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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 4th meeting Main Committee Room

1. Linking scientific knowledge with decision-making (continued) [Item 4]

(a) Work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2016–2017
(ICCD/COP(12)/CST/6, and ICCD/COP(12)/CST/INF.4)

*Presentations by a representative of the secretariat of the Intergovernmental
Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and by the co-chair of the
Science-Policy Interface (SPI)*

Introduction and discussion

3 – 6 p.m. 5th meeting Main Committee Room

1. Linking scientific knowledge with decision-making [Item 4]

(b) Scientific Knowledge Brokering Portal and promoting the analysis and dissemination
of best practices (ICCD/COP(12)/CST/7-ICCD/CRIC(14)/6 and
ICCD/COP(12)/CST/INF.5)

Presentations by representatives of WOCAT and the UNCCD secretariat

Introduction and discussion

2. Procedural matters: [Item 5]

(a) Roster of independent experts (ICCD/COP(12)/13)

Introduction and discussion

(b) Programme of work for the thirteenth session of the Committee on Science and
Technology

Introduction and discussion

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

3 – 6 p.m. 3rd meeting Plenary Hall

1. Inclusion of activities of civil society organizations within the official programme of work of the Conference of the Parties: open dialogue session¹.

¹ *The programme will commence after the conclusion of the deliberations of the Committee on Science and Technology.*

FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL MEETINGS

Friday, 16 October 2015

COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 4th meeting Plenary Hall

1. Adoption of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention: [Item 6]

Introduction and discussion

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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

1. Adoption of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology. [Item 6]

Introduction and discussion

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

3 – 6 p.m. 4th meeting Plenary Hall

Consideration of the preliminary report of the Committee of the Whole

1. Post-2015 development agenda: implications for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. [Item 2]
 - (c) Implications of the post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development goals for the delivery of science and policy efforts of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, including the review of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology and its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties
2. Effective implementation of the Convention at national, subregional and regional level [Item 3]
 - (a) Trends in the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, including the review of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties

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 – 3 p.m.	GROUP OF ARAB STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-05
8.30 – 10 a.m.	GROUP OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN STATES <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-02
9 – 10 a.m.	JUSCANZ <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-03

OTHER MEETINGS

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9 – 10 a.m.	Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Asia (Annex II) <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-01
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8.30 – 10 a.m.	Meeting of the Regional Implementation Annex for Central and Eastern Europe (Annex V) <i>Closed meeting</i>	MET-06
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1 – 3 p.m.	COW - Contact Group on Programme and Budget <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-13
6.30 – 8.30 p.m.	CRIC/CST Joint Contact Group <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-05
8.30 – 10 p.m.	CST contact group <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-05

8.30 – 10 a.m.	Civil Society Organizations – Consultations and meeting with Executive Secretary	MET-10
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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.	Forests and Landscape Forum UNCCD - Global Mechanism	Turkish Pavilion
8 – 10 a.m.	Michael Succow Foundation for the Protection of Nature Land degradation, ecosystem conservation and policy development in Central Asian Deserts	MET-07
8 – 10 a.m.	Drought Risk Management Policies for Sustainable Development: The Way Forward UNCCD secretariat	MET-08
8 – 10 a.m.	Portugal Earth Observation tools to monitor desertification and report to UNCCD Portugal	MET-16
1 – 3 p.m.	The Great Green Wall : All hands on deck to boost sustainable land management in Africa UNCCD-Global Mechanism	MET-07
1 – 3 p.m.	One Belt one Road Join Countries' Joint Action to achieve LDN National Bureau to Combat Desertification, State Forestry Administration, China	MET-08
1 – 3 p.m.	UNCCD Science-Policy Interface SPI co-chair	MET-16
1 – 3 p.m.	Japan – Mongolia Pilot Project : Community based Arid Rangeland Management - Towards Ecological Risk Reduction and SDGs Global Environmental Forum	MET-10
6 – 8 p.m.	Brazil The enviromental Management for coexistence with dryness and combation desertification: The Right to water associated to good practices Ministry of Environment of Brazil	MET-07
6 – 8 p.m.	Implementing effective and sustainable land degradation neutrality Mise en œuvre efficace et durable de la neutralité de la dégradation des terres IRD/OSS	MET-08
6 – 8 p.m.	National Activities of Agricultural Sector way through to Land Degradation Neutrality in Turkey TURKEY - MoFAL	Turkish Pavilion

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 14 October 2015

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

3rd meeting. *Establishment of Contact groups and the appointment of the facilitators.* [1]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Committee established Contact Group 2 and appointed Mr. Luca Marmo of the European Union and Ms. Karma Dema of Bhutan as its Co-Facilitators.

COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

2nd meeting *The UNCCD reporting and review process in view of the post-2015 development agenda.* [4]

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

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

A representative of the UNCCD secretariat introduced the report contained in document ICCD/ CRIC(14)/10.

Statements were made by Swaziland, Argentina, Cuba, Republic of Moldova, Colombia, Brazil, Uganda, China, Iraq, India, Turkey and Pakistan.

The UNCCD reporting and review process in view of the post-2015 development agenda. [4]

(a) 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.

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-items.

A representative of the UNCCD secretariat introduced the report contained in document ICCD/COP(12)/CST/3-ICCD/CRIC(14)/7.

Presentations on the outcome of “The Land Degradation Neutrality Project” were made by the representatives of Grenada and Namibia.

Statements were made by the representatives of Armenia, Brazil, Argentina, Central African Republic, Namibia, Thailand, Senegal, Bhutan, India, Niger, Ghana, China, Peru, Burkina Faso, Iran, El Salvador and Iraq.

3rd meeting. *The UNCCD reporting and review process in view of the post-2015 development agenda.* [4]

(a) 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.

(Continued)

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

A representative of the UNCCD secretariat introduced the report contained in document ICCD/CRIC(14)/8.

A statement was made by the representative of Brazil.

A representative of the UNCCD secretariat introduced the report contained in document ICCD/CRIC(14)/9.

Effective implementation of the Convention at the national, sub-regional and regional levels [2]

(e) Securing of additional investments: relations with financial mechanism.

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item.

A representative of the Global Environment Facility introduced the report contained in document ICCD/CRIC(14)/5.

Statements were made by the representatives of the European Union, India, Uganda, Egypt, Ghana, Benin, Guinea, Pakistan and Eritrea.

Consideration of best practices in the implementation of the Convention: [3]

- Promoting the analysis and dissemination of best practices.

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item.

A representative of the UNCCD secretariat introduced the report contained in document ICCD/COP/ (12)/CST/7-ICCD/CRIC(14)/6.

Statements were made by the representatives Argentina, China, Brazil, the Republic of Moldova, Eritrea, Burkina Faso and the Gambia.

A statement was also made by the representative of ENDA Tiers Monde from Senegal (on behalf of Civil Society Organizations).

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

2nd meeting *Work programme of the Committee on Science and Technology for the next biennium* [3]

(b) Options for improving the Committee on Science and Technology inputs to decision-making, including through synergies with other relevant scientific conferences

The Committee resumed its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 3.

Statements were made by representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, the European Union, the United States of America, Argentina, Morocco, Japan, Norway, Ukraine, Turkey, the Russian Federation, China, Cuba, Mali, Switzerland, Senegal, Italy, Namibia, Kenya.

A statement was made by a representative of the civil society.

Ms. Mariam Akhtar-Schuster, Co-Chair of the Science-Policy Interface, responded to comments and questions from the floor.

The Committee concluded its discussion of sub-item (b) of agenda item 3.

Work programme of the Committee on Science and Technology for the next biennium [3]

(a) Follow-up on the post-2015 development agenda

i) Monitoring progress towards a sustainable development goal on hand degradation and associated target;

ii) Monitoring the contribution of sustainable land use and management to climate change adaptation/mitigation and to the safeguarding of biodiversity and ecosystem services

The Committee considered sub-item (a) of agenda item 3.

A representative of the UNCCD secretariat introduced documents ICCD/COP(12)CST/3-ICCD/CRIC(14) 7 and ICCD/COP(12)CST/INF.1.

Presentations were made by representatives of Ethiopia and Italy as two pilot countries which participated in the Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) project.

Statements were made by representatives of the United States of America, Mali, Belarus, Morocco, Senegal, Switzerland, South Africa, Turkey, the United States of America, Mexico, Grenada, Namibia, China, Turkmenistan, Egypt, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Philippines and Eritrea.

A statement was made by a representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization.

Representatives of Ethiopia and Italy responded to comments and questions from the floor.

A representative of the UNCCD secretariat made a statement.

3rd meeting

Work programme of the Committee on Science and Technology for the next biennium [3]

(a) *Follow-up on the post-2015 development agenda*

ii) *Monitoring the contribution of sustainable land use and management to climate change adaptation/mitigation and to the safeguarding of biodiversity and ecosystem services*

The Committee resumed its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 3.

Presentations were made by Ms. Annette Cowie and Mr. Barron Orr, members of the Science-Policy Interface.

Statements were made by representatives of the United States of America, Argentina, Morocco, Switzerland, Mexico, Turkey, Egypt, Eritrea, Niger, India and the United Republic of Tanzania.

Members of the Science-Policy Interface responded to comments and questions from the floor.

The Committee concluded its discussion of sub-item (a) of agenda item 3.

Linking scientific knowledge with decision-making [4]

(a) *Work programme of the Science-Policy Interface for the biennium 2016-2017*

The Committee considered sub-item (a) of agenda item 4.

A representative of the UNCCD secretariat introduced documents ICCD/COP(12)CST/6 and ICCD/COP(12)CST/INF.4.

A presentation was made by Mr. Martial Bernoux, member of the Science-Policy Interface.

Statements were made by representatives of Eritrea, Brazil, Senegal, Mexico and Italy.

The member of the Science-Policy Interface responded to comments and questions from the floor.

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 as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>
15 – 16 October 2015	Thursday & 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 during registration, and participants are requested to wear them at all times, as participants will be asked to present their badge to access the session venue.

CREDENTIALS

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

FUNDING FOR ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

Funding formalities 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>
15 October 2015	Thursday	10 a.m. – 16 p.m.
16 October 2015	Friday	11 a.m. – 15 p.m.

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

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

To ensure the 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 and hotel accommodation to Mrs. Frederika Teixeira (e-mail: teixeira2@un.org) at least 72 hours prior to 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 only be held 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) where stands from various organizations working on sustainable land management are set up. The info stands offer documentation, reading materials and other hand-outs.

Also in the exhibition area will be the UNCCD secretariat stand 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 street entrance where the restaurants are located). It is approximately 500m from the 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 the 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 on the Congressium's fourth Floor Terrace.

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

10:00 to 19:45 – “Sustainable Development Goals Day” , Global Environment Facility (GEF), World Resources Institute (WRI) and the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)

The relationship between managing land degradation and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals will be explored through presentations on engagement with Civil Society Organizations, and Land Health Surveillance. The day closes with a GEF event and reception at 18:15, focusing on the ways that Land Degradation Neutrality can contribute to achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

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.

To ensure the smooth running of the meetings, participants need to maintain a normal speed whenever delivering speeches or making statements, so that the required high-quality simultaneous interpretation services can be delivered 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.

INTERNET ACCESS AT THE CONFERENCE CENTER

Wireless internet is available to all participants at the conference center. The designated wireless network is COP 12. Participants are required to enter their surname and accreditation number on the login page (as printed on participants' badges) to gain access to the internet.

WEBSTREAMING OF CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

A link to the stream of the meetings of the COP 12 session can be found on the COP 12 page of the UNCCD website (<<http://bit.ly/unccdcop12>>).

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		
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Registration of Participants	Outside of the conference site	Ms. Kathryn Jimenez Phone: +905340303078
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