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Venue

1. Pursuant to provisions contained in decision 31/COP.7, and in accordance with rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties (COP) (decision 1/COP.1), the eighth session of the COP will be held in Madrid, Spain, from 3 to 14 September 2007.

Logistic arrangements

2. A few weeks before the opening of COP 8, the secretariat will distribute an information note (ICCD/COP(8)/INF.1) detailing registration and security procedures, as well as other logistic arrangements for the session.

Participants

3. In accordance with article 36, paragraph 2, of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), for each State or regional economic integration organization ratifying, accepting, approving or acceding to the Convention after the deposit of the fiftieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, the Convention shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit by such State or regional economic integration organization of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. Consequently, the Parties as at the opening of COP 8 on 3 September 2007 will be the States and regional economic integration organizations that have deposited their instruments by 5 June 2007. Those Parties that deposit their instruments after 5 June and by 16 June 2007 will become Parties during COP 8. Those which do so after 16 June 2007 will not become Parties until after the closure of the session but can participate in the session as observers, together with the United Nations, its specialized agencies, any State member thereof or observers thereto not Party to the Convention, as well as accredited intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. Relevant information on the status of ratifications has been made available on the Convention website (<www.unccd.int>).

Agenda

4. By its decision 30/COP.7, the COP decided to include in the provisional agenda for its eighth session standing items on its agenda as defined in decision 9/COP.1 as well as matters arising from other decisions of the COP.

Documentation

5. A list of documents for the session and for the concurrent sixth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC) and eighth session of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) is provided in annex I. In addition to normal distribution, official documents for the session will be made available on the Convention website (<www.unccd.int>).

1. Election of the President

6. Rule 22 of the rules of procedure, as amended by decision 20/COP.2, provides for the election of the President from among the representatives of the Parties present at the session. Rule 26 of the rules of procedure stipulates that at the first meeting of each ordinary session, the President of the previous ordinary session, or in the absence of the President, a Vice-President, shall preside until the COP has elected a President for the session.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

7. The COP will have before it the provisional agenda contained in this document to consider for adoption. A tentative schedule of work for the session is contained in annex II.

Purpose of the session

8. The tasks of the COP are defined in article 22, paragraph 2, of the Convention. The organization of work of the session is designed to facilitate the activities in this respect, while taking account of decision 30/COP.7 and other decisions of the COP relevant to its programme of work.

Opening plenary meeting

9. The COP may wish to consider the following scenario with regard to the structure of the opening plenary meeting. The President of COP 7 would open the session and call for the election of the President of COP 8. The President of COP 8 would make a statement after his or her election. Statements would then be made on behalf of the host country and by the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD, to be followed by statements from representatives of the United Nations, its specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and regional and interest groups, and by a representative of the non-governmental organizations (NGOs). The President would call for the adoption of the agenda and organization of work. Subsequently, the President would call for the election of the Vice-Presidents.

10. Finally, the COP would discuss accreditation of IGOs and NGOs and admission of observers.

Establishment of a committee of the whole and allocation of its tasks

11. The practice followed at previous sessions of the COP was to establish at the opening plenary meeting a sessional committee of the whole (COW), chaired by a Vice-President of the COP and open to the participation of all Parties. The COP may wish to follow the same practice at its eighth session. The COW would recommend draft decisions for adoption by the COP. Its Chair would have the authority to delegate work, as appropriate, to drafting groups. The COP could allocate the following items to the COW:

- (a) Programme and budget
- (b) Additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the COP in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention
- (c) Follow-up to the Joint Inspection Unit report and strategy development to foster the implementation of the Convention
- (d) Arrangements for regional coordination units
- (e) Promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and relevant international organizations, institutions and agencies
- (f) Follow-up to the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) relevant to the Convention, including the preparation of the sixteenth and seventeenth sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development
- (g) Rule 47 of the rules of procedures
- (h) Outcome of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification
- (i) Relations between the secretariat and its host country
- (j) Programme of work for the ninth session of the COP
- (k) Any other matters deemed to be appropriate.

Committee on Science and Technology

12. The CST is tentatively scheduled to meet from 4 to 6 September, with a possible extension to 7 September. In accordance with decision 20/COP.7 and other relevant decisions of the COP, the secretariat has prepared document ICCD/COP(8)/CST/1 containing a provisional agenda for the Committee's session, as well as other documents needed for its deliberations; these documents are listed in annex I.

Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

13. The CRIC is tentatively scheduled to meet from 4 to 7 September. In accordance with decision 1/COP.5 and other relevant decisions, the secretariat has prepared ICCD/CRIC/(6)/1 containing a provisional agenda for the Committee's work, as well as other documents for the session; these documents are listed in annex I.

Ad hoc group of experts

14. It is proposed that the open-ended ad hoc group of experts (AHGE) be reconvened on 10 September, pursuant to decision 22/COP.7.

Initial segment

15. It is proposed in the tentative schedule that COP 8 be divided into three segments. During the initial segment, from 3 to 7 September, in addition to the CST and CRIC sessions, the COW would initiate its work.

16. The COP would meet in plenary on 7 September to hear reports from the COW, the CST and the CRIC, to take all necessary decisions on matters before the COP and to review the organization of work for the second week, including providing for further meetings of the COW as appropriate.

Special segment

17. During the special segment on 12 and 13 September, included in the agenda in accordance with decision 30/COP.7, an interactive dialogue among high-level officials of Parties will be conducted on the theme "Desertification and adaptation to climate change".

Round-table discussions by members of parliament

18. The interactive dialogue session with members of parliament, included in the agenda in accordance with decision 30/COP.7, will take the form of a round-table discussion. It will take from 8 to 9 September. It is anticipated that any outcome from the round-table discussion would be communicated to the COP for consideration.

Concluding segment

19. During the concluding segment, the COP will consider all decisions not previously adopted. It will also have before it for adoption the report on credentials (ICCD/COP(8)/15) submitted by the Bureau. It will decide the date and venue of the ninth session of the COP, taking account of:

(a) The pertinent legislative provisions of article 22, paragraph 4, of the Convention, rule 4, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure, rule 3 of the rules of procedure and decision 1/COP.2;

(b) Any offer to host the ninth session and meet the additional financial cost.

20. The COP will also decide the date and venue of the seventh session of the CRIC, taking into account any decision the COP may take on the terms of reference of the CRIC, its operations and its schedule of meetings.

21. The proposed schedule allows for the concluding plenary meeting on 14 September. Accordingly, all negotiations should be concluded by 13 September.

Times of meetings

22. 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. In order to avoid incurring overtime expenses, the normal working hours of the session will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. No provision has been made for more than two official meetings to be held with interpretation services at any one time.

3. Election of officers other than the President(a) Election of Vice-Presidents

23. In accordance with rule 22 of the rules of procedure contained in decision 1/COP.1, as amended by decision 20/COP.2, nine Vice-Presidents shall be elected by the COP from among the representatives of the Parties present at the session. This election will take place at the opening meeting of the COP on 3 September 2007.

(b) Election of the Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology

24. Rule 22 of the rules of procedure, as amended by decision 20/COP.2, also applies for the election of the Chair of the CST. The Bureau of the COP has received a recommendation from the Bureau of the CST through the Chair of the CST to have the current Bureau of the CST conduct the work of the CST up to the end of its eighth session, and to have the new Bureau start its work with the new programme of work of the CST for the biennium 2008–2009. The COP may, at its opening meeting, decide to consider this recommendation and elect the Chair of the CST after the conclusion of the work of this body on 7 September 2007.

(c) Election of the Chair of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

25. Rule 31 of the rules of procedure, as amended by decision 20/COP.2, provides for the election by the COP of chairs of subsidiary bodies other than the CST, unless the COP decides otherwise. The election of the Chair of the CRIC will take place after the conclusion of the sixth session of the CRIC.

4. Credentials of delegations

26. In accordance with rules 19 and 20 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau of the COP will examine the credentials of representatives, alternate representative and advisers and submit its report to the COP for decision. This report on credentials will be contained in document ICCD/COP(8)/15. In accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure representatives will be entitled to participate provisionally in the session, pending a decision by the COP to accept their credentials.

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

27. In accordance with the provisions of article 22, paragraph 7 of the Convention, of rules 6 and 7 of the rules of procedure, and of decision 26/COP.1, a list of IGOs and NGOs proposed for accreditation at COP 8 is contained in document ICCD/COP(8)/14 and Add.1.

6. Programme and budget

28. 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.

29. A general overview of the programme and budget documents submitted to COP 8 for consideration is provided in document ICCD/COP(8)/2. Document ICCD/COP(8)/2/Add.11 contains information on implications of result-based planning, programming and budgeting.

Programme and budget for the biennium 2008–2009

30. By decisions 23/COP.7 and 30/COP.7 the Executive Secretary is requested to submit to the COP at its eighth session a programme and budget for the biennium 2008–2009. The proposed programme and budget for the biennium 2008–2009 is contained in document ICCD/COP(8)/2/Add.1 and Add.2, which provides detailed tables and narrative of the proposed expenditures and resource requirements for each subsidiary body under the budget line for substantive support to the COP and its subsidiary bodies and the Global Mechanism (GM), and in document ICCD/COP(8)/2/Add.3, which contains information on the proposed utilization of the Supplementary Fund and the Special Fund for the biennium 2008–2009.

Report on the performance of the Convention's trust funds in the biennium 2006–2007 and of the trust fund for supplementary activities in the biennium 2006–2007

31. By its decision 23/COP.7, the COP requested the Executive Secretary to report to the COP at its eighth session on the financial status of the Convention's trust funds. The report on the performance of the Convention's trust funds in the biennium 2006–2007, including the financial statements, is contained in document ICCD/COP(8)/2/Add.4, Add.5 and Add.6, and document ICCD/COP(8)/2/Add.7 contains information on the performance of the trust fund for supplementary activities in the same biennium.

Audited financial statements for the Convention's trust funds for the biennium 2004–2005 for the years ended 31 December 2005 and 2004, and report of the United Nations Board of Auditors

32. The audited financial statements for the Convention's trust funds for the biennium 2004–2005 and the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors are contained in document ICCD/COP(8)/2/Add.8 and Add.9.

Report on the status of contributions to the Convention's trust funds in the biennium 2006–2007

33. The COP, by its decision 23/COP.7, requested the Executive Secretary to report to the COP at its eighth session on the status of the trust funds established under the financial rules of the COP. It also requested the Executive Secretary to present a draft indicative scale of assessment. The status of contributions to the Convention's trust funds is presented in document ICCD/COP(8)/2/Add.10.

7. Review of the implementation of the Convention and of its institutional arrangements

34. Pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2 (a) and (b), and article 26 of the Convention, the COP shall review the implementation of the Convention and the functioning of its institutional arrangements.

(a) Report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

35. By its decision 1/COP.5, the COP decided to establish the CRIC as a subsidiary body of the COP to assist it in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention, in order to draw conclusions and to propose to the COP concrete recommendations on further steps in the implementation of the Convention. In the same decision, the COP adopted the terms of reference of the CRIC, which, inter alia, define the mandate and functions of the CRIC both at sessions held between ordinary sessions of the COP and at sessions held during sessions of the COP.

36. In accordance with decision 1/COP.5, the Committee at its sixth session will: consider the comprehensive report of the fifth session, which also takes account of information and advice from the GM and the CST consistent with their respective mandates; undertake a comprehensive review of the activities of the secretariat; review the report on enhanced implementation of the obligations of the Convention; review the policies, operational modalities and activities of the GM; review available information regarding the financing of the implementation of the Convention by multilateral agencies and institutions, including information on the activities of the Global Environment Facility (GEF); review the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group (AHWG) on procedures of communication of information, and the quality and format of reports on implementation of the Convention – all with a view to formulating, where necessary, draft decisions for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the COP.

37. Pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2 (d), of the Convention, the COP will review reports submitted by its subsidiary bodies and provide guidance to them. In accordance with decision 1/COP.5, the CRIC will report on its work at each ordinary session of the COP. The report on the sixth session of the CRIC will be submitted to the COP for its consideration and for any decision the COP may wish to take on the implementation of the Convention. Following the same decision, the COP may also wish to approve the programme of work of the CRIC, including estimates regarding financial implications.

(b) Additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention

38. By its decision 1/COP.5, the COP decided that the mandate and functions of the CRIC, as contained in paragraph 1 (b) of its terms of reference, should be subject to renewal at the seventh session of the COP, in the light of lessons learned during the overall review of the Committee. The COP also decided that it shall, no later than at its seventh ordinary session, review the terms of reference of the CRIC, its operations and its schedule of meetings, with a view to making any necessary modification, including reconsidering the need for and modalities of the CRIC as a subsidiary body.

39. By its decision 7/COP.7, the COP decided that the review of the terms of reference of the Committee, its operations and its schedule of meetings will take place at the eighth session of the COP with a view to making any necessary modifications, including reconsidering the modalities of the Committee as a subsidiary body. By the same decision, the COP invited Parties and relevant CRIC stakeholders, including civil society, to submit their responses to the questions contained in document ICCD/COP(7)/3 to the secretariat no later than six months before COP 8. Responses received by the secretariat are summarized in document ICCD/COP(8)/3. These submissions are available in their entirety on the Convention website at: <www.unccd.int>.

8. Committee on Science and Technology

(a) Report of the Committee on Science and Technology

40. By its decision 9/COP.1, the COP decided that the review, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2 (d), of the Convention, of the report of the CST, including its recommendations to the COP and its programme of work, and the provision of guidance to it, is a standing item on its agenda. By its decision 20/COP.7, the COP decided that the priority theme for discussion by the CST at its eighth session will be “The effects of climatic variations and human activities on land degradation: assessment, field experience gained, and integration of mitigation and adaptation practices for livelihood improvement”.

41. The CST will transmit to the COP draft decisions resulting from the deliberations at its eighth session. The report of the CST will also include the proposed CST programme of work for the period after COP 8. The COP may wish to discuss the programme of work, make suggestions for its revision and provide any necessary guidance to the CST.

(b) Maintenance of the roster of independent experts and creation, as necessary, of ad hoc panels of experts

42. Article 24, paragraph 2, of the Convention provides that the COP shall establish and maintain a roster of independent experts with expertise and experience in the relevant fields. By its decision 18/COP.1, the COP adopted procedures relating to the establishment and maintenance of a roster of independent experts. By its decision 13/COP.7, the COP made further recommendations on the maintenance and use of the roster of independent experts. Information on the roster of independent experts and the use made of it is contained in document

ICCD/COP(8)/9. An updated roster of experts is available on the Convention website at: <www.unccd.int/cop/cst/experts/search.php>.

43. Article 24, paragraph 3, of the Convention provides for the creation of ad hoc panels, as necessary, by the COP in order to provide it, through the CST, with information and advice on specific issues regarding the state of the art in the fields of science and technology relevant to combating desertification and mitigating the effects of drought. After considering the report of the CST, the COP may wish to consider appointing ad hoc panels, as necessary, and defining their terms of reference and modalities of work, in accordance with the procedures contained in decision 17/COP.1 for the establishment of ad hoc panels.

9. Follow-up to the Joint Inspection Unit report and strategy development to foster the implementation of the Convention

44. In accordance with decision 23/COP.6, a comprehensive review of the activities of the secretariat was undertaken by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) of the United Nations and submitted to the COP at its seventh session for consideration.

45. By its decision 3/COP.7 the COP established the ad hoc Intergovernmental Intersessional Working Group (IIWG) with the mandate to review the JIU report in full and to develop a draft ten-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention by addressing, inter alia, the recommendations of the JIU report.

46. In accordance with decision 3/COP.7 and the terms of reference of the IIWG as prepared by the Bureau of the COP, the IIWG convened four meetings (22–23 May and 12–14 July 2006 in Bonn, Germany; 26–28 April 2007 in Windhoek, Namibia; and 29–31 May 2007 in Geneva, Switzerland).

47. Document ICCD/COP(8)/10 contains an introduction on the deliberations of the IIWG, document ICCD/COP(8)/10/Add.1 contains the report, based on the IIWG's review of the JIU report, including how best to address the recommendations therein and document ICCD/COP(8)/10/Add.2 contains the draft ten-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention – all for consideration and appropriate action by the COP. Document ICCD/COP(8)/INF.5 contains a situational analysis provided by the IIWG for information of the COP.

10. Arrangements for regional coordination units

48. By its decision 11/COP.7, the COP decided to establish an open-ended group to review available reports and information received from Parties and other entities and make recommendations to the COP at its eighth session on options for cost-effective and efficient regional coordination, and in particular on how to make the best use of the existing regional coordination units (RCUs) and other relevant regional and subregional entities. The COP also decided to take a decision at COP 8 on the role of, and institutional and budgetary arrangements relating to, the RCUs. In the same decision, the COP requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the President of the COP, to facilitate the consultations among the members of the

open-ended group. The recommendations by the open-ended group are contained in document ICCD/COP(8)/13.

11. Promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and international organizations, institutions and agencies

49. In accordance with article 8 and article 22, paragraph 2 (i), of the Convention, and pursuant to decision 12/COP.7, the COP at its eighth session will review activities for the promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and international organizations, institutions and agencies. Information on this matter is contained in document ICCD/COP(8)/4; document ICCD/COP(8)/MISC.1 contains a synthesis of submissions received by Parties and observers of success stories of field activities on synergies.

12. Follow-up to the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development relevant to the Convention and preparation of the sixteenth and seventeenth sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development

50. By its decision 2/COP.7, the COP invited Parties, the Executive Secretary and other relevant stakeholders to prepare for, and participate in, the fourteenth and fifteenth sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD). By the same decision, the COP also requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a background paper, drawing attention in particular to the outcomes of the third and fifth sessions of the CRIC, for discussion at COP 8. The report of the Executive Secretary on the activities carried out to implement decision 2/COP.7 is contained in document ICCD/COP(8)/5 and Add.1.

13. Outstanding items

(a) Rule 47 of the rules of procedure

51. Article 22, paragraph 2 (e), of the Convention provides that the COP shall “agree upon and adopt, by consensus, rules of procedure ... for itself and any subsidiary bodies”. By its decision 1/COP.1, the COP adopted its rules of procedure, with the exception of some paragraphs contained in rules 22, 31 and 47. The texts of rules 22 and 31 were amended by decision 20/COP.2. By decision 21/COP.2, the COP decided also to give further consideration to paragraph 1 of rule 47 of the rules of procedure, not yet agreed upon, and the text resulting from this decision was provided in the annex to document ICCD/COP(3)/13.

52. By its decision 21/COP.7, the COP requested the secretariat to include consideration of this outstanding rule of procedure in the agenda of COP 8 and to report on the status of similar rules of procedure in other multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs), including the views of other secretariats on the impact of the said status on the work of their respective MEAs. The relevant information on this item is contained in document ICCD/COP(8)/6.

- (b) Procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions on implementation
- (c) Annexes containing arbitration and conciliation procedures

53. In accordance with article 27 of the Convention, the COP is to decide on procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions on implementation. In accordance with article 28, paragraphs 2 (a) and 6 of the Convention, the COP is also to establish annexes containing arbitration and conciliation procedures.

54. In its decision 22/COP.7, the COP decided to reconvene, at its eighth session, the open-ended Ad Hoc Group of Experts established by decision 20/COP.3, to examine further and make recommendations on procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions on implementation, and on annexes on arbitration and conciliation procedures. By the same decision the secretariat was requested to prepare two documents, one on article 27 and another on article 28, paragraphs 2 (a) and 6 of the Convention. Information on the above matters, including views communicated by Parties is contained in documents ICCD/COP(8)/7 and ICCD/COP(8)/8 respectively, for consideration by the COP.

14. Outcome of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification

55. By its decision 28/COP.7, the COP reiterated the call made in General Assembly resolution 58/211, which declared 2006 the International Year of Deserts and Desertification (IYDD), and requested the secretariat to report to the COP at its eighth session on the outcome of IYDD. The report of the secretariat is contained in document ICCD/COP(8)/11.

15. Relations between the secretariat and its host country

56. As a follow-up to the report on relations between the secretariat and its host country submitted for consideration by the COP at its seventh session, the secretariat was requested, by decision 29/COP.7, together with the other United Nations organizations based in Bonn, to continue consultations with the Government of Germany regarding the move to the United Nations campus, with a view to identifying ways to meet the subsequent anticipated higher costs of the facilities. By the same decision, the COP requested the Government of Germany to make arrangements to absorb these costs, in keeping with its obligations as host country. The progress made concerning the above matter is reported in document ICCD/COP(8)/12.

16. Inclusion of activities of non-governmental organizations within the official programme of work of the Conference of the Parties: open dialogue sessions

57. By its decision 27/COP.1, the COP requested that open dialogue sessions organized by NGOs be included within the official programme of work of the sessions of the COP, and that the secretariat make all efforts to facilitate inclusion of at least two half-day sessions within the official programme of work. Such sessions would be organized in consultation with the secretariat and the Bureau of the COP through its President. Decision 30/COP.7 reiterated this request. The two half-day sessions have been tentatively scheduled on 11 September.

17. Special segment: interactive dialogue session

58. Following decision 30/COP.7 on the programme of work of the COP, it is proposed that an interactive dialogue session among high-level officials of Parties attending COP 8 will take place on 12 and 13 September. This would include a ministerial event in the morning of 13 September on the theme “Desertification and adaptation to climate change”.

18. Programme of work for the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties

59. In accordance with decision 9/COP.1, which listed items to be included as standing items on COP agendas, and following decision 30/COP.7 on the programme of work of the COP, and any decision the COP may take on the terms of reference of the CRIC, its operations and its schedule of meetings, the COP may wish to review its programme of work for the next session, as appropriate.

19. Report on the session

60. A draft report of the session will be prepared for adoption at the concluding plenary meeting on 14 September 2007, in accordance with established practice. The COP will be invited to authorize its Rapporteur to finalize the report after the session, with the assistance of the secretariat and under the guidance of the President.

Annex I**List of documents****Documents before the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties**

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ICCD/COP(8)/7	Procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions on implementation. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(8)/8	Annexes containing arbitration and conciliation procedures. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(8)/9	Maintenance of the roster of independent experts and creation, as necessary, of ad hoc panels of experts. Note by the secretariat

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ICCD/COP(8)/10	Follow up to the Joint Inspection Unit report and strategy development to foster the implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(8)/10/Add.1	Follow up to the Joint Inspection Unit report and strategy development to foster the implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Report, based on the review by the Intergovernmental Intersessional Working Group of the report by the Joint Inspection Unit, including how best to address the recommendations therein
ICCD/COP(8)/10/Add.2	Follow up to the Joint Inspection Unit report and strategy development to foster the implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Draft Ten-Year Strategic Plan and Framework to Enhance the Implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(8)/11	Outcome of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(8)/12	Relations between the secretariat and its host country. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(8)/13	Arrangements for regional coordination units. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(8)/14	Accreditation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, admission of observers. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(8)/14/Add.1	Accreditation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, admission of observers. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(8)/15	Credentials of delegations. Report of the Bureau to the Conference of the Parties
ICCD/COP(8)/INF.1	Preliminary information for participants
ICCD/COP(8)/INF.2	Status of ratification of the UNCCD
ICCD/COP(8)/INF.3	Directory of focal points for the UNCCD
ICCD/COP(8)/INF.4	List of participants
ICCD/COP(8)/INF.5	Follow up to the Joint Inspection Unit report and strategy development to foster the implementation of the Convention. Situational analysis. Note by the secretariat

<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>Title</u>
ICCD/COP(8)/MISC.1	Compilation of success stories of field activities on synergies. Submissions from Parties

Documents before the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention at its sixth session

ICCD/CRIC(5)/11	Report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on its fifth session, held in Buenos Aires from 12 to 21 March 2007
ICCD/CRIC(6)/1	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(6)/2	Comprehensive review of the activities of the secretariat. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(6)/3	Report on enhanced implementation of the obligations of the Convention. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(6)/4	Report on activities of the Global Mechanism, and the provision of guidance to it, and review of policies, operational modalities and activities of the Global Mechanism. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(6)/5	Review of available information on the financing of Convention implementation by multilateral agencies and institutions, including information on the activities of the Global Environment Facility. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(6)/5/Add.1	Review of available information on the financing of Convention implementation by multilateral agencies and institutions, including information on the activities of the Global Environment Facility. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Strategies, programmes and projects for financing the agreed incremental costs of activities concerning desertification
ICCD/CRIC(6)/6	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on improving the procedures for communication of information. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(6)/6/Add.1	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on improving the procedures for communication of information. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Toward harmonization and standardization: a proposed methodological guide to improve financial reporting under the UNCCD

Documents before the Committee on Science and Technology at its eighth session

<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>Title</u>
ICCD/COP(8)/CST/1	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(8)/CST/2	Report of the fifth meeting of the Group of Experts of the Committee on Science and Technology. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(8)/CST/2/Add.1	Report of the fifth meeting of the Group of Experts of the Committee on Science and Technology. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Benchmarks and indicators for monitoring and assessment of desertification
ICCD/COP(8)/CST/2/Add.2	Report of the fifth meeting of the Group of Experts of the Committee on Science and Technology. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Communication strategy: development of a mechanism for an interactive and thematic data/metadata network (THEMANET)
ICCD/COP(8)/CST/2/Add.3	Report of the fifth meeting of the Group of Experts of the Committee on Science and Technology. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Integrative assessment methodology for poverty and land degradation
ICCD/COP(8)/CST/2/Add.4	Report of the fifth meeting of the Group of Experts of the Committee on Science and Technology. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Development of synergy with other related conventions
ICCD/COP(8)/CST/2/Add.5	Report of the fifth meeting of the Group of Experts of the Committee on Science and Technology. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Case studies on conservation and rehabilitation for users in implementing the Convention
ICCD/COP(8)/CST/2/Add.6	Report of the fifth meeting of the Group of Experts of the Committee on Science and Technology. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Methodologies for assessment of desertification at global, regional and local levels
ICCD/COP(8)/CST/2/Add.7	Report of the fifth meeting of the Group of Experts of the Committee on Science and Technology. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Identification of perceived gaps between biophysical, socio-economic and cultural knowledge and activities to combat desertification, their causes and ways of eliminating them

<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>Title</u>
ICCD/COP(8)/CST/2/Add.8	Report of the fifth meeting of the Group of Experts of the Committee on Science and Technology. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Guidelines for early warning systems
ICCD/COP(8)/CST/2/Add.9	Report of the fifth meeting of the Group of Experts of the Committee on Science and Technology. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Guidelines for updating the <i>World Atlas of Desertification</i>
ICCD/COP(8)/CST/3	Synthesis of the analysis by the Group of Experts of the reports submitted by Parties to the fifth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(8)/CST/4	Summary of activities of the Bureau during the intersessional period. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(8)/CST/5	Report on a UNCCD fellowship programme. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(8)/CST/6	Review of the functions and the work of the Group of Experts, and procedures for the renewal of the membership of the Group of Experts. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(8)/CST/7	Reports submitted by Parties on the effects of climatic variations and human activities on land degradation: assessment, field experience gained, and integration of mitigation and adaptation practices for livelihood improvement. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(8)/CST/8	Abridged report of the international workshop on climate and land degradation. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(8)/CST/9	Report on progress of the Land Degradation Assessment in Drylands project. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(8)/CST/INF.1	Report of the international workshop on climate and land degradation
ICCD/COP(8)/CST/INF.2	Analysis by the Group of Experts of the reports submitted by Parties to the fifth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention
ICCD/COP(8)/CST/INF.3	Case studies on conservation and rehabilitation for users in implementing the Convention

<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>Title</u>
ICCD/COP(8)/CST/MISC.1	The effects of climatic variations and human activities on land degradation: assessment, field experience gained, and integration of mitigation and adaptation practices for livelihood improvement. Submissions from Parties

Other documents available at the session

ICCD/COP(7)/16	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its seventh session: Proceedings
ICCD/COP(7)/16/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its sixth session: Action taken
ICCD/COP(6)/11	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its sixth session: Proceedings
ICCD/COP(6)/11/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its sixth session: Action taken
ICCD/COP(5)/11	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its sixth session: Proceedings
ICCD/COP(5)/11/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its sixth session: Action taken

Annex II

Tentative schedule of work

Monday, 3 September 2007		
	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
P L E N A R Y	<i>Informal consultations</i>	<p><i>Opening of the session by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of the President <p><i>Statement by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its eighth session</i> <i>Statement on behalf of the host country</i> <i>Statement by the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD</i> <i>Statements by the representatives of the United Nations, its specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations</i> <i>Statements by the representatives of regional and interest groups</i> <i>Statement by a representative of non-governmental organizations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the agenda and organization of work <i>(ICCD/COP(8)/1)</i> • Election of officers other than the President - Election of Vice-Presidents • Accreditation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, admission of observers <i>(ICCD/COP(8)/14 and Add.1)</i>

Tuesday, 4 September 2007		
	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
C O W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme and budget (<i>ICCD/COP(8)/2 and ICCD/COP(8)/2/Add.11</i>) <i>Programme and budget for the biennium 2008–2009 (ICCD/COP(8)/2/Add.1, Add.2 and Add3)</i> <i>Report on the performance of the Convention's trust funds in the biennium 2006–2007</i> <i>Report on the performance of the trust fund for supplementary activities in the biennium 2006– 2007 (ICCD/COP(8)/2/Add.4, Add.5, Add.6 and Add.7)</i> <i>Audited financial statements for the Convention's trust funds for the biennium 2004–2005 for the years ended 31 December 2005 and 2004, and Report of the United Nations Board of Auditors (ICCD/COP(8)/2/Add.8 and Add.9)</i> <i>Report on the status of contributions to the Convention's trust funds in the biennium 2006–2007 (ICCD/COP(8)/2/Add.10)</i> 	---

Tuesday, 4 September 2007 (continued)		
	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
C R I C	- - -	<p><i>Opening of the session by the Chair of the CRIC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (<i>ICCD/CRIC(6)/1</i>) • Review of the implementation of the Convention and of its institutional arrangements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report of the Committee on its fifth session (<i>ICCD/CRIC(5)/11</i>) - Comprehensive review of the activities of the secretariat and of the progress made by affected country Parties in implementation of the Convention (<i>ICCD/CRIC(6)/2</i>) - Report on enhanced implementation of the obligations of the Convention (<i>ICCD/CRIC(6)/3 and Add.1</i>)
C S T	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening of the session • Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (<i>ICCD/COP(8)/CST/1</i>) • Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Committee on Science and Technology: Final report of the Group of Experts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Report of the fifth meeting of the Group of Experts of the Committee on Science and Technology (ICCD/COP(8)/CST/2)</i> - <i>Benchmarks and indicators for monitoring and assessment of desertification (ICCD/COP(8)/CST/2/Add.1)</i> - <i>Communication strategy: development of a mechanism for an interactive and thematic data/metadata network (THEMANET) (ICCD/COP(8)/CST/2/Add.2)</i> - <i>Integrative assessment methodology for poverty and land degradation (ICCD/COP(8)/CST/2/Add.3)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Committee on Science and Technology: Final report of the Group of Experts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Development of synergy with other related conventions (ICCD/COP(8)/CST/2/Add.4)</i> - <i>Case studies on conservation and rehabilitation for users in implementing the Convention (ICCD/COP(8)/CST/2/Add.5)</i> - <i>Methodologies for assessment of desertification at global, regional and local levels (ICCD/COP(8)/CST/2/Add.6)</i> - <i>Identification of perceived gaps between biophysical, socio-economic and cultural knowledge, and activities to combat desertification, their causes and ways of eliminating them (ICCD/COP(8)/CST/2/Add.7)</i> - <i>Guidelines for early warning systems (ICCD/COP(8)/CST/2/Add.8)</i>

Wednesday, 5 September 2007		
	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
C R I C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Mechanism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report on the activities of the Global Mechanism, and the provision of guidance to it - Review of the policies, operational modalities and activities of the Global Mechanism - Progress made by, inter alia, the Global Mechanism, in mobilizing financial resources to support the implementation of the Convention, in particular national action programmes to combat desertification <i>(ICCD/CRIC(6)/4)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of available information regarding the financing of Convention implementation by multilateral agencies and institutions, including information on the activities of the Global Environment Facility <i>(ICCD/CRIC(6)/5 and Add.1)</i>
C S T	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Committee on Science and Technology: Final report of the Group of Experts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Guidelines on updating the World Atlas of Desertification (ICCD/COP(8)/CST/2/Add.9)</i> - Analysis by the Group of Experts of the reports submitted by Parties to the fifth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention <i>(ICCD/COP(8)/CST/3 and (ICCD/COP(8)/CST/INF.2)</i> • Report of the Bureau of the Committee on Science and Technology: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summary of activities of the Bureau during the intersessional period <i>(ICCD/COP(8)/CST/4)</i> - UNCCD fellowship programme <i>(ICCD/COP(8)/CST/5)</i> - Review of the functions and the work of the Group of Experts and procedures for renewal of the membership of the Group of Experts <i>(ICCD/COP(8)/CST/6)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme of work of the Committee on Science and Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Priority theme: The effects of climatic variations and human activities on land degradation: assessment, field experience gained, and integration of mitigation and adaptation practices for livelihood improvement <i>(ICCD/COP(8)/CST/7 and (ICCD/COP(8)/CST/MISC.1)</i> - Report of the international workshop on climate and land degradation <i>(ICCD/COP(8)/CST/8 and (ICCD/COP(8)/CST/INF.1)</i> • Roster of independent experts <i>(ICCD/COP(8)/9)</i> • Report on progress of the Land Degradation Assessment in Drylands Project <i>(ICCD/COP(8)/CST/9)</i>

Thursday, 6 September 2007		
	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
C R I C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on improving the procedures for communication of information (ICCD/CRIC(6)/6 and Add.1) 	<i>Formulation of the report of the Committee, including, where necessary, draft decisions for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the Conference of the Parties</i>
C S T	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future programme of work of the Committee on Science and Technology • Creation of ad hoc panels of experts, as necessary • Other matters • Elections of Vice-Chairs • Report of the session <p><i>Adoption of the report of the Committee, including, where necessary, draft decisions for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the Conference of the Parties</i></p>	<i>Adoption of the report of the Committee, including, where necessary, draft decisions for consideration and, as appropriate, adoption by the Conference of the Parties</i>

Friday, 7 September 2007		
	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
P L E N A R Y	- - -	<p><i>Consideration of the preliminary report of the COW</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the implementation of the Convention and of its institutional arrangements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention at its sixth session • Election of other officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Election of the Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology - Election of the Chair of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention • Committee on Science and Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report of the Committee on Science and Technology - Maintenance of the roster of experts and creation of ad hoc panels of experts (ICCD/COP(8)/9)

Friday, 7 September 2007 (continued)		
	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
C O W	- - -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the implementation of the Convention and of its institutional arrangements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the COP in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention (<i>ICCD/COP(8)/3</i>) • Follow up to the Joint Inspection Unit report and strategy development to foster the implementation of the Convention <i>ICCD/COP(8)/10</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report, based on the review by the Intergovernmental Intersessional Working Group of the report by the Joint Inspection Unit, including how best to address the recommendations therein (<i>ICCD/COP(8)/10/Add.1</i>) - Draft Ten-Year Strategic Plan and Framework to Enhance the Implementation of the Convention (<i>ICCD/COP(8)/10/Add.2</i>) • Arrangements for regional coordination units (<i>ICCD/COP(8)/13</i>)
C R I C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme of work for the seventh session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention • Adoption of the report of the Committee • Election of officers other than the Chair 	- - -

Monday, 10 September 2007		
	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
C O W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and relevant international organizations, institutions and agencies (<i>ICCD/COP(8)/4 and ICCD/COP(8)/MISC.1</i>) Follow-up to the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development relevant to the Convention, and preparation of the sixteenth and seventeenth sessions of the Committee on Sustainable Development. (<i>ICCD/COP(8)/5 and ICCD/COP(8)/5/Add.1</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rule 47 of the rules of procedure (<i>ICCD/COP(8)/8</i>) Outcome of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification (<i>ICCD/COP(8)/11</i>) Relations between the secretariat and and its host country (<i>ICCD/COP(8)/12</i>) Programme of work for the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties <p><i>Adoption of the report to the Conference of the Parties</i></p>
A H G E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions on implementation (<i>ICCD/COP(8)/7</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annexes containing arbitration and conciliation procedures (<i>ICCD/COP(8)/8</i>) <p><i>Adoption of the report to the Conference of the Parties</i></p>

Tuesday, 11 September 2007		
	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
P L E N A R Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion of activities of non-governmental organizations within the official programme of work of the Conference of the Parties: open dialogue session 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion of activities of non-governmental organizations within the official programme of work of the Conference of the Parties: open dialogue session

Wednesday, 12 September 2007		
	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
P L E N A R Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special segment: interactive dialogue sessions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special segment: interactive dialogue sessions

Thursday, 13 September 2007		
	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
P L E N A R Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special segment: interactive dialogue sessions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special segment: interactive dialogue sessions

Friday, 14 September 2005		
	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
P L E N A R Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Credentials of delegations. Report of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties <i>(ICCD/COP(8)/15)</i> <p><i>Consideration of the report of the Committee of the Whole</i></p> <p><i>Consideration of the report of the ad hoc group of experts</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on the session
