and SLM (Desert Research Foundation of Namibia and Polytechnic of Namibia)	MET-08
1 – 3 p.m.	Challenges and solutions to managing and controlling the spread of invasive Prosopis in dryland ecosystems (International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and Government of Botswana)	Rio Pavilion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEPTION

On the occasion of the opening of the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties, the Government of Namibia has the honour to invite all participants to a welcome reception which will be held at the Windhoek Country Club Resort, by the swimming pool, at 6 p.m.

REGISTRATION

Registration for delegations of country Parties, United Nations organizations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and media, as well as for participants in side events will take place on Monday, 16 September 2013, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Identity badges will be issued at the time of registration, and participants are requested to wear them at all times, as access to the session venue will be granted only to holders of conference badges. However, identity badges are not required to enter the Exhibition area.

Fax number at the registration area is: 088 655 1217 and e-mail address is: secretariat@unccd.int.

CREDENTIALS

Delegations are advised to contact Mr. Gerardo Gúnera-Lazzaroni, Legal and Quality Control Officer, Office 1F/006, telephone +264811614856.

FUNDING FOR ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

Formalities relating to funding for eligible participants will be carried out in the DSA payment office in the Lobby, as per the following schedule:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>
16 September 2013	Monday	11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
17 – 18 September 2013	Tuesday – Wednesday	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
19 September 2013	Thursday	11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
20 September	Friday	12 a.m. – 3 p.m.

DSA vouchers can only be cashed at the bank office located inside the conference venue, room Oryx 7. PLEASE NOTE THAT DSA PAYMENT VOUCHERS ARE ONLY VALID UNTIL 2 P.M. FRIDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2013.

WORKING HOURS

Official meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. Meetings of regional and interest groups, as well as side events, may be held only outside these hours.

MEETING ROOMS FOR REGIONAL AND INTEREST GROUPS

Requests for inclusion in the schedule of meetings of regional and interest groups should be communicated to Kayhan Ul (kul@unccd.int) in office 2F/085 (Phone:+264811614872) by 3 p.m. of the previous day, at the latest.

EXHIBITION AREA

Interested parties are kindly invited to visit the Exhibition area, located near the registration area.

RIO CONVENTION PAVILION

The Rio Conventions Pavilion is a platform for raising awareness and sharing information about the latest practices and scientific findings on the co-benefits that can be realized through implementation of the three Rio Conventions. Interested parties are kindly invited to join the events in the Pavilion adjacent to the Plenary Hall. The Pavilion events programme is available at <<http://www.riopavilion.org/about-windhoek-2013/>>.

STATEMENTS OF DELEGATIONS

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

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

Delegations are requested to provide 20 copies of their statements to the Conference Officers in the Plenary Hall, and an additional 250 copies if the statement is to be made available to all delegations. It is proposed that a five-minute time limit be set for these statements.

ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SERVICE

Delegations are advised that official information on COP 11 can be found on the UNCCD website at <<http://www.unccd.int>>. The electronic versions of the Daily Journal, the provisional list of participants, press releases and other information will be made available on the website.

BUSINESS CENTRE

Delegate bags will be distributed to participants at the Business Centre.

DIRECTORY		
OFFICE	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Documents	Documents distribution desk (located at the back of the Main Committee Room)	
Registration of Participants	Entrance area	Ms. Katheryn Jimenez Phone: +264811614870
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Press working area	located at the back of the Main Committee Room	Ms. Wagaki Mwangi Office 1F/045 Phone: +264811616824