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1. Pursuant to provisions contained in decision 36/COP.9, and in accordance with rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties (COP) (decision 1/COP.1), the tenth session of the COP (COP 10) will be held in Changwon City, Gyeongnam Province, Republic of Korea from 10 to 21 October 2011.

Logistic arrangements

2. A few weeks before the opening of COP 10, the secretariat will distribute an information note (ICCD/COP(10)/INF.1) detailing registration and security procedures, as well as other logistical 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 10 on 10 October 2011 will be the States and regional economic integration organizations to have deposited their instruments by 13 July 2011. Parties which deposit their instruments after 13 July and by 23 July 2011 will become Parties during COP 10. Those which do so after 23 July 2011 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 observer thereto not Party to the Convention, as well as accredited intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Relevant information on the status of ratifications has been made available on the Convention website (<<http://www.unccd.int>>).

Agenda

4. In its decision 35/COP.9, the COP decided to include in the provisional agenda for its tenth 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 tenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC) and tenth 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 (<<http://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 for adoption the provisional agenda contained in this document. 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 these activities, while taking account of decision 35/COP.9 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 9 will open the session and call for the election of the President of COP 10. The President of COP 10 will make a statement after his or her election. Statements will 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 NGOs. The President will call for the adoption of the agenda and organization of work. Subsequently, the President will call for the election of the Vice-Presidents and the Chairperson of the CST.

10. Finally, the COP will 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 has been to establish at the opening plenary meeting a sessional Committee of the Whole (COW) open to the participation of all Parties. The COP may wish to follow the same practice at COP 10. The COW will recommend draft decisions for adoption by the COP. Its Chairperson will have the authority to delegate work, as appropriate, to drafting groups. The COP may allocate the following items to the COW:

- (a) The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018):
 - (i) Mechanisms to facilitate regional coordination of the implementation of the Convention;
 - (ii) Review of progress in the implementation of the comprehensive communication strategy;
 - (iii) Revised procedures for the participation of civil society organizations in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification;
 - (iv) Follow-up on outstanding Joint Inspection Unit recommendations;
- (b) Programme and budget:
 - (i) Programme and budget for the biennium 2012–2013;
 - (ii) Financial performance for the Convention trust funds;

- (c) Follow-up to the assessment of the Global Mechanism by the Joint Inspection Unit:
 - (i) Implementation of paragraphs 1 to 3 and 5 to 8 of decision 6/COP.9;
 - (ii) Evaluation of existing and potential reporting, accountability and institutional arrangements for the Global Mechanism;
- (d) Consideration of the follow-up to the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development relevant to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the outcome of the eighteenth and nineteenth sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development
- (e) Rule 47 of the rules of procedure;
- (f) The United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (2010–2020);
- (g) Programme of work for the eleventh session of the COP;
- (h) Any other matters deemed to be appropriate.

Committee on Science and Technology

12. The CST is tentatively scheduled to meet between 11 and 13 October. In accordance with decision 26/COP.9 and other relevant decisions of the COP, the secretariat has prepared a provisional agenda for the Committee's session (ICCD/COP(10)/CST/1), 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 between 11 and 20 October for three and a half days. In accordance with decision 11/COP.9 and other relevant decisions, the secretariat has prepared a provisional agenda for the Committee's work (ICCD/CRIC/(10)/1), 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 20 October, pursuant to decisions 28 and 29/COP.9.

Initial segment

15. It is proposed in the tentative schedule that COP 10 be divided into three segments. During the initial segment, from 10 to 14 October, in addition to the CST and CRIC sessions, the COW would initiate its work.

16. The COP would meet in plenary on 14 October 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. In accordance with decision 35/COP.9, three round-table discussions among Ministers and other officials will be conducted during the special segment on 17 and 18 October.

Round-table discussions by Members of Parliament

18. The interactive dialogue session with Members of Parliament, included in the agenda in accordance with decision 35/COP.9, will take the form of round-table discussions

and is planned for 13 and 14 October. It is anticipated that any outcome from the round-table discussions will be communicated to the COP for consideration.

Open dialogue sessions

19. In accordance with decision 35/COP.9, and further to the request of the COP as per decision 5/COP.9 to ensure that the programme of work of the COP includes open-dialogue sessions with the civil society in the first week of the COP in order to ensure the effectiveness of its input in the deliberations of the COP, two half-day sessions have been planned for this purpose on 14 and 19 October.

Concluding segment

20. 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(10)/30¹) submitted by the Bureau. It will decide the date and venue of the eleventh 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 eleventh session and meet the additional financial cost.

21. The COP will also decide the date and venue of the eleventh session of the CRIC, taking into account decision 11/COP.9 on the terms of reference of the CRIC, its operations and its schedule of meetings.

22. The proposed schedule allows for the concluding plenary meeting on 21 October. Accordingly, all negotiations should be concluded by 20 October.

Times of meetings

23. 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 officers of the Committee on Science and Technology: amendment of the rules of procedure (including rule 22)

24. Bearing in mind the importance of ensuring continuity in the work of the CST within the framework of the implementation of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention 2008–2018 (The Strategy), decision 24/COP.9 included on the agenda for the tenth session of the COP the issue of amending the rules of procedure (including rule 22). Information on this matter is contained in document ICCD/COP(10)/24.

¹ Document to be issued in-session.

(b) Election of Vice-Presidents

25. 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 10 October.

(c) Election of the Chairperson of the Committee on Science and Technology

26. Rule 22 of the rules of procedure contained in decision 1/COP.1, as amended by decision 20/COP.2, also applies to the election of the Chairperson of the CST.

(d) Election of the Chairperson of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

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

4. Credentials of delegations

28. In accordance with rules 19 and 20 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau of the COP will examine the credentials of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers and submit its report to the COP for decision. This report on credentials will be contained in document ICCD/COP(10)/30². 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

29. 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 civil society organizations (CSOs), including NGOs proposed for accreditation at COP 9, is contained in document ICCD/COP(10)/28. The revised procedures for the accreditation of CSOs and the private sector are submitted for the consideration of COP 10 and contained in document ICCD/COP(10)/29.

6. The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018)

30. The COP adopted The Strategy by its decision 3/COP.8. A follow-up on various COP 9 decisions relating to The Strategy has been made and reports have been submitted to COP 10 for consideration by Parties.

² Document to be issued in-session.

(a) Review of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology, including its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties

31. In 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, would be a standing item on its agenda.

32. The CST will transmit to the COP draft decisions resulting from the deliberations at its tenth session, as well as recommendations on its draft multi-year work plan for the CST and on the costed draft two-year work programme; these recommendations were included in the agenda of its tenth session, in line with paragraph 2 of decision 26/COP.9. The COP may wish to discuss these recommendations and to provide any necessary guidance to the CST.

(b) Review of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, including its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties

33. In decision 11/COP.9, Parties decided to establish the CRIC as a standing subsidiary body of the COP to assist it in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention and The Strategy. 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 in conjunction with ordinary sessions of the COP.

34. 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 11/COP.9, the CRIC shall report regularly to the COP on all aspects of its work and in particular through draft decisions prepared at sessions held in conjunction with ordinary sessions of the COP, where necessary, for consideration and adoption by the COP. Such decisions should contain substantive elements aimed at facilitating effective implementation of the Convention, showing targets and assigned responsibilities and the expected financial implications of their implementation, as necessary. The report on the tenth session of the CRIC, including draft decisions as required, will be submitted to the COP at its plenary meetings on 14 and 21 October for its consideration and for any deliberations the COP may wish to take on the implementation of the Convention and The Strategy.

(c) Mechanisms to facilitate regional coordination of the implementation of the Convention

35. In paragraph 1 of decision 3/COP.9, the COP called upon the Executive Secretary and the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism (GM) to strengthen the effectiveness and efficiency of regional coordination mechanisms (RCMs). In paragraph 2 of the same decision, the COP further requested them, within the resources available, to assist regional coordination according to existing and emerging needs, capacities and specific issues, in consultation with the regions, while in paragraph 3 they are requested to support RCMs as appropriate. An active collaboration on the joint work programme between the Executive Secretary and the Managing Director of the GM is requested by the COP in paragraph 4, in order to facilitate regional coordination and contribute to cooperation within the regions.

36. In paragraph 5 of decision 3/COP.9, the COP also requested the Executive Secretary to review the current hosting arrangements of the existing regional coordination units, and to conclude, where appropriate, new memorandums of understanding with host institutions and host countries. In paragraph 6 the COP also requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate the establishment of a RCM for Annex V, by exploring synergies with relevant

national, subregional and regional institutions which have expressed interest in hosting such a mechanism, and to provide one post within the available resources of the core budget. In paragraph 8 of the same decision, the Executive Secretary was requested to report to COP 10 on the implementation of this process and the results achieved, with a comprehensive review of the RCM arrangements as a component of the mid-term review of The Strategy. The report submitted by the Executive Secretary for consideration at COP 10 is contained in document ICCD/COP(10)/21.

(d) Review of progress in the implementation of the comprehensive communication strategy

37. In paragraph 2 of decision 4/COP.9, the COP requested the secretariat to review the comprehensive communication strategy to ensure that this strategy is implemented in conformity with the mandate of the UNCCD, as well as the priorities of affected country Parties. In paragraph 8 of the same decision, the COP encouraged the secretariat and the GM, in line with their main functions, actively to seek innovative sources of financing, including from the private sector, foundations and relevant CSOs, as well as in-kind support for the implementation of the comprehensive communication strategy.

38. In paragraph 9 of decision 4/COP.9, the COP requested the secretariat to continue building up efficient knowledge-management and knowledge-brokering systems to serve as tools for successful implementation of the comprehensive communication strategy, while continuing the role of coordinating its implementation in relevant forums at the international and regional levels, as further requested in paragraph 10 of the same decision. In paragraph 11 of the same decision the COP requested the Executive Secretary to report on the progress of the implementation of the comprehensive communication strategy at COP 10. The report submitted by the Executive Secretary for consideration at COP 10 is contained in document ICCD/COP(10)/2.

(e) Revised procedures for the participation of civil society organizations in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

39. In paragraph 3 of decision 5/COP.9, the COP invited the Executive Secretary to facilitate the mechanisms and procedures to select candidates from among the CSOs to participate in meetings and processes of the UNCCD. In paragraph 4 of the same decision, the COP also requested the secretariat to facilitate active participation of CSOs in the process of preparation for the meetings of the COP and its subsidiary bodies, with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of input from civil society. In paragraph 7 of the same decision, the COP requested the Executive Secretary to report at COP 10 on the implementation of decision 5/COP.9 and the results achieved. The report submitted by the Executive Secretary for consideration at COP 10 is contained in document ICCD/COP(10)/5.

(f) Follow-up on outstanding Joint Inspection Unit recommendations

40. In paragraph 20 (a) of the annex to decision 3/COP.8, the COP requested the secretariat to implement the relevant institutional recommendations contained in the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) report and to report systematically on this to the COP. Information on the status of implementation of the JIU recommendations was prepared by the UNCCD secretariat and submitted for the consideration of COP 9 (see document ICCD/COP(9)/4). As per this document, the major part of the JIU recommendations have been integrated into The Strategy adopted by decision 3/COP.8. Should the Parties so decide, additional documentation on the matter will be prepared by the secretariat.

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

41. 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. In decision 18/COP.1, the COP adopted procedures for the establishment and maintenance of a roster of independent experts.

42. In paragraph 2 of decision 21/COP.9, the COP requested the secretariat to continue to maintain the roster of independent experts, based on the nominations submitted by Parties. In paragraph 3 of the same decision, the COP also requested the secretariat to examine and analyse the current procedures and criteria for the nomination of experts to the roster of independent experts, and to make recommendations to COP 10 regarding improvements. Furthermore, in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the same decision the COP encouraged the secretariat to update the software required for the roster of independent experts on the basis of new technological developments and the needs of the Parties, and to report to COP 10 on the possibility of developing a common web-based search tool that will enable the rosters of experts of the three Rio Conventions to be searched. Information on these matters is contained in document ICCD/COP(10)/22. The updated roster of experts is available on the Convention website at: <<http://www.unccd.int/science/menu.php?newch=12>>.

43. Article 24, paragraph 3, of the Convention provides for the creation by the COP of ad hoc panels, as necessary, 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.

7. Programme and budget

44. 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 the necessary arrangements for their financing.

(a) Programme and budget for the biennium 2012–2013

45. In paragraph 4 of decision 1/COP.9, the COP requested the CST, the CRIC, the GM and the secretariat each to elaborate a multi-year work plan (2012–2015), utilizing and further developing the results-based management approach, and requested the secretariat to integrate these plans into a comprehensive multi-year work plan for the Convention, in line with decision 3/COP.8 and The Strategy, for consideration at COP 10.

46. In paragraph 27 of decision 9/COP.9, the COP requested the Executive Secretary to prepare results-based budget and work programmes for the biennium 2012–2013, in line with decision 1/COP.9, including budget scenarios reflecting zero nominal growth and zero real growth. A general overview of the programme and budget documents submitted to COP 10 for consideration is provided in document ICCD/COP(10)/7, and costed draft 2012–2013 work programmes for the Convention institutions and bodies are contained in documents ICCD/COP(10)/8 and 9.

(b) Financial performance for the Convention trust funds

47. In decision 9/COP.9, the COP requested the Executive Secretary to report to COP 10 on the status of the Convention trust funds established under the financial rules of the COP. Information on this matter is contained in document ICCD/COP(10)/10.

Reports on the implementation of the costed 2010–2011 work programmes of the institutions and bodies of the Convention

48. The reports on the implementation of the costed 2010–2011 work programmes for the secretariat, the CRIC, the CST and the GM, contained in documents ICCD/COP(10)/12 to 15, are submitted to COP 10 for consideration. The report on the implementation of the 2010–2011 joint work programme of the secretariat and the GM is contained in document ICCD/COP(10)/11 and submitted to COP 10 for consideration.

Financial statements for the Convention trust funds for the biennium 2010–2011

49. The unaudited financial statements for the Convention trust funds for the biennium 2010–2011 are contained in document ICCD/COP(10)/19.

Audited financial statements for the Convention trust funds

50. The audited financial statements for the Convention trust funds are contained in documents ICCP/COP(10)/17, 19 and 20.

Report on the status of contributions to the Convention trust funds for the biennium 2010–2011

51. The status of contributions to the trust funds for the biennium 2010–2011 is presented in document ICCD/COP(10)/18.

8. Follow-up to the assessment of the Global Mechanism by the Joint Inspection Unit

(a) Implementation of paragraphs 1 to 3 and 5 to 8 of decision 6/COP.9

52. In paragraph 1 of decision 6/COP.9, the COP requested that the UNCCD secretariat and the GM should collaborate to produce, and that the secretariat should transmit to the COP for its consideration, a report containing a total work programme and the total cost estimate involved in the context of the biennium and medium-term work programme and plan.

53. In paragraph 2 of decision 6/COP.9, the COP requested the GM to prepare, in consultation with the secretariat and the Parties, detailed regional work programmes, which will reflect the priorities defined by the regions; these are to be prepared within available resources and submitted to COP sessions for consideration. In paragraph 3 of the same decision, the COP further requested the GM to develop and submit to COP10 for further guidance and approval, taking into account the views of Parties and other interested donors, criteria and guidelines for the allocation of financial resources from GM funds to affected developing country Parties and, where appropriate, in affected country Parties in Central and Eastern Europe, keeping in view the balance among and within regional annexes, in conformity with article 7 of the Convention.

54. Furthermore, in paragraph 5 of decision 6/COP.9 the COP requested that the GM should implement the performance and impact indicators developed by the COP within the framework of The Strategy, and ensure transparency in the reporting system for funds it mobilizes and disburses at all levels. In paragraph 6 of the same decision, the COP also requested the GM to prepare and submit for consideration at the intersessional sessions of

the CRIC, for onward transmission to the COP, a compilation of data and information on the financial resources mobilized and technology transferred.

55. In paragraph 7 of decision 6/COP.9, the COP requested the secretariat to establish, in collaboration with the GM, and to submit to the COP for consideration and adoption, a common fund-raising strategy with respect to the mobilization of resources for activities that are complementary to GM activities, addressing both the needs of affected developing country Parties and, where appropriate, of affected country Parties in Central and Eastern Europe and the internal requirements of the institutions and the subsidiary bodies of the Convention, taking into account the respective mandates of the secretariat and of the GM as provided in the Convention.

56. In paragraph 8 of the same decision, the COP requested the Managing Director of the GM, in view of the accountability of the GM to the COP, to present his report to the COP at each COP session for scrutiny by the Parties and to make himself available to address the concerns of Parties.

57. In paragraph 10 of the same decision, the COP requested the Executive Secretary and the Managing Director of the GM to prepare and submit to COP 10 a jointly-agreed integrated report on progress made on the implementation of paragraphs 1 to 3 and 5 to 8 of decision 6/COP.9, for consideration by Parties. The relevant report submitted for the consideration of COP 10 is contained in document ICCD/COP(10)/3.

(b) Evaluation of existing and potential reporting, accountability and institutional arrangements for the Global Mechanism

58. In paragraph 9 of decision 6/COP.9, the COP requested the COP 9 Bureau, together with the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism (GM) and the Executive Secretary, to undertake and supervise an evaluation of existing and potential reporting, accountability and institutional arrangements for the GM, including their legal and financial implications and the possibility of identifying a new institution/organization to house the GM, taking into account the scenarios presented in the JIU assessment of the GM (document JIU/REP/2009/4) and the need to avoid duplication and overlap in the work of the secretariat and the GM. This evaluation should take into account the views of other interested relevant entities such as the host countries and the International Fund for Agricultural Development. The COP Bureau was requested, further, to present to COP 10 a report on this evaluation for consideration and for a decision on the issue of GM reporting, accountability and institutional arrangements. The report of the President of the COP Bureau, submitted for the consideration of COP 10, is contained in document ICCD/COP(10)/4. Further information on this matter is contained in documents ICCD/COP(10)/INF.2 to 7.

9. Consideration of the follow-up to the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development relevant to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the outcome of the eighteenth and nineteenth sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development

59. In decision 35/COP.9, the COP decided to include consideration of the follow-up to the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development relevant to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the outcome of the eighteenth and nineteenth sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development on the agenda of its tenth session. Information on the matter is contained in document ICCD/COP(10)/6.

10. Outstanding items

(a) Rule 47 of the rules of procedure

60. 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”. In 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. In decision 21/COP.2, the COP also decided to give further consideration to paragraph 1 of rule 47 of the rules of procedure, not yet agreed upon; the text resulting from this decision was provided in the annex to document ICCD/COP(3)/13.

61. In decision 27/COP.9, the COP requested the secretariat to include consideration of this outstanding rule of procedure in the agenda of COP 10 and to report on the status of similar rules of procedure in other multilateral environmental agreements. The relevant information on this item is contained in document ICCD/COP(10)/23.

(b) Procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions on implementation

62. 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.

63. In decision 28/COP.9, the COP decided to reconvene, during its tenth session, the open-ended ad hoc group of experts (AHGE) established in decision 20/COP.3, to examine further and make recommendations on, procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions on implementation. In the same decision the secretariat was requested to prepare a document comprising a compilation of submissions by Parties contained in previous COP documents on this matter, including a draft document providing options for, and the terms of reference of, a multilateral consultative process, and a compilation also of views submitted on article 27 of the Convention. Information on the above matters, including views communicated by Parties, is contained in document ICCD/COP(10)/25 for consideration by the COP.

(c) Annexes containing arbitration and conciliation procedures

64. 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.

65. In decision 29/COP.9, the COP decided to reconvene the AHGE at its tenth session, to examine further and make recommendations on annexes on arbitration and conciliation procedures. In the same decision the secretariat was requested to prepare a document to include: (a) a compilation of submissions contained in previous COP documents on this matter and those submitted regarding article 28 of the Convention, and (b) an updated version of the annexes contained in document ICCD/COP(9)/14 to reflect these views. Information on the above matters, including views communicated by Parties, is contained in document ICCD/COP(10)/26 for consideration by the COP.

11. The United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (2010–2020)

66. In decision 35/COP.9, the COP decided to include an item on the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (2010–2020) in the agenda of COP 10. A report on the activities supporting the Decade is submitted for the consideration of

COP 10, as requested through decision 30/COP.9 and contained in document ICCD/COP(10)/27.

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

67. In 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 the 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. Decisions 35/COP.9 and 5/COP.9 reiterated this request. The two half-day sessions have been tentatively scheduled for 14 and 19 October.

13. Special segment: interactive dialogue sessions

68. Following decision 35/COP.9 on the programme of work of COP 10, it is proposed that an interactive dialogue session among high-level officials of Parties attending COP 10 take place on 17 and 18 October. This would include three round-table discussions to focus on suggestions for actions to achieve the objectives of The Strategy and guidance on furthering the implementation process. Background information on this matter is contained in document ICCD/COP(10)/INF.8.

14. Programme of work for the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties

69. In accordance with decision 9/COP.1, which listed items to be included as standing items on COP agendas, and following upon decision 35/COP.9 regarding the programme of work of the COP, the COP may wish to review its programme of work for the next session as appropriate.

15. Report on the session

70. A draft report of the session will be prepared for adoption at the concluding plenary meeting on 21 October, 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

Documents before the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties

<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
ICCD/COP(10)/1	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(10)/2	Review of progress in implementation of the comprehensive communication strategy. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(10)/3	Implementation of paragraphs 1 to 3 and 5 to 8 of decision 6/COP.9. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(10)/4	Implementation of decision 6/COP.9 - Evaluation of the Global Mechanism. Report by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties at its ninth session
ICCD/COP(10)/5	Revised procedures for the participation of civil society organizations in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(10)/6	Consideration of the follow-up to the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development relevant to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the outcome of the eighteenth and nineteenth sessions of the Committee on Sustainable Development. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(10)/7	Programme and budget for the biennium 2012–2013. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(10)/8	The costed draft two-year work programmes for the secretariat, the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and the Committee on Science and Technology (2012–2013). Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(10)/9	The costed draft two-year work programme for the Global Mechanism (2012–2013).
ICCD/COP(10)/10	Financial performance for the Convention trust funds. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(10)/11	Report on the implementation of the joint work programme of the secretariat and the Global Mechanism (2010–2011). Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(10)/12	Report on the implementation of the costed two-year work programme of the secretariat (2010–2011). Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(10)/13	Report on the implementation of the costed two-year work programme of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (2010–2011). Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(10)/14	Report on the implementation of the costed two-year work programme of the Committee on Science and Technology (2010–2011). Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(10)/15	Report on the implementation of the costed two-year work programme of the Global Mechanism (2010–2011).
ICCD/COP(10)/16	Unaudited financial statements for the Convention trust funds for the biennium 2010–2011 as at 31 December 2010. Note by the secretariat

<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
ICCD/COP(10)/17	Audited financial statements for the Convention trust funds for the biennium ended 31 December 2009, including the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors
ICCD/COP(10)/18	Report on the status of contributions to the Convention trust funds for the biennium 2010–2011. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(10)/19	Audited financial statements for the Convention trust funds for the biennium ended 31 December 2009, including the audit report of PricewaterhouseCoopers for the Global Mechanism
ICCD/COP(10)/20	Audited financial statements for the Convention trust funds for the biennium 2010–2011, including the audit report of PricewaterhouseCoopers as at 31 December 2010 for the Global Mechanism.
ICCD/COP(10)/21	Mechanisms to facilitate regional coordination of the implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(10)/22	Report on progress on the maintenance of the roster of independent experts. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(10)/23	Rule 47 of the rules of procedure. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(10)/24	Amendment of the rules of procedure (including rule 22). Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(10)/25	Procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions on implementation. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(10)/26	Annexes containing arbitration and conciliation procedures. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(10)/27	Report on activities supporting the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (2010–2020). Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(10)/28	Accreditation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, admission of observers. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(10)/29	Revised procedures for the accreditation of civil society organizations and the private sector. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(10)/30 ³	Credentials of delegations. Report of the Bureau to the Conference of the Parties
ICCD/COP(10)/INF.1	Information for participants. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(10)/INF.2	Consultants' report on the evaluation of the Global Mechanism to the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties at its ninth session
ICCD/COP(10)/INF.3	The Global Mechanism case before the International Court of Justice
ICCD/COP(10)/INF.4	Statement by the International Fund for Agricultural Development on the consultants' report on the evaluation of the Global Mechanism
ICCD/COP(10)/INF.5	The response of the International Fund for Agricultural Development
ICCD/COP(10)/INF.6	The management response of the Global Mechanism

³ Document to be issued in-session.

<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
ICCD/COP(10)/INF.7	The report of the Executive Secretary on office space availability and eventual costs
ICCD/COP(10)/INF.8	Background document on the high-level segment during the Conference of the Parties at its tenth session
ICCD/COP(10)/INF.9	Revised glossary for the performance review and assessment of implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(10)/MISC.1	Report on the review of the hosting arrangements of the existing UNCCD Regional Coordination Units

Other documents available at the session

<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
ICCD/COP(9)/18	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its ninth session: proceedings
ICCD/COP(9)/18/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its ninth session: action taken
ICCD/COP(8)/16	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its eighth session: proceedings
ICCD/COP(8)/16/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its eighth session: action taken
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 seventh 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 fifth session: proceedings
ICCD/COP(5)/11/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its fifth session: action taken
ICCD/COP(4)/11/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its fourth session: action taken
ICCD/COP(3)/20/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its third session: action taken
ICCD/COP(2)/14/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its second session: action taken
ICCD/COP(1)/11/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its first session: action taken

Annex II

Tentative schedule of work

Monday, 10 October 2011		
	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
P L E N A R Y	Informal consultations	<p><i>Opening of the session by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its ninth 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 tenth session</i></p> <p><i>Statement on behalf of the host country</i></p> <p><i>Statement by the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification</i></p> <p><i>Statements by the representatives of the United Nations, its specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations</i></p> <p><i>Statements by the representatives of regional and interest groups</i></p> <p><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 (ICCD/COP(10)/1) • Election of officers other than the President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Election of officers of the Committee on science and Technology: amendment of the rules of procedure (including rule 22) (ICCD/COP(10)/24) - Election of Vice-Presidents - Election of the Chairperson of the Committee on Science and Technology • Accreditation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, admission of observers (ICCD/COP(10)/28 and 29)

Tuesday, 11 October 2011		
	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
C O W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme and budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Programme and budget for the biennium 2012–2013 (ICCD/COP(10)/7–9)</i> - <i>Financial performance for the Convention trust funds (ICCD/COP(10)/10)</i> <i>Reports on the implementation of the costed 2010–2011 work programmes of the institutions and bodies of the Convention (ICCD/COP(10)/11–15)</i> <i>Unaudited financial statements for the Convention trust funds for the biennium 2010–2011 (ICCD/COP(10)/16)</i> <i>Audited financial statements for the Convention trust funds (ICCD/COP(10)/17,19 and 20)</i> <i>Report on the status of contributions to the Convention trust funds (2010–2011) (ICCD/COP(10)/18)</i> • Follow-up to the assessment of the Global Mechanism by the Joint Inspection Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Implementation of paragraphs 1 to 3 and 5 to 8 of decision 6/COP.9 (ICCD/COP(10)/3)</i> - <i>Implementation of decision 6/COP.9-Evaluation of the Global Mechanism. Report by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties at its ninth session (ICCD/COP(10)/4 and ICCD/COP(10)/INF.2 to INF.7)</i> 	

Friday, 14 October 2011		
	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 	<p><i>Consideration of the preliminary report of the Committee of the Whole</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Review of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology, including its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties</i> <i>Review of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, including its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties</i> <i>Maintenance of the roster of experts and creation, as necessary, of ad hoc panels of experts (ICCD/COP(10)/22)</i>

Monday, 17 October 2011		
	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 <p><i>Opening ceremony of the High-Level Segment</i></p> <p><i>Welcome address by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its tenth session</i></p> <p><i>Welcome address by the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification</i></p> <p><i>Special statements on behalf of regional and interest groups</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special segment: interactive dialogue sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Round table 1: Desertification/land degradation, drought and food security</i> <i>Round table 2: The UNCCD in the context of the Rio+20 Summit</i>

Tuesday, 18 October 2011		
	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"> <i>Round table 3: Harnessing science for combating desertification, land degradation and drought: the path to improvement</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special segment: interactive dialogue sessions <p><i>Presentation and discussion on “The Changwon initiative”</i></p> <p><i>Closing ceremony</i></p>

Wednesday, 19 October 2011		
	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

Thursday, 20 October 2011		
	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
C O W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Mechanisms to facilitate regional coordination of the implementation of the Convention (ICCD/COP(10)/21)</i> <i>Review of progress in the implementation of the comprehensive communication strategy (ICCD/COP(10)/2)</i> <i>Revised procedures for the participation of civil society organizations in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (ICCD/COP(10)/5)</i> <i>Follow-up on outstanding Joint Inspection Unit recommendations (ICCD/COP(9)/4)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration of the follow-up to the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development relevant to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, and the outcome of the eighteenth and nineteenth sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development. (ICCD/COP(10)/6) The United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (2010–2020) (ICCD/COP(10)/27) Outstanding items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Rule 47 of the rules of procedure (ICCD/COP(10)/23)</i> Programme of work for the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties <p><i>Adoption of the report to the Conference of the Parties</i></p>
	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
A H G E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions on implementation (ICCD/COP(10)/25)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Annexes containing arbitration and conciliation procedures (ICCD/COP(10)/26)</i> <p><i>Adoption of the report to the Conference of the Parties</i></p>

Friday, 21 October 2011		
	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"> The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018) <i>- Review of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention including its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties</i> Election of officers other than the President <i>- Election of the Chairperson of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention</i> Credentials of delegations (ICCD/COP(10)/30⁴) <i>Consideration of the report of the Committee of the Whole</i> <i>Consideration of the report of the ad hoc group of experts</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on the session

⁴ Document to be issued in-session