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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

10 – 11.30 a.m. 7th meeting Main Committee Room

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

11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. 8th meeting Main Committee Room

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

3 – 4.30 p.m. 9th meeting Main Committee Room

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

5.30 – 6 p.m. 10th meeting Plenary Hall

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

Closing ceremony

FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL MEETINGS

Thursday, 22 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

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.

10 a.m. – 1p.m. & 3 –6 p.m.	ROUND TABLE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS Eleventh session <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-07
8.30 – 11.15 a.m.	Business Forum <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-08
1 – 3 p.m.	COW - Contact Group on COW Matters other than Programme and Budget <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-15
1.15 – 1.45 p.m.	Press Conference: Business Forum <i>(closed meeting)</i>	MET-09

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 20 October 2015

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

5th meeting. *Special segment: Boosting stakeholder engagement in the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. [Item 4]*

The Conference began its consideration of the item.

Opening of the high-level segment of the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties

The President of the Conference opened the meeting.

Welcoming statements

The President of the Republic of Turkey, His Excellency Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, addressed the Conference.

The Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, delivered a message on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The Conference viewed a film produced by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey on the occasion of the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties.

The President of the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth session made a statement.

The Executive Secretary of the UNCCD secretariat, Ms. Monique Barbut, made a statement.

Ministerial statements on behalf of regional and interest groups, as well as a statement by a representative of civil society

Statements were made by the Deputy Minister of the Environment of South Africa, Her Excellency Ms. Barbara Thomson (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); the Minister of Environment of Benin, His Excellency Mr. Chabi Theophile Worou (on behalf of the Group of African States); the Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests of Bhutan, Mr. Tenzin Dhendup (on behalf of the Group of Asia-Pacific States); the Vice-Minister of Natural Resources

and Environmental Protection of Belarus, Mr. Igor Kachanovsky (on behalf of the Group of Eastern European States); the Minister of Environment of El Salvador, Her Excellency Ms. Lina Pohl (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States); and the Secretary of State for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure of Luxembourg, Mr. Camille Gira (on behalf of the European Union).

Mr. Noel Oettle, Environmental Monitoring Group of South Africa, made a statement on behalf of civil society.

6th meeting. *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:

- Round table 1 considered the topic “From global to local: translating land degradation neutrality into action”.

The round table was chaired by His Excellency Mr. Mahama Ayariga, Minister of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation of Ghana, and moderated by Mr. Paddy Woodworth, journalist, author and lecturer.

- Round table 2 considered the topic “Drought adaptation: mainstreaming drought management policy in national agendas and mitigating the effects of drought”.

The round table was chaired by His Excellency Mr. Pohamba Shifeta, Minister of Environment and Tourism of Namibia, and moderated by Ms. Saadet Oruç, journalist.

- Round table 3 considered the topic “Land-based adaptation to climate change: resilience through sustainable land management”.

The round table was co-chaired by Mr. Abdeladim Lhafi, High Commissioner for Water, Forests and Combating Desertification of Morocco and Mr. Gabriel Quijandría Acosta, Vice-Minister for Strategic Development of Natural Resources in the Ministry of Environment of Peru, and moderated by Mr. Guillermo Altares, journalist.

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>
21 & 22 October 2015	Wednesday & 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>
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.

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>.

Sustainable Land Management Day

Soil Leadership Academy (SLA), NEPAD, FAO, World Bank, GEF and WRI

The day begins early with sessions with delegates to the parliamentarians' roundtable and a meeting by SLA. Afterwards an event entitled "The Restoration Kiosk" - informal discussions with restoration scientists that stimulate interactions on the latest tools and methodologies for assessment of land degradation and restoration opportunities will be held. A lunchtime session with the Executive Secretary of the CBD will look at ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction: experiences at country and regional level. Thereafter, SLA will examine the policy process and incentives of achieving Land Degradation Neutrality for governments and the private sector. A night session will look at scaling up SLM investment in Sub Saharan Africa.

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.

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