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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 3rd meeting Plenary Room

3 – 6 p.m. 4th meeting Plenary Room

1. The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention: [3]

(b) Consideration of the work plans of the Convention bodies:

- (i) The multi-year work plan for the secretariat and the joint work programme of the secretariat and the Global Mechanism (ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.1, Add.2 and Add.5)
- (ii) The multi-year work plan for the Global Mechanism (ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.3 and Add.4)
- (iii) The two-year work programme for the Committee on Science and Technology (ICCD/CST(S-1)/4/Add.1 and Add.2)
- (iv) The two-year work programme for the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.6)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Presentation of the terms of reference and programme of work of the Joint Inspection Unit on the assessment of the Global Mechanism (ICCD/CRIC(7)/INF.5)

Meeting of Contact Group I on work programmes of the Convention's institutions and bodies – *time and venue to be confirmed*

CRIC 7 Bureau Meeting, from 8.30 to 9.00 a.m. – Meeting room H (<i>closed meeting</i>)
CST S-1 Bureau Meeting, from 6.15 to 7.15 a.m. – Meeting room I (<i>closed meeting</i>)

“Meeting on the follow-up on the regional initiative on financial resource mobilization for strengthening the implementation of the UNCCD in the regional implementation annex V for Central and Eastern Europe”, organized by the Czech Republic and the Global Mechanism from 1 to 3 p.m. – Meeting room E (<i>closed meeting</i>)
Meeting on the Regional Coordination Mechanism, organized by the representatives of regional implementation annexes I, II, III, IV and V from 1 to 2 p.m. – Meeting room H (<i>closed meeting</i>)

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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AFRICA

8.30 – 9.30 a.m.	<i>Closed meeting</i>	Plenary Hall
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Eastern European States

9 – 10 a.m.	<i>Closed meeting</i>	Meeting room A
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GRULAC

9 – 10 a.m.	<i>Closed meeting</i>	Meeting room D
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JUSCANZ coordination meeting

9 – 10 a.m.	<i>Closed</i>	Meeting room B
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ASIA

9 – 10 a.m.	<i>Closed meeting</i>	Meeting room F
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Arab Group

1 – 2 p.m.	<i>Closed meeting</i>	Meeting room C
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G77 and China

2 – 3 p.m.	<i>Closed meeting</i>	Plenary Hall
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SIDE EVENTS

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“TerrAfrica: State of the Partnership and Update of Progress”, organized by TerrAfrica Secretariat, NEPAD and World Bank – 1 p.m. – Meeting room A

Seminar on “Anatolian Land Use Heritage - Man Made Terraces by Different Civilizations”, organized by the TEMA Foundation – 1 p.m. – Meeting room B

Panel discussion with presentations: “Pasture Degradation and Management as a regional challenge for sustainable land management in Central Asia”, organized by the National UNCCD Focal Points of Central Asia and the GTZ Regional UNCCD Project for Central Asia – 6 p.m. – Meeting room A

Workshop: “Working Session of the LDC-SIDS participating countries on application of the Global Mechanism’s Integrated Financing Strategy approach”, organized by the UNDP-EEG in association with the Global Mechanism – 6 p.m. – Meeting room B

“Civil Society Organizations and Sustainable Land Management: Update on Progress and Suggestions for a Better Involvement”, organized by the World Bank, TerrAfrica and UNDP from 6 p.m. – Meeting room G

FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL MEETINGS

CRIC 7 / CST S-1, UNCCD
Tuesday, 11 November 2008

COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 5th meeting Plenary Room

3 – 6 p.m. 6th meeting Plenary Room

1. Additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention: Consideration of the format for future meetings of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (ICCD/CRIC(7)/4) [5]

Introduction and general discussion

2. The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention: [3]
 - (c) Consideration of the report on indicators and monitoring of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.7)

- (d) Consideration of the input from the Committee on Science and Technology at its first special session (ICCD/CST(S-1)/5/Add.1)

Introduction and general discussion

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention Friday, 7 November 2008

1st meeting..... *Opening of the session*

The Chairperson opened the meeting and made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work..... [1]

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document ICCD/CRIC(7)/1.

Following the statements by the representatives of the United States and Algeria, the Committee approved its organization of work as contained in Annex II to document ICCD/CRIC(7)/1, as orally revised.

Appointment of a rapporteur of the Committee [2]

The Committee designated the Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Hussein Nasrallah (Lebanon) also as Rapporteur of the Committee for its seventh session.

The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention..... [3]

Consideration of the report on the implementation of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention [3(a)]

A statement was made by the UNCCD Executive Secretary.

Statements were made by the representatives of Chile (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), Chad (on behalf of the African Group) and Myanmar (on behalf of the Asian Group).

Statements were also made by the representatives of Algeria, Turkey, Pakistan, Nigeria, Guatemala, Saudi Arabia and the United States.

2nd meeting *The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention* [3]

Consideration of the report on the implementation of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention..... [3(a)]

Statements were made by the representatives of China, the United States, Peru, Sudan, the Central African Republic, Gambia, Morocco, Haiti, Argentina, South Africa, Tunisia, Bangladesh, Swaziland and Mali.

A representative of civil society organizations also made a statement.

The Executive Secretary responded to points raised by delegations.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 3(a).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GALA DINNER AT THE BOSPHORUS

The Turkish Ministry of Environment and Forestry is organizing a gala dinner on the Bosphorus. The gala will take place on boats on Wednesday 12 November 2008 from 8 and 11 p.m.

Guests wishing to attend this dinner are kindly asked to have their names registered by Ms Tugce Yuksel or Mr Haluk Ersan at the Turkish stand on the exhibition floor (-3) until 11 a.m., Tuesday 11 November 2008.

The dinner is free of charge and participants can attend the event. Transportation will be provided.

REGISTRATION

Registration for delegations of country Parties, United Nations organizations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and media, as well as for the side events participants will continue on Monday, 10 November 2008, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 2:30 to 5 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.

Memorabilia offered by the Government of Turkey to delegates and observers to the conference will be handed to the participants during registration.

FUNDING FOR ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

Formalities relating to funding for eligible participants will be carried out in the DSA Payment Office in room Yakut on the ground floor from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, 10 November 2008.

DSA vouchers can only be cashed at Garanti Bank bus offices located just outside the conference venue continuing on Monday, 10 November 2008. PLEASE NOTE THAT DSA PAYMENT VOUCHERS ARE ONLY VALID UNTIL 3 P.M. FRIDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2008.

To allow for faster processing of DSA payments at the bank bus, it would be most appreciated if payment in euros is accepted.

Currencies can be exchanged at the Post counter in front of the documents distribution counter, and at many of the agencies at Taksim Square.

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 Angela Stercken (astercken@unccd.int) at the UNCCD conference services office (mob. +90 – 5326170718) by 4 p.m. the previous day, at the latest.

STATEMENTS OF DELEGATIONS

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. Photocopying facilities in the Business Centre (in the exhibition area -3/002) will be at the disposal of delegations.

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ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SERVICE

Delegations are advised that official CRIC 7 / CST S-1 information can be found on the UNCCD website at <http://www.unccd.int>. The website will also contain electronic versions of the daily Journal, the provisional list of participants, press releases and other information. An Internet Café is located on floor -2.

SIDE EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special stand for 'Side Events Announcements' has been set up on floor -2, near the plenary entrance, where all participants are invited to share any leaflets, posters and information that they want to disseminate.

COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

A special commemorative edition has been issued by the Turkish postal service and can be purchased from their office on floor -3.

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