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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 5th meeting Auditorium

1. Special segment: Boosting stakeholder engagement in the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification [Item 4]

High-Level Segment:

- *Opening by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth session*
- *Welcome address by the President of Turkey, His Excellency, Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan*
- *Message from the United Nations Secretary-General*
- *Short movie projection*
- *Statement by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth session*
- *Welcoming remarks by the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification*
- *Ministerial statements on behalf of regional and interest groups, as well as a statement by representative of civil society*

3 p.m. – 6 p.m. 6th meeting MET-01, 02, 03

1. Special segment: Boosting stakeholder engagement in the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification [Item 4]

(a) Parallel ministerial/high-level round tables :

- i. Round table 1: From global to local: translating land degradation neutrality into action
- ii. Round table 2: Drought adaptation: mainstreaming drought management policy in national agendas and mitigating the effects of drought
- iii. Round table 3: Land-based adaptation to climate change: resilience through sustainable land management

**Practical information notes to Parties on the proceedings of the COP 12 High-Level Segment
(20-21 October 2015)**

A. Opening ceremony (10:00 – 13:00)

The opening ceremony will take place in the Auditorium (entrance on second and third floors) on 20 October 2015 at 10 am. Delegations are invited to be seated by 9:45 am given the security surrounding the area in the light of the level of officials attending the opening ceremonies.

It will be a free seating pattern and no name plates will be attributed to delegations.

The opening ceremony will feature statements by interest and regional groups as well as by a representative of the Civil Society Organizations. Those who will speak in the opening ceremony are kindly invited to proceed to the VIP section of the Auditorium (front rows) where the Host country Protocol will seat them. This will facilitate the speakers to make a quick walk to the lectern from which they will issue their statements.

B. Parallel Roundtables (15:00 -18:00)

Ministers and other heads of delegation will hold discussions in the form of three parallel ministerial round tables entitled:

- Round table 1: From global to local: translating land degradation neutrality into action;
- Round table 2: Drought adaptation: mainstreaming drought management policy in national agendas and mitigating the effects of drought;
- Round table 3: Land-based approach to climate change: resilience through sustainable land management.

For general information including information on the thematic areas of the respective round tables, delegates are invited to consult document ICCD/COP(12)/INF.2 at <http://www.unccd.int/Lists/OfficialDocuments/cop12/inf2eng.pdf>

Rooms

MET-01	Round table 1: From global to local: translating land degradation neutrality into action
MET-02	Round table 2: Drought adaptation: mainstreaming drought management policy in national agendas and mitigating the effects of drought
MET-03	Round table 3: Land-based approach to climate change: resilience through sustainable land management

Delegates are kindly requested to register at the entrance of each respective meeting room where they can collect their country name plates. Please also indicate which roundtable you wish to attend.

At each round table 30 seats are exclusively reserved for participants at ministerial/VIP level. These will be distributed on a first come first served basis.

Each round table discussion will be co-chaired by a minister from a UNCCD country Party. The deliberations will be facilitated by a moderator and will be enriched by invited speakers. The subsequent discussions and audience interaction will form the core of the high-level segment's roundtable deliberations. The discussion is open for participants at ministerial/VIP level. Heads of delegation and UN organization and IGO's may also participate. Ministerial/VIP level interventions will be given priority.

Participants are encouraged to actively engage in the discussion and debate rather than delivering a prepared speech or statement. Prepared speeches and statements can be given to the secretariat for later web posting. Simultaneous interpretation is provided for all 6 UN languages plus Turkish. The Chairs of the Roundtables will report to the plenary their summaries of the proceedings on Wednesday 21 October 2015 during the closing ceremony.

C. Closing ceremony of the High-level segment: Wednesday 21 October 2015: 17:30 to 18:00

The closing ceremony will take place in the Plenary Hall. It will be convened on Wednesday 21 October 2015 from 17:30 to 18:00 after the adjournment of the Stakeholders Dialogue and the Parliamentary Roundtable.

FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL MEETINGS

Wednesday, 21 October 2015

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. 7th meeting Plenary Hall

1. Special segment: Boosting stakeholder engagement in the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification [Item 4]
 - (b) Land rights (a dialogue with civil society)

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. 8th meeting Plenary Hall

1. Special segment: Boosting stakeholder engagement in the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (continued) [Item 4]
 - (d) Incentives for investment in sustainable land management (a dialogue with the private sector)

3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. 9th meeting Plenary Hall

1. Special segment: Boosting stakeholder engagement in the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (continued) [Item 4]
 - (c) Framing of legislation to protect and rehabilitate land (a dialogue with parliamentarians)

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. 10th meeting Plenary Hall

1. Special segment: Boosting stakeholder engagement in the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (continued) [Item 4]

Closing ceremony

OTHER MEETINGS

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.

12 – 1p.m. & 2.30 –6 p.m.	ROUND TABLE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS Eleventh session <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-07
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2.30 –6 p.m.	Business Forum <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-08
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5.30 – 8.30 p.m.	COW - Contact Group on COW Matters other than Programme and Budget <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-15
1 – 5 p.m. & 5.30 – 8.30 p.m.	CRIC contact group <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-05
1 p.m. onwards	COW - Contact Group on Programme and Budget <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-13

1 – 2 p.m.	Meeting with CSOs on the session on Land Rights <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-14
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1.30 – 2 p.m.	Preparation of the HLS interactive dialogue session with the private Sector <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-12
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1.15 – 1.45 p.m.	Press Conference: High Level Segment Speakers/organizer; UNCCD Executive Secretary, COP 12 President <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-09
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9 – 11 a.m.	CBD drylands programme partners <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-14
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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 17 October 2015

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- 4th meeting *Post-2015 development agenda: implications for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification [Continued]. [Item 2]*
- (iii) *Implementation of the comprehensive communication strategy and the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (2010-2020)*
- The Chairman made a statement.
- The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item.
- The representative of the UNCCD secretariat introduced the report contained in document ICCD/COP(12)/2.
- Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil and Argentina.
- The Committee concluded its consideration of the sub-item.
- Effective implementation of the Convention at the national, subregional and regional levels [Item 3]*
- (i) *Improving mechanisms to facilitate regional coordination of the implementation of the Convention*
- (ii) *Leveraging of synergies among Rio Conventions, including land-based adaptation to climate change and related advice from the Science-Policy Interface*
- The Committee began its consideration of the sub-items.
- A representative of the UNCCD secretariat introduced the report contained in document ICCD/COP(12)/12.
- Statements were made by the representatives of Turkey and Namibia (on behalf of the group of African States).
- A member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues made a statement on behalf of civil society.
- The Committee concluded its consideration of sub-item (i).
- A representative of the UNCCD secretariat introduced the report contained in document ICCD/COP(12)/17.

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Republic of Moldova (on behalf of the Regional Implementation Annex for Central and Eastern Europe (Annex V)), India, Niger, Jordan, Brazil, Turkey, Egypt, Mexico, El Salvador, Iraq, Australia, Kuwait, Israel, Cuba, Cambodia, Indonesia and Eritrea.

The representative of the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity made a statement.

The representative of the African Union made a statement.

The Committee concluded its consideration of sub-item (ii) and of item 3 as a whole.

Procedural matters [Item 6]

(b) Revised procedures for the accreditation of civil society organizations and representatives from the private sector to the Conference of the Parties and their participation in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

The Conference began its consideration of the sub-item.

A representative of the UNCCD secretariat introduced the report contained in document ICCD/COP(12)/3.

A statement was made by Mr. Juan Luis Merega, President of the Civil Society Organization Panel of the UNCCD.

The Committee concluded its consideration of the sub-item.

Procedural matters [Item 6]

(c) Rule 47 of the rules of procedure.

(d) Procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions on Implementation.

(e) Annexes containing arbitration and conciliation procedure.

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-items.

A representative of the UNCCD secretariat introduced the report contained in document ICCD/COP(12)/14 and made an oral correction.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Brazil, Argentina and India.

The Committee concluded its consideration of the sub-items and of item 6 as a whole.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

L-DOCUMENTS

Delegates are kindly informed that the CST decisions adopted at the 4th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, that took place on the afternoon of Friday 16 October, are posted at:

www.unccd.int/en/about-the-convention/the-bodies/the-cop/COP_12/Pages/CST-L-documents.aspx.

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>
20–22 October 2015	Tuesday –Thursday	8 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 2 – 5 p.m.
23 October	Friday	8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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>
20 October 2015	Tuesday	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
21 October 2015	Wednesday	11 a.m. – 16 p.m.
22 October 2015	Thursday	11 a.m. – 15 p.m.
23 October 2015	Friday	11 a.m. – 14 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 CONVENTIONS 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 detailed Pavilion events programme is available at <www.riopavilion.org>.

Programme throughout the day – Ecosystem Restoration Day

Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and World Resources Institute (WRI)

The day will look at a number of actions that support the global restoration agenda, including how the global community is mobilizing around the Bonn Challenge, the New York Summit Declaration, and the Land Degradation Neutrality SDG target to restore hundreds of millions of hectares of degraded lands. The African Restoration Initiative will also be presented. Sessions on leveraging social programmes with socio-economic objectives and on advances in tree cover mapping and monitoring will round out the day. A cocktail reception and viewing of the outstanding restoration documentary “Ethiopia Rising!” will begin at 18:15.

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		
OFFICE	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Documents	Document distribution desk (located next to the Main Committee Room)	
Registration of Participants	Outside of the conference site	Ms. Katheryn Jimenez Phone: +905340303078
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Funding for Eligible Participants	DSA payment office (Mezzanine, behind the document distribution counter)	Mr. Ezio Seghetti Phone: +905340303401
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