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Supplementary Fund

Note by the secretariat

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The present document provides information on the planned activities and related estimated funding requirements under the Supplementary Fund for consideration by the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its seventh session. Under the Supplementary Fund, funding is sought for those activities in the secretariat's work programme for the next biennium for which sufficient funding would not be available under the core budget.

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. By its decision 2/COP.1, the COP, at its first session, adopted the financial rules of the COP, its subsidiary bodies and the Convention secretariat (ICCD/COP(1)/11/Add.1). In accordance with paragraphs 9 and 10 of the financial rules, the Secretary-General of the United Nations established the Supplementary Fund. The present document provides information on the planned activities and related estimated funding requirements under this Fund.
2. Supplementary funding is sought for those activities in the secretariat's work programme for the next biennium for which sufficient funding would not be available under the core budget. The work programme is described in document ICCD/COP(7)/2/Add.1.
3. Accordingly, supplementary funding is sought for, *inter alia*, tasks relating to policy advice for implementation, including promotion of the synergistic implementation of the Convention and assistance in subregional and regional collaboration and coordination; preparation of the next review of the implementation of the Convention, including the preparation of national reports in regions other than Africa; support to the coordination and organization of activities to celebrate and follow up to the 2006 International Year of Deserts and Desertification (IYDD); collaboration among non-governmental organizations; knowledge management, including science and technology and provision of public information.

II. SUPPLEMENTARY FUND

A. Background information

4. Parties may note that the costs presented for activities under the Supplementary Fund are preliminary estimates on the basis of expenditures of earlier corresponding activities. The actual supplementary funding requirements for each activity depend on a variety of factors, such as possible cost-sharing arrangements with partners, flight and subsistence rates at the time of a meeting to be organized, or consultancy fees vis-à-vis the level of expertise required. Consequently, the supplementary funding requirements presented in this document are only indicative. Table 1 below provides an overview of the estimated requirements by programme, but the requirements are not broken down by object of expenditure, or, in many cases by year of expenditure, due to the likelihood of substantive changes. More detailed estimates will be provided through separate documentation to be submitted to donors and other partners involved in the concerned activities during the biennium.
5. With regard to the relationship between the supplementary and core-funded activities, Parties may also note that in some cases, supplementary funding will be needed to cover the major share of the activity in question. Such is the case for one of the major tasks of the secretariat, namely support to the process of the review of the implementation of the Convention, including assistance in the preparation of national reports. The related supplementary funding needs include support to the technical preparation of the report in the country Parties concerned, consultancy services to facilitate the compilation and analysis of the reports, and the travel and logistical costs relating to the regional and global review meetings. Most often, however, supplementary funding is essential to complement the resources drawn from the core budget, so as to successfully complete the tasks set by the COP. In such cases, the core budget resources,

particularly those relating to personnel costs, are used to undertake or supervise analytical work, contacts with relevant partners or collection and distribution of information. Other related functions, such as the organization of meetings, printing of reports and publications or use of specific external expertise, require supplementary funding.

Table 1. Summary of Supplementary Fund estimated resource requirements by programme

(Thousands of US dollars)	
Programme/expenditure items	Total
Programmes	
Substantive support to the COP, its subsidiary bodies, legal advice and global issues	930.0
Science and technology	3,823.7
Facilitation of implementation	9,785.0
External relations and public information	3,738.2
Subtotal programmes	18,276.9
Overhead	2,376.0
Total estimated resource requirements	20,652.9

6. Activities under the Supplementary Fund will be carried out by the programmes for substantive support to the COP, its subsidiary bodies, legal advice and global issues, science and technology, facilitation of implementation and external relations and public information. The activities, together with estimated costs, are described hereunder for consideration by the COP.

B. Substantive support to the Conference of the Parties, its subsidiary bodies, legal advice and global issues

7. In line with its objectives and activities presented in document ICCD/COP/(7)/2/Add.1, the programme for substantive support to the COP, its subsidiary bodies, legal advice and global issues has the following supplementary funding needs for the biennium 2006-2007.

Capacity building relating to GEF project proposals

8. Following the decision by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Assembly to designate land degradation as a new focal area of the GEF and the consequent designation of the GEF as a financial mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the affected developing country Parties have requested support in becoming acquainted with the operational modalities of the GEF in the light of the specific requirements of the UNCCD process. For this purpose, the following activities will be carried out in the course of the biennium 2006-2007: (a) setting up of short-term consultative forums focusing on UNCCD national focal points/national coordinating bodies; (b) preparing and disseminating of information material on the enabling activities and role of focal points, GEF Operational Programme 15 and GEF funding procedures and options; (c) liaising with GEF, its Implementing and Executing Agencies and participation in steering committees and contributing

to building the capacity of national coordinating bodies, and firming up the expected role of the different stakeholders.

	<u>US\$</u>
Capacity building relating to GEF project proposals	<u>100,000</u>

9. Desertification Information System to support national action programmes in the Mediterranean (DISMED): The system seeks to improve the capacity of national administrations of Mediterranean countries to put in place effectively measures and policies to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought. The DISMED system will be further developed in the course of 2006. Other expenditures during the biennium will involve training and equipment to maintain and update the DISMED.

	<u>US\$</u>
Further development of the DISMED	250,000
Training, equipment and maintenance of the DISMED	<u>100,000</u>
Total — DISMED	<u>350,000</u>

10. In line, among other, with the recommendation of the Expert Group on the Joint Work Programme on the UNCCD and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), support is sought to facilitate the preparation of project proposals for submission to the GEF and other potential sources. With this support, eight training courses will be organized during the biennium. These courses will be held in collaboration with competent institutions on a cost-sharing basis. Funding requirements for one course is estimated at US\$ 60,000, including remuneration of trainers.

	<u>US\$</u>
Eight training courses on project preparation	<u>480,000</u>
Total — Substantive support to the COP, its subsidiary bodies, legal advice and global issues	<u>930,000</u>

C. Science and technology

11. It should be noted that several activities under the programme on science and technology, particularly those relating to synergies, will be carried out with close involvement of the staff under the programme on substantive support to the Conference of the Parties, its subsidiary bodies, legal advice and global issues.

12. In line with its objectives and activities presented in document ICCD/COP(7)/2/Add.1, the programme for science and technology has the following supplementary funding needs for the biennium 2006–2007.

Support to the work of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) Group of Experts

13. The Group of Experts met in Beijing, China, in October 2004 with the aim of reviewing in depth the activities carried out by its members. The outcome of the Beijing meeting included seven proposals to implement the main aspects of the two-year work plan, as presented below. Partial funding for some of the projects has been secured already, while the remaining projects are expected to be launched in the course of the biennium.

	<u>US\$</u>
Establishing the communication strategy of the CST	218,000
Strategic framework to enhance synergy approaches between the Rio conventions	105,000
Study to develop an integrative assessment methodology for poverty and land degradation	98,300
Study on biophysical, socio-economic, and cultural knowledge and activities to combat desertification	219,000
Effective methodologies for the assessment of desertification at the global, regional, national and local levels	93,000
Evaluation of the state of the art of common benchmark and indicator systems for the monitoring and assessment of desertification	176,000
Evaluation and recommendation of guidelines for both short-term and long-term early warning systems	<u>131,000</u>
Total — Support to the work of the CST Group of Experts	<u>1,040,300</u>

Support to the collection and dissemination of information on the priority themes of the CST

14. Traditional knowledge, benchmarks and indicators and early warning systems: In order to develop approaches and practices under these three priority themes of the CST, Parties, as well as relevant organizations and institutions, have been invited by the COP to carry out pilot studies and tests and provide case studies and information on lessons learned. Parties, relevant international and regional organizations, and interested public and private entities have been invited to facilitate and contribute scientifically, technically and financially to the initiatives undertaken by developing country Parties in this context. During the biennium 2006–2007, support will be provided to initiatives under the three themes.

	<u>US\$</u>
Traditional knowledge	40,000
Benchmarks and indicators	40,000
Early warning systems	<u>40,000</u>
Total — Traditional knowledge, benchmarks and indicators and early warning systems	<u>120,000</u>

15. International Research Centre on Traditional Knowledge: An agreement between the Italian Ministry of the Environment and the secretariat was signed in 2001, aiming at setting up a research centre in Matera, Italy. During the next biennium, the operationalization of the research centre will be undertaken to enable it to support the work on traditional knowledge. The main

task of the Centre is to study and document traditional and local knowledge and technologies to combat desertification.

	<u>US\$</u>
Operationalization of the Centre	<u>150,000</u>

16. Mediterranean Training Programme for the harmonization of early warning systems and operational instruments for monitoring climate change and desertification (MTP): The project aims at enhancing the capacity of national coordinating bodies of Mediterranean countries effectively to plan policies and measures to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought by reinforcing their capabilities to make use of early warning systems and other operational instruments to monitor climate variation and desertification. The project is being launched in cooperation with the National Meteorological Service of Italy, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the European Agency for Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT) and the network of WMO Regional Meteorological Training Centres (RMTTC), in particular the centres in Algeria and Israel.

	<u>US\$</u>
Training seminars	564,400
Feedback Workshop	175,500
Inter-regional Network	<u>301,500</u>
Total – Mediterranean Training Programme	<u>1,041,400</u>

17. Know-how and technology transfer: With the aim of enhancing the knowledge base for know-how and technology transfer for the implementation of the UNCCD, support will be provided to related pilot studies and collection of information. Document ICCD/COP(7)/CST/INF.2 contains more information on CST activities in the field of know-how and technology transfer.

	<u>US\$</u>
Know-how and technology transfer	<u>40,000</u>

Support to the UNCCD Fellowship Programme

18. It is proposed that the UNCCD Fellowship Programme be established during the biennium 2006–2007, in line with the fellowship programmes of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the CBD. The UNCCD Fellowship Programme will provide training for stakeholders working in the arid and semi-arid areas. The training programme will be composed of short-term courses, participation in relevant international conferences, study tours related to the Convention and preparation of technical documents. The details of the UNCCD Fellowship Programme are contained in document ICCD/COP(7)/CST/INF.1.

	<u>US\$</u>
Launching of the Fellowship Programme	<u>500,000</u>

Cooperation with other institutions, including the secretariats of other conventions

19. In order to operationalize the UNCCD-CBD Joint Work Programme on the biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands, a joint UNCCD-CBD workshop will be organized. The workshop will aim to strengthen the capacity of UNCCD and CBD focal points to implement the two Conventions in a synergistic manner through exchanging experiences and interactive training modules focusing on the main aspects of the Joint Work Programme.

	<u>US\$</u>
Organization of a joint UNCCD-CBD workshop	<u>100,000</u>

20. The secretariat is called upon to participate in scientific events and steering committees in the context of related international initiatives. More specifically, collaboration to strengthen synergies between the Rio conventions through the Joint Liaison Group of the three convention secretariats will continue during the biennium. Selected themes identified by the Group will be further considered and developed towards cooperation programmes, with the involvement of representatives of Parties to the three conventions.

	<u>US\$</u>
Scientific exchanges and development of synergies in the context of the Joint Liaison Group	<u>100,000</u>

21. The Viterbo Workshop on Forests and Forests Ecosystems will be followed up through identifying elements for a joint approach in the forestry sector, and developing tools for decision makers and stakeholders of the three Rio conventions that could spell out the enabling steps towards the elaboration of appropriate decisions and programmes in this sector. The Group of Experts project on the development of a strategic framework to enhance synergy approaches is closely linked with the follow-up actions to the Viterbo workshop.

	<u>US\$</u>
Follow-up to the Viterbo workshop	<u>100,000</u>

Support to the networking of relevant institutions

22. By its decision 13/COP.5, the COP requested the secretariat to enter into the necessary contractual arrangements with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for the implementation of Phase 2 of the survey and evaluation of existing networks, institutions, agencies and bodies (ICCD/COP(5)/11/Add.1). Document ICCD/COP(7)/CST/10 contains the details of this project.

	<u>US\$</u>
Survey and evaluation of Phase 2	<u>632,000</u>
Total — Science and technology	<u>3,823,700</u>

D. Facilitation of implementation

23. In line with its objectives and activities presented in document ICCD/COP(7)/2/Add.1, the programme for facilitation of implementation has the following supplementary funding needs for the biennium 2006–2007.

Support to reporting in regions other than Africa

24. In accordance with decision 1/COP.5, the affected country Parties from regions other than Africa are requested to provide information on the activities carried out in the implementation of the Convention for the fifth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC 5) and the eighth session of the COP (COP 8). In order to facilitate the reporting process, small grants will be provided to all eligible affected Asian, Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) and European country Parties. The utilization of the grant would include the recruitment of expertise to collect and compile information needed for the report, the mobilization of the stakeholders and the organization of national level consultations to validate the report.

25. Also the preparation of subregional reports will be supported in Latin America and the Caribbean.

	<u>US\$</u>
Grants to 44 Asian country Parties	580,000
Grants to 32 LAC country Parties	480,000
Grants to 12 European country Parties	240,000
Support to subregional reports in LAC	<u>30,000</u>
Total — Subregional reports	<u>1,330,000</u>

Preparations for the review of the implementation of the Convention

26. In order to ensure timely and efficient compilation of the reports received from Parties and other relevant actors, external expertise will be sought to assist the programme.

27. Furthermore, regional review meetings will be organized prior to CRIC 5, in order to consider regional trends as emerging from the reports, and consolidate regional responses to challenges in the implementation of the UNCCD.

28. In Africa, a meeting of the enlarged Bureau of the African Group will be organized in order to support African country Parties' preparations for CRIC 5.

	<u>US\$</u>
Consultancies	90,000
Regional review meetings in Asia	280,000
Regional review meetings in LAC	150,000
Regional review meetings in the Northern Mediterranean and Central and Eastern Europe	160,000
Enlarged Bureau meeting of the African Group	<u>60,000</u>
Total — Preparations for the review of the implementation of the UNCCD	<u>740,000</u>

Provision of assistance to Parties in meeting their obligations under the Convention

29. The Declaration on the commitments to enhance the implementation of the obligations of the Convention (decision 8/COP.4) requested all affected Parties to finalize their national action programmes (NAPs) by the end of 2005 (ICCD/COP(4)/11/Add.1). It is expected that in some affected country Parties, particularly in those that acceded to the UNCCD recently, the completion of the NAP, including the organization of the national validation forum, will be delayed until the biennium 2006–2007. Furthermore, several affected countries that have finalized their NAPs at an early phase of the Convention process have requested support to review and update their programmes in the light of the requirements of the UNCCD process, in order to streamline the NAP with other national strategies and programmes, transform the priority areas of the NAP into concrete projects and adjust the NAP to better respond to current conditions.

	<u>US\$</u>
Finalization and/or update of the NAPs in African country Parties	210,000
Finalization and/or update of the NAPs in Asian country Parties	110,000
Finalization and/or update of the NAPs in LAC country Parties	120,000
Finalization and/or update of the NAPs in Central and Eastern European country Parties	<u>160,000</u>
Total — NAPs	<u>600,000</u>

30. In Africa, support will be provided also for the updating of country profiles and the use of benchmarks and indicators for NAP implementation, with the aim of enhancing the monitoring and assessment of the implementation of the Convention, taking into account the recommendations of CRIC 3. Furthermore, in-depth reviews on the implementation of the NAPs will be conducted with five African country Parties, taking the latest national report as the starting point.

	<u>US\$</u>
Monitoring and assessment of NAP implementation in Africa	<u>390,000</u>

31. In LAC and Central and Eastern Europe, affected country Parties will be assisted in raising awareness on the Convention and strengthening the participatory approach in NAP implementation through the preparation of publications, translation of existing material and other activities.

	<u>US\$</u>
Awareness raising activities in LAC	150,000
Awareness raising activities in Central and Eastern Europe	<u>50,000</u>
Total — Awareness raising	<u>200,000</u>

32. In LAC, support will be provided also for facilitating the mainstreaming of NAPs in poverty reduction strategies.

	<u>US\$</u>
Mainstreaming NAPs in poverty reduction strategies in LAC	<u>350,000</u>

Promotion of coordination and cooperation at the subregional level

33. Subregional action programmes have been finalized in four subregions of Africa, four subregions of Asia and two subregions of LAC. During the biennium 2006–2007, the subregional cooperation will continue through the organization of thematic workshops and consultative meetings. Five thematic workshops are foreseen to be organized in Africa.

34. In Asia, activities under the existing subregional action programmes and the development of the subregional action programmes in North-East Asia and Pacific will continue during the biennium. Furthermore, the follow-up to the Abu Dhabi Initiative, launched at the Asian regional meeting of 2003, will take place through subregional consultations. Three consultative meetings will be organized in this context during the biennium.

35. In Latin America and the Caribbean, activities under the existing subregional action programmes and the development of the subregional action programmes in Gran Chaco and Puna Americana will continue during the biennium.

36. In south-eastern Europe, the countries of the subregion have initiated the establishment of a drought management centre, in collaboration with relevant scientific institutions and United Nations specialized agencies. A planning meeting on the establishment of the centre will be held in the course of 2006.

	<u>US\$</u>
Thematic workshops in Africa	250,000
Further development of subregional action programmes in Asia	260,000
Consultative meetings for the Abu Dhabi Initiative in Asia	80,000
Further development of subregional action programmes in LAC	200,000
Workshop on the south-eastern European centre for drought management	<u>70,000</u>
Total — Promotion of coordination and cooperation at the subregional level	<u>860,000</u>

Promotion of cooperation and networking at the regional level

37. Support to regional preparations for COP 8: In order to support the affected country Parties in preparing for COP 8 and promote concrete progress in the implementation of the Convention at the regional level, regional meetings preparatory to COP 8 will be organized in 2007 in Africa, Asia, LAC, the Northern Mediterranean and Central and Eastern Europe.

	<u>US\$</u>
Regional meeting in Africa	300,000
Regional meeting in Asia	120,000
Regional meeting in LAC	180,000
Regional meeting in Northern Mediterranean	85,000
Regional meeting in Central and Eastern Europe	<u>60,000</u>
Total — Regional meetings	<u>745,000</u>

38. Promotion of regional thematic programme networks (TPNs): All TPNs on the six priority areas of the regional action programmes have been launched in Africa and Asia, respectively. The work under the established TPNs continues through the further development of the thematic focus and knowledge base, and through the launching of pilot initiatives. However, catalytical support is critically needed to maintain the momentum of these initiatives.

39. In LAC, four out of six TPNs have been launched, regional collaboration for the further development of these networks will continue during the biennium. Preparations for the remaining two networks are well under way, and the respective launching meetings will be organized in 2006.

40. In Central and Eastern Europe, the identification of priority areas for regional cooperation has been completed. The establishment of three regional thematic networks and two training centres in order to operationalize the priority areas will be considered through consultations and launching meetings involving the countries of the region.

41. A thematic conference on the role of organic agriculture and soil fertility in the framework of the implementation of the UNCCD in Europe is planned for 2006.

	<u>US\$</u>
Further development of the thematic programme networks in Africa	200,000
Further development of the thematic programme networks in Asia	530,000
Further development of the thematic programme networks in LAC	500,000
Operationalization of regional priority thematic areas in Central and Eastern Europe	130,000
Conference on organic agriculture in Europe	<u>100,000</u>
Total — Thematic programme networks	<u>1,460,000</u>

Promotion of cooperation at the interregional level

42. Meeting on the Africa-LAC platform of cooperation: Support to the Africa-LAC platform of collaboration will continue through the process of technical and political awareness raising, and collaboration among countries from the two regions in implementing the three axes of the platform strategy (capacity building, policy improvement and implementation of concrete actions). These axes were developed in the course of the previous forums held in Brazil in 1998, Mali in 2000, Venezuela in 2002 and Tunisia in 2004). The next platform meeting will be organized in 2006 in cooperation with the Government of the Dominican Republic.

	<u>US\$</u>
Africa-LAC platform meeting	<u>250,000</u>

Promotion of synergies

43. Local, national and subregional level synergy workshops will be organized in Africa, Asia, LAC and Central and Eastern Europe, with the aim of facilitating synergistic implementation of the NAP and promoting the potential of sustainable land management for mitigation and adaptation to climate change and biodiversity protection.

	<u>US\$</u>
Synergy workshops in Africa	210,000
Synergy workshops in Asia	150,000
Synergy workshops in LAC	300,000
Synergy workshops in Central and Eastern Europe	<u>180,000</u>
Total — Promotion of synergies	<u>840,000</u>

Facilitation of partnership building

44. In order to promote partnership building for the implementation of the UNCCD, support will be provided to the preparations for and organization of national consultative forums in Africa, Asia, LAC and Central and Eastern Europe, with the aim of strengthening the mainstreaming of NAPs into other national development frameworks and to promote their relevance for poverty reduction.

45. In Africa, linkages between national, subregional and regional action programmes and relevant regional and global initiatives and processes, such as TerrAfrica, The New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and United Nations Development Programme/GEF projects for least developed countries and small island developing States will be sought. Methods for this activity will include organization of and participation in related consultations. In Asia, linkages will be established between the programming tools of the Convention and the resource mobilization packages for natural resources management promoted by multilateral and bilateral donors.

46. In LAC, subregional consultations will be organized among the countries of the Caribbean and Mesoamerica. Furthermore, a regional level capacity-building programme for training in resource mobilization will be launched.

47. Activities to facilitate partnership building will be carried out in close collaboration with the institutions of the GEF family and the Global Mechanism.

	<u>US\$</u>
Support to national consultative forums in Africa	740,000
Support to national consultative forums in Asia	230,000
Support to national consultative forums in LAC	630,000
Support to national consultative forums in Central and Eastern Europe	120,000
Promotion of linkages between NAPs, SRAPs and RAPs and relevant regional and global processes in Africa	100,000
Support to subregional and regional activities for partnership building in LAC	<u>200,000</u>
Total — Facilitation of partnership building	<u>2,020,000</u>
Grand total — Facilitation of implementation of the UNCCD	<u>9,785,000</u>

E. External relations and public information

48. In line with its objectives and activities presented in document ICCD/COP(7)/2/Add.1, the programme for external relations and public information has the following supplementary funding needs for the biennium 2006–2007.

Support to the coordination and organization of activities relating to the IYDD

49. The majority of activities in the field of external relations and public information during the biennium 2006–2007 are linked to the IYDD.

	<u>US\$</u>
Support to the coordination of the IYDD: A team made up of interns, consultants and secretariat staff would assist the Executive Secretary, as designated focal point, in the preparation, celebration and follow-up of the activities foreseen for the commemoration of the IYDD (including consultancy, travel and communication expenses)	300,000
Television features productions on desertification will be supported for production and broadcast by major international media organizations and networks, focusing on the key messages of the IYDD	70,000
The Year 2006 information centre website will be created to enhance information flow, including specific sections dedicated for media monitoring, collection of country activities and information for relevant stakeholders	100,000
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Conference “The Future of Arid Lands” will take	

stock of 50 years of experience in dryland studies, policies and development programmes and will help to redefine future priorities to promote sustainable development in the world's drylands	200,000
Training on environmental journalism will be provided to approximately 100 key journalists who already have an established media network within their respective countries	158,200
Regional or national events on links between desertification and food security are planned to be organized in collaboration with relevant institutions such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). These workshops will illustrate the relevance of the UNCCD for eliminating hunger and asserting the right to food in the context of achieving the Millennium Development Goals.	250,000
Installation of IYDD Information Stands in the General Assembly Hall (sixtieth and sixty-first sessions)	50,000
Promoting academic dialogue: International Scientific Conference 2006 on Deserts and Desertification is planned to be organized in cooperation with UNESCO. The conference "Deserts and Desertification" will help create visibility for the Year in the academic community, take stock of the contribution of science to the UNCCD process, and establish partnerships for future collaborative work among desertification-affected countries, United Nations bodies, researchers, private partners and non-governmental organizations.	100,000
Event on desertification and migration will reflect the outcomes of the Almeria Symposium on Desertification and Migrations, held 10 years ago. It will seek to further elaborate on the current situation regarding migration induced by desertification and, with the assistance of the national and international community, identify ways and means to address the situation.	120,000
International Roundtable on Promoting Investment in Sustainable Land Management – Synergy in the Implementation of the Three Rio Conventions, to be held in Kyoto, Japan, will showcase various investment opportunities and market schemes which emerged within the framework of the Kyoto Protocol of the UNFCCC and outside the Kyoto mechanism, such as carbon-offset market and potential financing opportunities, involving both official development assistance and private sector investments	120,000

Global meeting for the assessment of the UNCCD implementation at the global level in the 10 years since the entry into force of the Convention. Venue: Argentina	400,000
Regional meeting: Youth and the Environment. Lessons learned and Perspectives in Africa. Venue: Mali	400,000
Global meeting on women and desertification: Assessment of the role of women in the implementation of the Convention. Venue: China	250,000
Desert Nights: International Film Festival will be one of the main cultural events during the IYDD. It will seek to raise the awareness of the public at large on desertification as it relates to social and cultural dimensions, promote cultural identities and local capacities of dryland communities and identify and launch concrete actions in support to affected developing country Parties	<u>250,000</u>
Total — Support to the coordination and organisation of activities relating to the IYDD	<u>2,918,200</u>

Support to NGO involvement in the UNCCD process

50. The participation of non-governmental organizations in the implementation of the Convention and their contribution to the meetings of the COP and its subsidiary bodies and those organized by the Parties is a necessary requirement for the successful implementation of the Convention. Furthermore, the active involvement of the civil society in the preparation and celebration of the 2006, International Year of Deserts and Desertification is a *conditio sine qua non* to ensure the expected results from the year. In this regard, the activities foreseen to facilitate the involvement of the NGO community as follows:

	<u>US\$</u>
NGO participation in CRIC 5	100,000
NGO participation in COP 8	300,000
NGO preparations for the open dialogue sessions during COP 8	35,000
NGO participation in preparatory meetings to CRIC 5 and COP 8 and the workshops relating to regional thematic programme networks	100,000
Strengthening of communication mechanisms for delivery of information to NGO networks	10,000
Support to civil society initiatives for the celebration of the IYDD	<u>100,000</u>
Total — Support to NGO involvement in the UNCCD process	<u>645,000</u>

Public information and media outreach

51. The IYDD will significantly increase the demand for UNCCD public information products. Background documentation on desertification, including new translations of existing publications, will be provided primarily to media but also to governments, NGOs and other actors involved in the celebration of the IYDD. Campaign management, advertising, marketing and print material will include developing, producing and printing of miscellaneous IYDD information products. External consultancy services will be required for the production of public information material, as well as for liaison with potential donors for the IYDD activities.

	<u>US\$</u>
The IYDD booklet	30,000
Flyers	15,000
Five consecutive poster campaigns	40,000
Press kits	5,000
Pocket cards	20,000
Memorabilia	40,000
Consultancy services	<u>25,000</u>
Total — Public information and media outreach	<u>175,000</u>
Grand total — External relations and public information	<u><u>3,738,200</u></u>

III. CONCLUSIONS

52. At its seventh session, the COP may wish to take note of the activities to be funded under the Supplementary Fund during the biennium 2006–2007 and the related estimates for funding requirements. The COP may further wish to invite Parties, as well as governments of States not Parties, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, to make contributions to the Supplementary Fund.
