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Item 1 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Provisional agenda and annotations

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² Parties may wish to note that in the following lines the terminology is modified to correspond with that used in decision 3/COP.8.

- (iii) The two-year work programme for the Committee on Science and Technology;
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- (a) Consideration of the draft reporting guidelines as referred to in decision 8/COP.8.
5. Additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention:
- (a) Consideration of the format for future meetings of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention.
6. Adoption of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention to the Conference of the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. By its decision 1/COP.5, the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) decided to establish the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC) as a subsidiary body of the COP to assist it in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention. By its decision 10/COP.8, the COP decided that the seventh session of the CRIC (CRIC 7) would be held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 20 to 29 October 2008. Following consultations with the Government of the host country and the Bureau of the COP at its eighth session (COP 8), it was agreed that CRIC 7 would take place in Istanbul, Turkey, from 7 to 14 November 2008.

Logistical arrangements

2. A few weeks before the opening of the session, the secretariat will distribute an information note detailing registration and security procedures as well as other logistical arrangements for the session.

Participants

3. In accordance with article 36, paragraph 2, of the Convention, for each State or regional economic integration organization which ratifies, accepts or approves the Convention or accedes thereto after the deposit of the 50th instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, the Convention enters into force on the 90th day after the date of deposit with the Depositary of the relevant instrument. Consequently, the Parties as at the opening of the first special session of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST S-1) and CRIC 7 on 3 November 2008 will be the States and regional economic integration organizations that deposited their instruments by 5 August 2008. Those that deposited their instruments after 5 August but by 13 August 2008 will become Parties during the session. Those doing so after 13 August 2008 will not become Parties until after the closure of the session but can participate in the session as observers. The intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) accredited at COP 8 are listed in document ICCD/COP(8)/14 and Add.1. Relevant information on the status of ratifications has been made available on the secretariat website (<<http://www.unccd.int>>).

4. According to decision 1/COP.5, the CRIC shall be composed of all Parties to the Convention. Any other body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, which wishes to be represented at a session of the Committee as an observer may be admitted unless one-third of the Parties present at the session object. The procedure for admission of observers is detailed in rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the COP as contained in decision 1/COP.1 in document ICCD/COP(1)/11/Add.1.

Bureau

5. In accordance with the provisions contained in decision 1/COP.5, the Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons of the Committee were elected during COP 8 (ICCD/COP(8)/16). One of the Vice-Chairpersons shall act as Rapporteur.

Agenda

6. The Convention provides, in article 22, paragraph 2(a), that the COP shall regularly review the implementation of the Convention and the functioning of its institutional arrangements. The COP, by its decision 1/COP.5, established the CRIC to assist the COP in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention and to draw conclusions and make concrete recommendations to the COP on further steps in the implementation of the Convention.

7. By its decision 3/COP.8, the COP adopted the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018), hereinafter referred to as “The Strategy” (para. 1), as contained in the annex to this decision, and decided also that the CRIC will be responsible for reviewing implementation of The Strategy by the Parties and the Convention bodies (para. 12).

8. By its decision 9/COP.8, the COP decided that CRIC 7 shall be a special session to consider methodological matters to further advance the implementation of The Strategy, and to include the items referred to in section I above on the agenda of CRIC 7.

9. These, in addition to issues arising from other decisions of the COP, as they relate to this special session of the CRIC, have been taken into account in the provisional agenda which was prepared by the secretariat in agreement with the Chairperson of the Committee.

10. At the beginning of the session, the Committee shall adopt its agenda and organization of work for the session.

Documentation

11. A list of documents for the session and other relevant documents is provided in annex I. In addition to normal distribution, official documents for the session have been made available on the secretariat website (<http://www.unccd.int>).

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

12. The CRIC will have before it the provisional agenda (see section I above) to consider for adoption. A tentative schedule of work for the session, detailed in the subsections below, is contained in annex II.

Purpose of the session

13. By paragraph 14 of its decision 3/COP.8, the COP decided that CRIC 7 should be a special session to consider methodological matters to further advance the implementation of The Strategy, and that the next session of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) should be held in conjunction with this session of the CRIC.

14. Paragraph 16 of the same decision requests the CRIC to finalize proposals for the performance review and assessment of the Convention, and especially The Strategy, for discussion at COP 9.

15. In accordance with the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the CRIC, as contained in the annex to decision 1/COP.5, the CRIC is to draw conclusions and make concrete recommendations on further steps in the implementation of the Convention and to submit a comprehensive report to the COP in the light of its programme of work, including conclusions and recommendations.

Opening session

16. After the welcoming address of the representatives of the host country, it is proposed that the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD present in his introductory statement an overview of the issues before CRIC 7 and the CST S-1. It is also proposed that the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism (GM) give a statement.

17. The President of COP 8 and the chairpersons of the CRIC and the CST will also give introductory statements.

18. Statements by the representatives of regional and interest groups will conclude the opening session.

Regional consultations of affected country Parties of the Convention's regional implementation annexes

19. Regional consultations of affected country Parties of the Convention's regional implementation annexes on matters before CRIC 7 and CST S-1 would take place after the opening session, on Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 November 2008.

Meetings of the first special session of the Committee on Science and Technology

20. In accordance with the provisional agenda and annotations of CST S-1, as contained in document ICCD/CST(S-1)/1, the meetings of CST S-1 will take place from Wednesday 5 to Thursday 6 November 2008.

Meetings of the seventh session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

21. With regard to the structure of its first meeting, on Friday 7 November 2008, the Chairperson of the CRIC will open the session and then call for adoption of the agenda and the organization of work, followed by the designation of the Rapporteur of the CRIC.

22. The Committee will then take up the agenda items according to the organization of work as detailed in annex II.

23. The proposed tentative schedule allows for the formulation of the comprehensive report of the seventh session of the CRIC, including conclusions and recommendations, as stipulated in paragraph 1(a)(x) and (xi) of its ToR, on Friday 14 November 2008. During the same concluding meeting, the report of the session would be submitted for adoption.

Panel discussions and interactive dialogue sessions

24. As is illustrated in Annex II to the present provisional agenda, it is proposed that the following panel discussions and interactive dialogues take place at CRIC 7:

(i) An interactive dialogue session on UNCCD strategic orientations;

(ii) Presentation of the ToR and programme of work of the Joint Inspection Unit on the assessment of the GM;

(iii) A wrap-up session and a panel discussion on the reporting process, including cross feeding between the Subsidiary Bodies of the COP.

25. Relevant information on the subject matter of the above-mentioned panel discussions is contained in documents ICCD/CRIC(7)/INF.4, ICCD/CRIC(7)/INF.5 and ICCD/CRIC(7)/3, respectively. In addition to normal distribution, these documents have been made available on the secretariat website (<http://www.unccd.int>).

Times of meetings

26. The normal working hours of CRIC 7 will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The tentative schedule aims to make the best use of the facilities available during normal working hours. No scheduling or budgetary provision has been made for evening or weekend sessions. No provision has been made for more than one meeting with official interpretation services to be held at any one time.

2. Designation of the Rapporteur of the Committee

27. Pursuant to article 4 of the ToR of the CRIC, as contained in decision 1/COP.5, the Chairperson will call for the selection of a Rapporteur from among the four Vice-Chairpersons of the Committee.

3. The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention

28. Pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2(a) and (b), and article 26 of the Convention, the COP is to review the implementation of the UNCCD and its institutional arrangements.

29. By its decision 1/COP.5, the COP decided to establish the CRIC as a subsidiary body of the COP to assist it in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention, and to adopt the ToR of the CRIC as contained in the annex to that decision.

30. By its decision 3/COP.8, the COP adopted The Strategy and decided that the CRIC will be responsible for reviewing its implementation by the Parties and the Convention bodies.

(a) Consideration of the report on the implementation of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention

31. Paragraph 23 of decision 3/COP.8 requests the Executive Secretary to report to CRIC 7 and COP 9 on the implementation of The Strategy. The report of the Executive Secretary is contained in document ICCD/CRIC(7)/2 for consideration by the Committee at its seventh session.

(b) Consideration of the work plans of the Convention bodies

32. Paragraph 3 of decision 3/COP.8 requests that the various Convention bodies develop their respective results-based management (RBM) multi-year (four-year) work plans in line with The Strategy and report on progress with implementation at the CRIC.

33. Paragraph 38 of the same decision sets the planning and budgeting cycles of the Convention bodies and states that under the first planning cycle the draft multi-year work plans will be presented at CRIC 7 and considered along with the drafts under the first budget cycle at COP 9.

34. The draft multi-year work plans prepared under the first reporting cycle, contained in documents ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.1 to ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.4, are submitted to the CRIC for consideration and any recommendation it may wish to make to the COP. The same decision 3/COP.8 also states that all draft multi-year work plans shall be presented to the COP for adoption.

(i) Multi-year work plan for the secretariat and the joint work plan of the secretariat and the Global Mechanism

35. Paragraphs 20 and 21 of decision 3/COP.8 request the Executive Secretary to prepare a draft multi-year (four-year) work plan complemented by a costed two-year work programme in line with The Strategy and taking an RBM approach, and to present them to CRIC 7 for review and subsequently to COP 9 for consideration and adoption.

36. The 2008–2011 work plan and the 2008–2009 costed work programme of the secretariat are contained in document ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.1(A) and ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.1(B), respectively.

37. Paragraph 25 of the same decision also requests the Executive Secretary and the GM to submit a draft joint work programme, in accordance with paragraph 22 of The Strategy, at CRIC 7 and to submit it for consideration by COP 9.

38. The 2008–2009 joint work programme of the secretariat and the GM is contained in document ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.3.

(ii) The multi-year work plan for the Global Mechanism

39. Paragraph 17 of decision 3/COP.8 requests the GM to revise its current work plan to make it consistent with The Strategy, maintaining the RBM approach, and to prepare a draft multi-year (four-year) work plan complemented by a costed two-year programme of work. Paragraph 18 of the same decision further requests the GM to present its proposed draft multi-year work plan and two-year programme of work to CRIC 7 for review and subsequently to COP 9 for consideration and adoption.

40. The 2008–2011 work plan and the 2008–2009 costed work programme of the GM are contained in document ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.2(A) and ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.2(B), respectively.

(iii) The two-year programme of work for the Committee on Science and Technology

41. Paragraphs 7 and 11 of decision 3/COP.8 requests the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureaux of the COP and the CST, to prepare for the CST, in line with The Strategy, a costed draft two-year work programme taking an RBM approach, and to present it to COP 9 for consideration and adoption.

42. Paragraph 38 of decision 3/COP.8 states that a multi-year (four-year) work plan for the CST is to be presented at CRIC 7 under the first planning cycle.

43. In consultation with the Chairperson of the CST, it was decided to present to CRIC 7 a draft multi-year (four-year) work plan for the CST in addition to a costed draft two-year work programme.

44. The draft 2008–2011 work plan and the costed draft 2008–2009 work programme for the CST, contained in documents ICCD/CST(S-1)/4/Add.1 and ICCD/CST(S-1)/4/Add.2, are submitted to CST S-1 for preliminary consideration and any recommendation it may wish to make to CRIC 7.

*(iv) The multi-year work plan for the Committee for the Review
of the Implementation of the Convention*

45. By paragraph 13 of decision 3/COP.8 the Executive Secretary was requested to prepare for the CRIC, in consultation with the Bureaux of the COP and the CRIC, a draft multi-year work plan in line with The Strategy and taking an RBM approach.

46. Paragraph 14 of the same decision states that CRIC 7 shall be a special session to consider methodological matters to further advance the implementation of The Strategy, in line with decision 9/COP.8. By its decision 7/COP.8, the COP decided that the ToR of the CRIC should be considered and revised at COP 9, bearing in mind the strategic plan and the role of the CRIC as specified in the relevant decisions of COP 8 and the outcomes of CRIC 7 and 8.

47. In the light of the provisions above, and the fact that the draft multi-year work plan for the CRIC can be prepared once its ToR would have been revised and approved, document ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.4 contains the 2008–2009 draft work programme for the CRIC.

(c) Indicators and monitoring of the 10-year strategic plan and framework
to enhance the implementation of the Convention

48. Paragraph 43 of decision 3/COP.8 affirms that the COP will be the main body for assessing and reviewing the overall implementation of The Strategy, assisted in this regard by the CRIC and the CST and involving the COP Bureau as appropriate, in line with their respective mandates.

49. By paragraph 39 of the same decision, the Parties and the Regional Implementation Annexes were invited to develop nationally and regionally relevant indicators for the implementation of The Strategy for consideration at CRIC 7 in the context of the development of reporting guidelines for the Parties. By paragraph 40, the Executive Secretary was requested to consolidate these indicators with a view to harmonizing them as appropriate.

50. The report of the Executive Secretary on this matter is contained in document ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.5.

(d) Consideration of the input from the Committee on Science and Technology at its first special session

51. By paragraph 14 of decision 3/COP.8, the COP decided that the next session of the CST shall be held in conjunction with CRIC 7.

52. The CST S-1 has before it the provisional agenda for the session contained in document ICCD/CST(S-1)/1, which includes, inter alia, consideration of the multi-year work plan for the CST and advice on the CRIC discussion of how best to measure progress made on strategic objectives 1, 2 and 3 of The Strategy, for its review and any advice it may wish to give to the CRIC.

53. The input from the CST S-1 is contained in document ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.6.³

4. 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

(a) Consideration of the draft reporting guidelines as referred to in decision 8/COP.8

54. By decision 8/COP.8, the Executive Secretary was requested to develop draft reporting guidelines, taking into account the views of the GM, for the following entities:

- (i) Affected country Parties, including country profile;
- (ii) Developed country Parties;
- (iii) United Nations organizations and IGOs, and relevant international financial institutions and mechanisms;
- (iv) The Global Environment Facility (GEF), in accordance with the memorandum of understanding between the UNCCD and the GEF;
- (v) The secretariat;
- (vi) The GM;
- (vii) Reports on implementation of subregional action programmes;
- (viii) Reports on implementation of regional action programmes.

55. Relevant information on the draft reporting guidelines for the above-mentioned entities is contained in documents ICCD/CRIC(7)/3 and ICCD/CRIC(7)/3/Add.1 to Add.7.

³ The document will be issued in-session.

**5. Additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the
Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing
the implementation of the Convention**

(a) Consideration of the format for future meetings of the Committee for the Review of the
Implementation of the Convention

56. By its decision 7/COP.8, the COP decided that the ToR of the CRIC shall be considered and revised, as necessary, at COP 9.

57. By its decision 3/COP.8, paragraph 15, the COP proposed that future meetings of the CRIC should be held predominantly in an interactive format, highlighting for each key issue a set of targeted recommendations for the COP to consider and adopt, if appropriate.

58. The report of the secretariat, which takes stock of and builds on previous documentation submitted to the CRIC and the COP and the relevant deliberations on this matter (notably decisions 1/COP.5, 7/COP.6 and 7/COP.7), is presented under document ICCD/CRIC(7)/4.

**6. Adoption of the comprehensive report of the Committee to the Conference of
the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations**

59. According to the ToR of the CRIC, annexed to decision 1/COP.5, at sessions held between ordinary sessions of the COP the CRIC is, inter alia, to draw conclusions and make concrete recommendations to the COP on further steps in the implementation of the Convention, through a comprehensive report to the COP in the light of its programme of work.

60. The report adopted by the Committee shall be submitted to the COP for its consideration leading to any decision the COP may wish to take on the implementation of the Convention.

Annex I**Documents before the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention at its seventh session**

<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>Title or description</u>
ICCD/CRIC(7)/1	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the secretariat.
ICCD/CRIC(7)/2	The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat.
ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.1(A)	The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Part A: Consideration of the draft multi-year work plan for the secretariat (2008–2011).
ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.1(B)	The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Part B: Consideration of the costed draft two-year work programme for the secretariat (2008–2009).
ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.2(A)	The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Part A: Consideration of the draft multi-year work plan for the Global Mechanism (2008–2011).
ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.2(B)	The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Part B: Consideration of the costed draft two-year work programme for the Global Mechanism (2008–2009).
ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.3	The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Consideration of the draft joint work programme of the secretariat and the Global Mechanism (2008–2009).
ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.4	The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Consideration of the costed draft two-year work programme for the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (2008–2009).
ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.5	The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Indicators and monitoring of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention.

<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>Title or description</u>
ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.6	The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Consideration of the input from the Committee on Science and Technology at its first special session. ⁴
ICCD/CRIC(7)/3	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. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/CRIC(7)/3/Add.1	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. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Consideration of the draft reporting guidelines for affected country Parties, including country profile.
ICCD/CRIC(7)/3/Add.2	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. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Consideration of the draft reporting guidelines for developed country Parties.
ICCD/CRIC(7)/3/Add.3	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. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Consideration of the draft reporting guidelines for United Nations and intergovernmental organizations, and relevant international financial institutions and mechanisms.
ICCD/CRIC(7)/3/Add.4	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. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Consideration of the draft reporting guidelines for the Global Environment Facility, in accordance with the memorandum of understanding between the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the Global Environment Facility.
ICCD/CRIC(7)/3/Add.5	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. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Consideration of the draft reporting guidelines for the secretariat.

⁴ The document will be issued in-session.

<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>Title or description</u>
ICCD/CRIC(7)/3/Add.6	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. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Consideration of the draft reporting guidelines for the Global Mechanism.
ICCD/CRIC(7)/3/Add.7	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. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Consideration of the draft reporting guidelines, formats and help guides, where necessary, for the reports on implementation of subregional action programmes and regional action programmes.
ICCD/CRIC(7)/4	Additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat. Consideration of format for future meetings of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention.
ICCD/CRIC(7)/INF.1	Arrangements for the seventh session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and the Special Intersessional Session of the Committee on Science and Technology. Preliminary information for participants. Note by the secretariat.
ICCD/CRIC(7)/INF.2	List of participants. ⁵
ICCD/CRIC(7)/INF.3	Status of ratification of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. Note by the secretariat. ⁶
ICCD/CRIC(7)/INF.4	Outcome of the High Level Policy Dialogue on the Strategic Orientations of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. Note by the secretariat.
ICCD/CRIC(7)/INF.5	Assessment of the Global Mechanism. Terms of reference and programme of work proposed by the Joint Inspection Unit. Note by the secretariat.
ICCD/CRIC(7)/INF.6	Mechanism to facilitate the regional coordination of the implementation of the Convention. Note by the secretariat.

⁵ The document will be issued in-session.

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Other documents:

Fifth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>Title or description</u>
ICCD/CRIC(5)/11	Report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on its fifth session

Third session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

ICCD/CRIC(3)/9	Report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on its third session
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First session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

ICCD/CRIC(1)/10	Report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention on its first session
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Eighth session of the Conference of the Parties

ICCD/COP(8)/14	Accreditation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, admission of observers
ICCD/COP(8)/14/Add.1	Accreditation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, admission of observers. Addendum
ICCD/COP(8)/16	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its eighth session: Proceedings
ICCD/COP(8)/16/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its eighth session: Action taken

Previous sessions of the Conference of the Parties

ICCD/COP(7)/16/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its seventh session: Action taken
ICCD/COP(6)/11/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its sixth session: Action taken
ICCD/COP(5)/11/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its fifth session: Action taken
ICCD/COP(4)/11/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its fourth session: Action taken

ICCD/COP(3)/20/Add.1 Report of the Conference of the Parties on its third session: Action taken

Document symbol Title or description

ICCD/COP(2)/14/Add.1 Report of the Conference of the Parties on its second session: Action taken

ICCD/COP(1)/11/Add.1 Report of the Conference of the Parties on its first session: Action taken

Annex II**Tentative schedule of work**

Monday, 3 November 2008	
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<p><i>Opening session of the first special session of the Committee on Science and Technology and the seventh session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention</i></p> <p><i>Welcoming address by the host country</i> <i>Statement by the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification</i> <i>Statement by the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism</i> <i>Statement by the President of the Conference of the Parties</i> <i>Statement by the Chairperson of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention</i> <i>Statement by the Chairperson of the Committee on Science and Technology</i> <i>Statements by the representatives of regional and interest groups</i></p>
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<p><i>Regional consultations of affected country Parties of the Convention's regional implementation annexes</i></p>

Tuesday, 4 November 2008	
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<p><i>Regional consultations of affected country Parties of the Convention's regional implementation annexes</i></p>
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<p><i>Regional consultations of affected country Parties of the Convention's regional implementation annexes</i></p>

Wednesday, 5 November 2008	
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<i>Meeting of the first special session of the Committee on Science and Technology</i>
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<i>Meeting of the first special session of the Committee on Science and Technology (continued)</i>

Thursday, 6 November 2008	
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<i>Meeting of the first special session of the Committee on Science and Technology (continued)</i>
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<i>Meeting of the first special session of the Committee on Science and Technology (continued)</i>

Friday, 7 November 2008	
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<p><i>Opening of the seventh session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention by the Chairperson of the CRIC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the agenda and organization of work • Appointment of a rapporteur of the Committee • The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consideration of the report on the implementation of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (ICCD/CRIC(7)2) <p><i>Interactive dialogue session on UNCCD strategic orientations</i></p>

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (<i>continued</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consideration of the 2008–2011 draft work plan and 2008–2009 costed draft work programme of the secretariat (ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.1(A) and (B)) - Consideration of the 2008–2010 draft work plan and 2008–2009 costed draft work programme of the Global Mechanism (ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.2 (A) and (B))
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Monday, 10 November 2008

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (<i>continued</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consideration of the 2008–2009 joint work programme of the secretariat and the Global Mechanism (ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.3) <p><i>Presentation of the Terms of Reference and programme of work of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Assessment of the Global Mechanism</i></p>
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (<i>continued</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consideration of the 2008–2011 draft work plan and 2008–2009 costed draft work programme of the Committee on Science and Technology (ICCD/CST(S-1)/4/Add.1 and Add.2) - Consideration of the 2008–2009 costed draft work programme of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.4)

Tuesday, 11 November 2008	
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (<i>continued</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consideration of the report on indicators and monitoring of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.5) - Consideration of the input from the Committee on Science and Technology at its Special Intersessional Session (ICCD/CRIC(7)/2/Add.6)
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (cont.)	
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (<i>continued</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consideration of the draft reporting guidelines referred to in decision 8/COP.8 (ICCD/CRIC(7)/3, ICCD/CRIC(7)/3/Add.1 - 7)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008	
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (<i>continued</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consideration of the draft reporting guidelines referred to in decision 8/COP.8 (ICCD/CRIC(7)/3, ICCD/CRIC(7)/3/Add.1 - 7)
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (<i>continued</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consideration of the draft reporting guidelines referred to in decision 8/COP.8 (ICCD/CRIC(7)/3, ICCD/CRIC(7)/3/Add.1 - 7)

Thursday, 13 November 2008	
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<i>Wrap-up session and panel discussion on the reporting process, including cross feeding between the Subsidiary Bodies of the Conference of the Parties</i>
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consideration of the format for future CRIC meetings (ICCD/CRIC(7)/4) <p><i>Formulation of the report of the Committee to the Conference of the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations</i></p>

Friday, 14 November 2008	
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<i>Formulation of the report of the Committee to the Conference of the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations</i>
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention at its seventh session <p><i>Closure of the session</i></p>
