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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Informal consultations Plenary Hall

OPENING OF THE SESSION

3 – 6 p.m. 1st meeting Plenary Hall

1. Opening of the Conference by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its Eleventh session
2. Election of the President of the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties [item 1 (a)]
3. Statement by the President of the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties
4. Address by Mr. Melih Gokcek, Ankara Metropolitan Mayor
5. Statement by Ms. Monique Barbut, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
6. Statement by Mr. Nicolas Hulot, Special Adviser to the President of France
7. Statements by representatives of the United Nations system, its specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, representatives of regional and interest groups and a representative of non-governmental organizations
8. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work, including the sessions of the subsidiary bodies (ICCD/COP(12)/1 and Add.1) [items 1 (b) and 1 (f)]
9. Election of officers other than the President [item 1 (c)]
 - (i) Election of Vice-Presidents
10. Accreditation of intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations and representatives from the private sector (ICCD/COP(12)/15) [item 1 (e)]

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FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL MEETINGS

Tuesday, 13 October 2015

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

1. Programme and budget [item 5]

- (a) Programme and budget for the biennium 2016–2017 (ICCD/COP(12)/5 ,
ICCD/COP(12)/6-ICCD/CRIC(14)/2 and ICCD/COP(12)/INF.4)
- (b) Financial performance for the Convention trust funds, including an update on the
arrangements for the Global Mechanism (ICCD/COP(12)/7, ICCD/COP(12)/INF.5)
 - i. Audited financial statements for the Convention trust funds (ICCD/COP(12)/8,
ICCD/COP(12)/9, ICCD/COP(12)/10)
 - ii. Report on the status of contributions to the Convention trust funds (2014–2015)
(ICCD/COP(12)/11)
- (c) Evaluation reports (ICCD/COP(12)/5, ICCD/COP(12)/INF.4)

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2. Post-2015 development agenda: implications for the United Nations Convention to
Combat Desertification [item 2]

- (a) Report of the Intergovernmental Working Group on Land Degradation Neutrality
(ICCD/COP(12)/4)
- (b) Integration of the sustainable development goals and targets into the
implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
(ICCD/COP(12)/4)

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3. Procedural matters [item 6]

- (f) Request submitted by Annex V country Parties regarding the mandate and scope of the
Convention (ICCD/COP(12)/16)

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4. Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional level [item 3]

- (c) Securing of additional investments: relations with financial mechanisms:

- i. Global Mechanism, including its vision and future direction (ICCD/COP(12)/6
ICCD/CRIC(14)/2, ICCD/COP(12)/7)
- ii. Collaboration with the Global Environment Facility (ICCD/COP(12)/18)

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COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

3 p.m. – 6 p.m. 1st meeting Main Committee Room

- 1. Opening of the twelfth session of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) by the
Chair of the CST
- 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (ICCD/COP(12)/CST/1/Rev.1) [item 1 (a)]
- 3. Outcomes of the UNCCD 3rd Scientific Conference (ICCD/CST(S-4)/3 and
ICCD/COP(12)/CST/2) [Item 2]

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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(14)/1) [item 1 (a)]
- 3. Effective implementation of the Convention at the national, subregional and regional
levels [item 2]
 - (b) Multi-year workplans of the Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies
(ICCD/COP(12)/6-ICCD/CRIC(14)/2)
 - (c) Performance of the Convention institutions and subsidiary bodies (ICCD/CRIC(14)/3)
 - (a) Trends in implementation of the Convention, including review of the report of the
Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on its thirteenth
session (ICCD/CRIC(13)/9)

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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.

9 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	GROUP OF AFRICAN STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	Plenary Hall
1 – 3 p.m.	GROUP OF ARAB STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-05
9 – 10 a.m.	GROUP OF ASIAN STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-01
12 – 3 p.m.	GROUP OF EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-06
8.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	GROUP OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-02
1.15 – 3 p.m.	WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-03

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	COP Bureau meeting <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-09
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Civil Society Organizations – Regional Coordination Meeting	MET-10
1.15 – 1.45 p.m.	Press Conference "Expected Outcomes of COP 12" <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-09

SIDE EVENTS

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1 – 3 p.m.	Local Communities' Actions in Combatting Desertification in Turkey (GEF Small Grants Program)	MET-07
1 – 3 p.m.	The Road of Science: from Africa to Europe (La route du sel et de l'espoir/FAO)	MET-08
6 – 8 p.m.	Forest Management for Conservation Globally Threatened Species: Black Vulture in Ankara Soguksu National Park (Nature Research Society / GEF Small Grants Program)	MET-07
6 – 8 p.m.	The UNDP-managed Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Network (BES-Net) building capacity for land degradation and restoration issues (UNDP)	MET-08
6 – 8 p.m.	Forestry in Turkey for Sustainable Development - Forests for nature, for people, for all (Turkey)	Turkish Pavilion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEPTION

On the occasion of the opening of the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties, the Turkish Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs has the honour to invite all participants to a welcome reception which will be held on the terrace on the fourth floor at 7.30 p.m.

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 as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>
12 – 16 October 2015	Monday – Friday	8 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. and 2.30 – 5 p.m.

Any changes to the opening hours of the registration desk will be communicated in the Official Journal of the session.

Identity badges will be issued at the time of registration, and participants are requested to wear them at all times, as they will not be allowed access to the session venue without presenting them.

CREDENTIALS

Delegations are advised to contact Mr. Gerardo Gúnera-Lazzaroni or/and Ms. Marianna Bolshakova, Legal Officers, Office 407 (Fourth Floor). Telephone: +905340303107 or +90905340303111.

FUNDING FOR ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>
12 October 2015	Monday	8.30 a.m. – 8 p.m.
13 October 2015	Tuesday	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

DSA vouchers can only be cashed at the bank office located inside the conference venue, in the UNDP office. PLEASE NOTE THAT DSA PAYMENT VOUCHERS ARE ONLY VALID UNTIL 2 P.M. FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2015.

TRAVEL DATES FOR HEADS OF DELEGATIONS ATTENDING THE HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT

In order to facilitate a smooth arrival and departure of Heads of delegation attending the High-Level Segment of COP 12, delegations are kindly requested to communicate their flight details as well as hotel accommodation to Mrs. Frederika Teixeira (e-mail teixeira2@un.org) at least 72 hours prior to the arrival.

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 214 (Phone: +905340303405) by 3 p.m. of the previous day, at the latest.

SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT EXHIBITION

Interested parties are invited to visit the exhibition area (SLM Expo) with stands from various organizations working on sustainable land management. The info stands offer documentation, reading materials and other hand-outs.

Also in the exhibition area will be the stand of the UNCCD secretariat with the UNCCD knowledge products, featuring the Capacity Building Marketplace, the UNCCD Knowledge Platform SKBP, and the UNCCD Library. You can try out these products at the stand, pick up promotional materials, and leave your feedback.

The exhibition area is located in front of the Armada shopping mall (to the right of the entrance to the street with the restaurants). It is approximately 500m from Congressium.

RIO CONVENTION PAVILION

The Rio Conventions Pavilion is a platform for raising awareness about the latest practices and scientific findings on the benefits of coordinated implementation of the UNCCD, the United Nations Framework Convention to Combat Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The Rio Conventions Pavilion will be held in on the Congressium's 4th Floor Terrace.

The Pavilion events programme is available at www.riopavilion.org.

STATEMENTS OF DELEGATIONS

By its latest legislation, namely General Assembly resolution 69/250 on the Pattern of Conferences, 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. 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 12 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.

DIRECTORY		
OFFICE	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Documents	Documents distribution desk (located next to the Main Committee Room)	
Registration of Participants	Outside of the conference site	Ms. Katheryn Jimenez Phone: +905340303078
Meeting Room Reservations and Side Events	CoSe offices 2nd floor	Mr. Kayhan Ul Office 214 Phone: +905340303405
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Internet café	Mezzanine above the lobby	
Press working area	2nd floor straight down from the elevators	Ms. Wagaki Mwangi Office 206 Phone: +905340303020