

Provisional agenda and programme of work of the regional meeting of affected country Parties of Africa in preparation for the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 9) and the meetings of its subsidiary bodies (CST 9 and CRIC 8)

Monday, 27 July 2009

- 09:30 - 10:00 *Registration of participants*
- 10:00 - 10:30 Opening meeting of the scientific segment**
Welcoming address by the UNCCD secretariat
Election of officers and adoption of the agenda and programme of work of the scientific segment
- 10:30 - 13:00 CST 9 ordinary session**
(a) Presentation of the Tentative Agenda of CST 9;
(b) Preparation of the CST 9 Scientific Conference;
(c) Introduction to CST 9 documentation;
(d) Expected outcomes of CST 9.
- 15:00 - 18:00 The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (the Strategy)**
Consideration of the four-year multi year work plan of the CST
Draft roadmap from CST 9 to CST 10

Tuesday, 28 July 2009

- 09:30 - 10:00 *Registration of participants*
- 10:00 - 10:30 Welcoming of the UNCCD National Focal Points**
Statement by the Chairperson of the region
Statement by the host institution or government
Statement by the UNCCD secretariat
- 10:30 - 12:30 Advice from the CST to the CRIC on reporting at COP 9 on how best to measure progress on Strategic Objectives 1, 2 and 3 of the Strategy**
(a) Presentation by the UNCCD secretariat on activities undertaken;
(b) Impact indicators:
 i. Consideration of the results at regional level of the questionnaire;
 ii. Recommended minimum set of impact indicators.
(c) Methodologies and capacity building to implement the minimum set of impact indicators.
- 12:30 - 13:00 Conclusions of the scientific segment**

- 15:00 - 15:30 Opening meeting of the Focal Points meeting**
Election of officers and adoption of the agenda and the programme of work of the Focal Points meeting
Introduction by the UNCCD secretariat
- 15:30 - 18:00 Reporting issues**
- (a) Presentation by the UNCCD secretariat on consolidated performance indicators
 - (b) Introduction by the UNCCD secretariat of reporting guidelines by reporting entities

Wednesday, 29 July 2009

- 10:00 - 12:00 CRIC issues**
- (a) Consideration of proposals for the performance and assessment system of the implementation of the Convention and the Strategy
 - (b) ToR of the CRIC
 - (c) Consideration of format for future meetings of the CRIC
 - (d) Programme of work for the ninth session of the CRIC
- 12:00 - 13:00 Financing the Convention implementation**
Review of available information regarding the financing of the Convention implementation by multilateral agencies and institutions, including information on the activities of the GEF
- 15:00 - 18:00 Review of the implementation of the Strategy: Work programmes of the Convention's institutions and bodies**
- a) Performance reports of the activities of the secretariat and the GM
 - b) 4-year work programmes of the Convention's institutions and bodies:
 - i. Secretariat, and the JWP of the secretariat and the GM;
 - ii. Global Mechanism;
 - iii. Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention;
 - iv. Committee on Science and Technology.
 - c) Programme and budget of the Convention for the biennium 2010-2011

Thursday, 30 July 2009

- 10:00 – 12:00 Mechanisms to facilitate regional coordination of the implementation of the Convention**
Presentation by the regional representatives of the proposal for regional coordination mechanisms.

- 12:00 – 13:00 Follow-up to the Joint Inspection Unit recommendations**
- (a) Draft eligibility criteria for CSOs participation;
 - (b) Draft UNCCD communication strategy.
- 15:00 – 17:00 Presentation of the Joint Inspection Unit report**
- Preliminary consideration of the assessment of the GM and recommendations by the JIU.
- 17:00 – 17:30 Information relating to the High-Level Segment of COP 9**
- 17:30 – 18:00 Process relating to draft decisions emanating from the CRIC and the CST to the COP**

Friday, 31 July 2009

- 10:00 – 13:00 Region-specific initiatives and other matters**
- (a) Subregional Action Programmes and the Regional Action Programme;
 - (b) Other region-specific matters.

Election of officers for the COP, the CRIC and the CST

Adoption of the report of the meeting
