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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
2. Establishment of Contact Groups and Drafting Groups, and appointment of facilitators
3. Independent mid-term evaluation of The Strategy (ICCD/COP(11)/21) [7 (c)]

Introduction and discussion

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

Introduction and discussion

5. Programme and budget [9]
 - (a) Programme and budget for the biennium 2014–2015 (ICCD/COP(11)/6 and Corr.1, ICCD/COP(11)/7 and Corr.1, ICCD/CRIC(12)/2-ICCD/COP(11)/CST/9)
 - (b) Financial performance for the Convention trust funds (ICCD/COP(11)/8, ICCD/COP(11)/9, ICCD/COP(11)/10, ICCD/COP(11)/11, ICCD/COP(11)/12, ICCD/COP(11)/13)

Introduction and discussion

6. Follow-up to the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) (ICCD/COP(11)/5 and Corr.1). [10]

Introduction and discussion

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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

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

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

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

3. Establishment of a contact group and appointment of a facilitator

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

Introduction and discussion

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

Introduction and discussion

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

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

Presentation by the Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group to further discuss the options for the provision of scientific advice focusing on desertification/land degradation and drought issues (AGSA)

Introduction and discussion

2. Consideration of the progress report of the UNCCD fellowship programme (ICCD/COP(11)/CST/8 and Corr.1) [8]

Introduction and discussion

COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

3 – 6 p.m. 1st meeting Plenary Hall

1. Opening of the session by the Chairperson of the Committee
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (ICCD/CRIC(12)/1) [1]
3. Establishment of Contact Groups and appointment of facilitators
4. Review of the implementation of the Convention and The Strategy [2]
 - (a) Report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on its eleventh session (ICCD/CRIC(11)/19 and Add.1)
 - (b) Multi-year workplans of the Convention's institutions and subsidiary bodies (ICCD/CRIC(12)/2-ICCD/COP(11)/CST/9)
 - (c) Performance of the Convention's institutions and subsidiary bodies (ICCD/CRIC(12)/3, ICCD/COP(11)/8, ICCD/COP(11)/9, ICCD/COP(11)/10, ICCD/COP(11)/11, ICCD/COP(11)/12, ICCD/COP(11)/13, ICCD/CRIC(12)/INF.1)

Introduction and discussion

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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

8:30 – 9:45 a.m.	GROUP OF AFRICAN STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	Plenary Hall
1 – 2:30 p.m.	GROUP OF ARAB STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-02
9 – 10 a.m.	GROUP OF ASIAN STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-09
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	GROUP OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-01

2 – 3 p.m.	GROUP OF 77 <i>Closed meeting</i>	Plenary Hall
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9 – 10 a.m.	JUSSCANNZ <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-10
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OTHER MEETINGS

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8:15 – 9:30 a.m.	Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for the Northern Mediterranean (Annex IV)	MET-04
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7 – 8 p.m.	COP Bureau meeting (closed meeting)	MET-03
6:15 – 6:45 p.m.	CRIC Bureau meeting (closed meeting)	MET-12
9 – 10 a.m.	Civil Society Organizations	MET-08

SIDE EVENTS

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

8 – 10 a.m.	CSOs in Sustainable Land Management and Food Production (Federation of Environmental and Ecological Diversity for Agricultural Revampment and Human Rights)	MET-06
8 – 10 a.m.	Launch of a Networking Process of International Scientific Bodies on Research on Land Degradation and Desertification (DesertNet International)	MET-07
1 – 3 p.m.	National Action Programme (NAP) Development in South Eastern Europe_A Sub-regional approach to combat Land Degradation: The Balkans NAP alignment process (Bosnia and Herzegovina, RS Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management; the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning; Montenegro, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism; and UNEP)	MET-06

1 – 3 p.m.	Sustainable land management and livelihoods: size matters (Desert Research Foundation of Namibia and Polytechnic of Namibia)	Namibian Pavilion
1 – 3 p.m.	Outcomes of the Changwon Initiative and its role for a stronger (Korea Forest Service and UNCCD secretariat)	MET-07
6 – 8 p.m.	Atelier francophone préparatoire à la CdP11 (Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie/Institut de la Francophonie pour le développement durable)	MET-06
6 – 8 p.m.	Brazilian experiences to the implementation of the Convention in Brazil and a set of best practices impulsed by ANP (Brazil, Ministry of the Environment and National Institute for Space Research (INPE))	MET-07

FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL MEETINGS

Wednesday, 18 September 2013

COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 2nd meeting Plenary Hall
Improving the procedures for communication of information as well as the quality and format of
reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties [3]

- (a) Consideration of the overall report on the fourth reporting and review process
(ICCD/CRIC(12)/7)

Introduction and discussion

3 – 6 p.m. 3rd meeting Plenary Hall
Promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and international
organizations, institutions and agencies (ICCD/CRIC(11)/19 and Add.1, ICCD/CRIC(12)/INF.2
and ICCD/CRIC(12)/CRP.1) [4]

Introduction and discussion

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 3rd meeting. Main Committee Room

1. Improvement of knowledge management, including traditional knowledge, best practices and success stories: [6]

- (a) Scientific Knowledge Brokering Portal (ICCD/COP(11)/CST/6 and ICCD/COP(11)/CST/INF.4)

- (b) Promoting the analysis and dissemination of best practices (ICCD/CRIC(12)/4-ICCD/COP(11)/CST/7 and Corr.1 and ICCD/COP(11)/CST/6)

Introduction and discussion

3 – 6 p.m. 4th meeting. Main Committee Room

1. Advice on how best to measure progress on strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3 of The Strategy (ICCD/COP(11)/2) [3]

Presentations by the Chair and two members of ad hoc advisory group of technical experts on impact indicator refinement (AGTE)

Introduction and discussion

2. Reshaping the operation of the Committee on Science and Technology in line with The Strategy: [5]

- (d) Consideration of the progress report on the preparation of the UNCCD 3rd Scientific Conference on “Combating DLDD for poverty reduction and sustainable development: the contribution of science, technology, traditional knowledge and practices” (ICCD/COP(11)/CST/5)

Introduction and discussion

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 16 September 2013

1st meeting *Opening of the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties by the President of the tenth session*

The eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties was opened by His Excellency Mr. Don Koo Lee (Republic of Korea), who made a statement.

Election of the President [1]

The Conference elected by acclamation, the Honourable Uahekua Herunga, Minister of Environment and Tourism of the Republic of Namibia, as President of the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties.

The President of the Conference made a statement on behalf of the host country.

A statement was also made by the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

Statements were made by the representatives of the European Union, Burkina Faso (on behalf of the African States), India (on behalf of the Asia-Pacific States), Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Latin America and Caribbean States) and Armenia (on behalf of the Regional Implementation Annex for Central and Eastern Europe).

A statement was also made by the representative of non-governmental organizations.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work [2]

The Conference began its consideration of the item and adopted its provisional agenda.

Following a statement by the President of COP 11, in the course of which he orally corrected the tentative schedule of work annexed to the agenda, the Conference adopted its proposed schedule of work for the session as orally corrected.

Election of officers other than the President [3]

(a) Election of Vice-Presidents

The Conference elected the following candidates as Vice-Presidents of its eleventh session: Mr. Mamadou Honadia of Burkina Faso (from the African States); Mr. Choi Young Tae of the Republic of Korea and Ms. Heimata Louisa Karika of the Cook Islands (from the Asia-Pacific States); Mr. Ashot Vardevanyan of Armenia and Ms. Dalia Gudaitiene Holiman of Lithuania (from the Eastern European States); Mr. Thiago Cavalcanti of Brazil and Mr. Mariano Espinoza of Costa Rica (from the Latin American and Caribbean States); and Mr. Thomas Tichelmann of Ireland and Ms. Christine Dawson of the United States (from the Western European and Other States).

A statement was made by the President of the Conference.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work [2]

The Conference resumed its consideration of the item.

Establishment of the Committee of the Whole and designation of its Chairperson

Following past practice, the Conference decided to establish a Committee of the Whole and to allocate to the Committee the agenda items detailed in paragraph 11 of the agenda, as well as agenda item 12.

The Conference further designated Mr. Chencho Norbu of Bhutan as Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole.

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

The Conference began its consideration of the item.

Following a statement by the President, the Conference decided to accredit as observers, the organizations and private sector entities listed in annexes I, II and III of document ICCD/COP(11)/20/Rev.1.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the President of the Conference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTRATION

Registration for delegations of country Parties, United Nations organizations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and media, as well as for participants in side events will take place on Tuesday, 17 September 2013, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

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

CREDENTIALS

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

FUNDING FOR ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

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

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

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

WORKING HOURS

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

MEETING ROOMS FOR REGIONAL AND INTEREST GROUPS

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

EXHIBITION AREA

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

RIO CONVENTION PAVILION

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

Tue 17 Sep: Day for Indigenous and Local Community Sustainable Land Managers

A full day of events organized by UNDP and partners will focus on indigenous and local communities, including a discussion on the Rio Conventions, MDGs, and Sustainable Development Goals, best practices for sustainable land management and strengthening of alternative livelihoods, and knowledge exchange for capacity building. Highlights include:

8 – 10 a.m.	Reviving Drylands: Sustainable Use of Water in Sub-Saharan Africa
1:15 – 2:45 p.m.	Engaging with Extractive Industries: Can it Work?
6:15 – 7:30 p.m.	World Indigenous Network Reception and Launch of Equator Initiative Book “Sustainable Land Management: Learning from Indigenous and Local Communities”

STATEMENTS OF DELEGATIONS

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

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

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

ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SERVICE

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

BUSINESS CENTRE

Conference bags will be distributed to delegates at the Business Centre.

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Press working area

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