



UNCCD COP15, May 9- 20 Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire



Issues related to CRIC 20



- The Global Mechanism of the UNCCD will launch its Project Preparation Partnership programme which is aimed at connecting funders to projects and diversifying the avenues of funding projects such as debt swapping.
- The GM UNCCD encourages Country Parties to utilize the LDN Fund.

High Level Political Declaration



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- The President of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire will issue the 'Abidjan Call' to address land restoration and drought.
- The First Lady of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire will chair a Gender Caucus on May 9th to address gender equality for land restoration.
- Youths have an important role to play in land regeneration and shaping the SLM agenda of the region. We must respond to the needs of the future generations through sound scientific planning and utilization of land resources.

Scheduling of COP 16



According to the UNCCD Secretariat, country parties must decide and vote whether to revert to the original biennial cycle resulting in COP16 being in 2023 or a new cycle resulting in COP16 in 2024. Both of these scenarios have advantages and disadvantages which should be considered in the decision.

Drought



- Drought is an important recurring theme at COP 15. The Science Policy Interface has emphasised the importance of monitoring of resilience of ecosystems and populations vulnerable to drought.
- The UNCCD Drought Toolbox has been designed and updated. Parties are encouraged to approach the GM UNCCD with bankable projects to target Drought and will be assisted in finding innovative financing instruments for drought.

LDN TSP



The LDN TSP has supported a total of 129 participating countries with 106 successfully completing this process, 100 publishing their nation LDN reports and 71 adopting their LDN targets through high-level commitments. In the LAC region, out of 33 parties 32 have committed to this process with 23 successfully completing this process.

LDN TPP



The LDN Transformative Projects and Programmes have been largely successful with the Caribbean region currently working on finalizing the process of its concept note for funding consideration by the GCF through IFAD with the help of the GM UNCCD.

REGIONAL MATTERS

- Nomination of representatives to: - COP Bureau – Argentina and Commonwealth of Dominica
- CRIC Bureau- Panama
- CST Bureau – Mexico



Still to be decided are the:

- Regional Executive Committee(5)
- Representatives for Contact Groups (4).
- Designation of delegates for Contact Groups

