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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

Official meetings

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 12th meeting Plenary Hall

Global interactive dialogue: Land degradation/desertification and their impact on migration and conflicts

Global interactive dialogue: Mainstreaming of national action programmes and their contribution to overall poverty eradication

3 p.m. – 6 p.m. Informal consultations Plenary Hall

Formulation of the report of the Committee to the Conference of the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations

Other meetings

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8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. Group of African States Plenary Hall
closed meeting

8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. JUSSCANNZ Room F/G
closed meeting

9 a.m. – 10 a.m. Group of Asian States Wasserwerk
closed meeting

9 a.m. – 10 a.m. Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC). Room A/B/C
closed meeting

9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Group of Eastern European States	Room D
	<i>closed meeting</i>	
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Group of 77 and China	Plenary Hall
	<i>closed meeting</i>	
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Non-governmental organizations	Wasserwerk, 2 nd floor
	<i>closed meeting</i>	

Side events

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“PROSALAFAs projects” (*Proyectos PROSALAFAs*) and “National action programme in Venezuela” (*El Programa de Acción Nacional de la República Bolivariana de Venezuela*): presentations organized by the Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources of Venezuela, Directorate General for Watersheds (*Ministerio del Ambiente y de los Recursos Naturales de Venezuela, Dirección General de Cuencas Hidrográficas*), 1 p.m., “Restaurant” meeting room

“Green isles of the Sahel: Success stories in Niger, Burkina Faso and Ghana” (*Les Ilots Verts du Sahel: Cas de succès au Niger, au Burkina Faso et au Ghana*): presentation and debate organized by the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)/FRAME programme; 1 p.m., Wasserwerk

“Pilot project on desertification status mapping”: presentation organized by the Government of India, 6 p.m., “Restaurant” meeting room

Summary of official meetings

9 May 2005

10th meeting *Review of the implementation of the Convention and of its institutional arrangements pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2 (a) and (b), and article 26 of the Convention, as well as decision 1/COP.5, paragraph 10 (ICCD/CRIC(3)/2) [3]*

Progress made in the formulation and implementation of subregional and regional action programmes in Africa (ICCD/CRIC(3)/2/Add.2)

Outcome of subregional workshops of affected African country Parties (ICCD/CRIC(3)/2/Add.4)

The Chairperson made a statement.

The secretariat introduced the documents.

Statements were then made by the following representatives: Djibouti (on behalf of the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD)) and the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)).

Statements were also made by the observers for the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS), the Arab Maghreb Union (UMA), the *Commission des Forêts d’Afrique Centrale* (COMIFAC) and the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS).

An interactive discussion ensued in which the following delegations took part: Tunisia, Swaziland (on behalf of the African Group), Algeria, the Gambia, India and Chad.

The following intergovernmental organizations also took part in the interactive dialogue: the Arab Center for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands (ACSAD) and the *Organisation Africaine de Cartographie et de Télédétection (OACT)*.

The secretariat and the observer for the Arab Maghreb Union (UMA) responded to comments made and questions posed by delegations.

Consideration of ways and means of promoting know-how and technology transfer for combating desertification and/or mitigating the effects of droughts, as well as of promoting experience sharing and information exchange among Parties and interested institutions and organizations (ICCD/CRIC(3)/7) [6]

The Chairperson made a statement.

The secretariat introduced the document.

The Chairperson of the Committee on Science and Technology also made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Thailand (on behalf of the Parties of the Convention's Regional Implementation Annex for Asia), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (on behalf of the Parties of the Convention's Regional Implementation Annex for Latin America and the Caribbean), Spain (on behalf of the Parties of the Convention's Regional Implementation Annex for the Northern Mediterranean) and the Slovak Republic (on behalf of the Parties of the Convention's Regional Implementation Annex for Central and Eastern Europe).

An interactive discussion ensued in which the following delegations took part: Switzerland, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, Swaziland and Zimbabwe.

The International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), an intergovernmental organization, also made a statement.

The European Networking Initiative on Desertification (ENID), a non-governmental organization, also made a statement.

The secretariat and the Chairperson of the Committee on Science and Technology responded to comments made and questions posed by delegations.

Consideration of ways and means of improving procedures for communication of information, as well as the quality and format of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties (ICCD/CRIC(3)/8) [7]

The Chairperson made a statement.

The secretariat introduced the document.

The representative of the United States of America also made a statement.

Consideration of necessary adjustments to the elaboration process and the implementation of action programmes, including review of the enhanced implementation of the obligations of the Convention (ICCD/CRIC(3)/5) [4]

The Chairperson made a statement.

The secretariat introduced the document.

The representatives of Guinea-Bissau, Swaziland, the Gambia, Guinea and Belgium made statements.

The Chairperson made a statement.

The secretariat also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement and adjourned the meeting.

11th meeting

Consideration of necessary adjustments to the elaboration process and the implementation of action programmes, including review of the enhanced implementation of the obligations of the Convention (ICCD/CRIC(3)/2/5)..... [4]

Panel discussion on sustainable use and management of rangelands

The Chairperson made a statement.

The panel, moderated by Mr. Abdesallam Kallala (Arab Maghreb Union) included the following panelists: Ms. Anne Marie Watt (Australia), Mr. Wilfredo Alvaro (Chile), Mr. Kubanychbek Kulov (Kyrgyzstan), Ms. Maryan Niamir-Fuller (United Nations Development Programme) and, in their personal capacities, Mr. Ali Akbari, Mr. Mohamad Aly Ag Hamana and Ms. Josephine Kishaypi.

An interactive discussion ensued in which the following delegations took part: Guatemala, France, Uganda, Algeria, Mozambique, Morocco, Syrian Arab Republic, the United Republic of Tanzania and Tunisia.

The Moderator and panelists responded to comments made and questions posed by delegations.

Panel discussion on launching of reforestation/afforestation programmes and intensification of soil conservation programmes

The Chairperson made a statement.

The panel, moderated by Mr. Riccardo Valentini, Chairperson of the Committee on Science and Technology, included the following panelists: Mr. Jose Miguel Leiva (Guatemala), Mr. Vesa Kaarakka (Finland), Mr. Michael Andrew (Saint Lucia), Mr. Ismail Abd El Galil Hussein (Egypt), Mr. Richard Thomas (ICARDA), and in his personal capacity, Mr. Ju Hongbo.

The Moderator and panelists made their presentations.

The representative of Uganda made a statement.

The Moderator made a statement.

The panelists responded to comments made and questions posed by Uganda.

Panel discussion on desertification monitoring and assessment

The Chairperson made a statement.

The panel, moderated by Mr. Ajai, included the following panelists: Ms. Maria Nery Urquiza Rodriguez (Cuba), Mr. Uriel Safriel (Israel) and, in their personal capacities, Mr. Wadid Derian, Mr. Alhassane Adama Diallo, Mr. Claude Heimo and Mr. Larry Tieszen,

as well as Mr. Ju Hongbo, the Asia Thematic Programme Network 1 (TPN 1) Task Manager, who served as a resource person.

The Moderator and panelists made their statements.

An interactive discussion ensued in which the following delegations took part: Swaziland (on behalf of the African Group), El Salvador and Uganda.

The observer for the Arab Maghreb Union (UMA), an intergovernmental organization, also made a statement.

The Moderator and panelists responded to comments made and questions posed by delegations.

Organization of work

The Secretary made a statement.

The Chairperson made a statement and adjourned the meeting.

Announcements

Global interactive dialogues

The global interactive dialogue “Land degradation/desertification and their impact on migration and conflicts” will include interventions by the following participants:

Mr. Hans Günter Brauch (Moderator)

Mr. Sisir Ratho, India

Mr. Janos Bogardi, United Nations University (UNU)

Mr. Issa Martin Bikienga, Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS)

Mr. Jose L. Rubio

Ms. Ursula Oswald

Mr. Marc Baltes

The global interactive dialogue “Mainstreaming of national action programmes and their contribution to overall poverty eradication” will include interventions by the following participants:

Mr. Philip Mikos, European Community (Moderator)

Mr. José Roberto de Lima, Brazil

Ms. Delphine Ouedraogo, Burkina Faso

Ms. Anneke Trux, Germany

Mr. Steven Muwaya, Uganda

Ms. Pham Minh Thoa, Viet Nam

Mr. Leonard Berry

Reception

On the occasion of the third session of the CRIC, a reception entitled “RheinLobby meets the world” has been organized for Tuesday, 10 May 2005, at 7 p.m. in the “T-Mobile Forum” (Landgrabenweg 151, 53227 Bonn). The Prime Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia, Mr. Peer Steinbrück, the Lady Mayor of Bonn, Ms. Bärbel Dieckmann, and Mr. Timotheus Höttges, Member of the Board of T-Mobile International, will be present.

Live music and an international buffet and drinks will be provided. Shuttle buses will be available for the CRIC 3 participants from 6.30 p.m. near the entrance of the IKBB. The return transfer will start at 9 p.m. The reception is open to all participants.

Registration

Registration for delegations of country Parties, United Nations organizations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as for the media, operates throughout the session at the main entrance to the IKBB at Görresstrasse 15, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Identity badges will be issued at the time of registration and are to be worn at all times.

Working hours

Official meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. 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

Delegations wishing to reserve meeting rooms for regional and interest groups are requested to contact Mr. Mustafa Jashari (Room P 1.10). The secretariat regrets to inform delegations that it will not be possible to book meeting rooms for individual delegations.

Electronic information service

Delegations are advised that official CRIC 3 information can be found on the UNCCD web site at <http://www.unccd.int>. The web site will also contain electronic versions of the daily Journal, the provisional list of participants, press releases and other information. An Internet café is located behind the Plenary Hall.

Funding for eligible participants

Formalities relating to funding for eligible participants will be carried out in Room P 97. Opening hours are:

9:30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The cheques issued to participants eligible for funding are cashable only at the bank in room P 99/100 and only up until 11 May.

The bank is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Information for participants

Banking services	Room P 99/100	
Business centre (telephone, fax, photocopying)	Behind the Plenary Hall	
Exhibitions	Entrance floor	Mr. Antonio Pires Ms. Maria Roelver
Funding for eligible participants	Room P 97	Administration and Finance Unit Exts. 539 and 587
Information desk	Plenary floor	Ext. 486
Internet café	Behind the Plenary Hall	
Medical service	Room P 95	Ext. 556
Meeting rooms reservation	Room P 1.10	Mr. Mustafa Jashari
NGOs liaison	2 nd floor, Wasserwerk	Mr. Marcos Montoiro Ext. 542
NGOs meeting room	2 nd floor, Wasserwerk	
Official documents	Documents distribution centre (next to the Plenary Hall entrance)	
Prayer room	Basement floor	
Press conferences	Wasserwerk	
Press liaison	2 nd floor, Wasserwerk	Mr. Michel Smitall Ext. 540
Press room	Plenary floor	
Registration of participants	Main entrance	Ms. Katheryn Jimenez Ext. 427
Security	Room P 96	Ext. 546
Side events (scheduling, technical assistance)	Room P 98	Mr. Stefano Romano Ext. 538