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The Committee for the Review of the  
Implementation of the Convention

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## The CRIC – Assessment of implementation

Parties at COP 9 adopted new Terms of Reference of the CRIC. According to its Terms of Reference, the CRIC assists the COP in the review of the implementation of the Convention under the authority and guidance of the COP, doing so as an integral part of the [Performance Review and Assessment of Implementation System. \(PRAIS\)](#)

### CRIC thirteenth session (CRIC 13)

The Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention will convene its thirteenth session (CRIC 13) in [Bonn, Germany, from 25 to 27 March 2015](#). The session will be preceded by meetings of the five Regional Implementation Annexes to the Convention, on [23 and 24 March 2015](#).

According to its [tentative agenda and programme of work](#), CRIC 13 will focus on three main topics:

1. Assessment of implementation of the Convention against the five operational objectives;
2. Review of financial support for the implementation of the Convention;
3. Formulation, revision and implementation of action programmes in view of the post-2015 sustainable development framework.

### Outcomes of the 2014 reporting exercise:

The 2014 reporting exercise has achieved important results in terms of [quantity and quality of information](#) submitted by parties and other reporting entities. Approximately 95% of ACPs and 70% of DCPs submitted their reports through the new online platform, [the PRAIS portal](#).


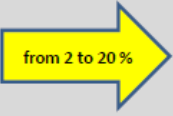

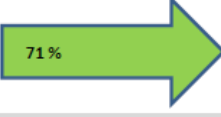
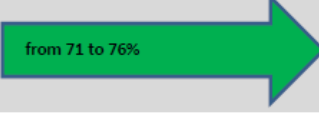

Here below, some insights are provided on the performance indicators for the five operational objectives:

- OO 1: Advocacy, awareness-raising and education;
- OO 2: Policy framework;
- OO 3: Science, technology and knowledge;
- OO 4: Capacity-building;
- OO 5: Financing and technology transfer.

More detailed information on the outcomes of the 2014 reporting exercise by performance indicators and conclusions by operational objectives is provided in the [synoptic table](#).

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Operational Objective	Performance Indicator	Global target	Current achievement Level	Timeframe
Advocacy, awareness raising and education	<b>CONS-O-1</b>	30% of global population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity	from 25 to 28% 	2018
Policy framework	<b>CONS-O-5</b>	80% of ACPs have formulated/revised a NAP aligned to The Strategy	from 2 to 20 % 	2014
	<b>CONS-O-7</b>	100% of ACPs have joint national plan or functional mechanisms in place to ensure synergies among Rio conventions	67 % 	2014
Science and technology and knowledge	<b>CONS-O-10</b>	70% of revised action programmes have successfully gone through a quality self-assessment	71 % 	2018
Capacity-building	<b>CONS-O-13</b>	90% of ACPs implement DLDD-specific capacity-building initiatives	from 71 to 76% 	2014
Financing and technology transfer	<b>CONS-O-14</b>	At least 50% of ACPs, subregional and regional entities have developed integrated investment frameworks	from 11 to 37 % 	2014
	<b>CONS-O-16</b>	Degree of adequacy, timeliness and predictability of financial resources made available by DCPs to combat DLDD (no global target set)		No time frame set

## Best practices

Recalling the decision 3/COP.8 (The Strategy), the Conference of the Parties (COP) in decision [15/COP.10](#), considered best practices in the implementation of the Convention.

UNCCD best practices should be collected according to the following thematic topics:

1. Sustainable Land Management (SLM) technologies, including adaptation;
2. Capacity-building and awareness-raising
3. Desertification, land degradation and drought, and SLM monitoring and assessment/research
4. Knowledge management and decision support
5. The policy, legislative and institutional framework
6. Funding and resource mobilization
7. Participation, collaboration and networking

The review of the themes of best practices will be carried out as shown in the table below:

**Classification of best practices on sustainable land management technologies, including adaptation**

<i>Geographic location</i>	<i>Classification by region/subregion</i>
<i>Prevailing land use in the specified location</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cropland</li> <li>Grazing land</li> <li>Woodland</li> <li>Unproductive land</li> <li>Human settlement</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>
<i>Contribution to DLDD measures</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prevention</li> <li>Mitigation</li> <li>Adaptation</li> <li>Rehabilitation</li> </ul>
<i>Contribution to the strategic objectives</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To improve the living conditions of affected populations</li> <li>To improve the conditions of affected ecosystems</li> <li>To generate global benefits through effective implementation of the Convention</li> </ul>
<i>Type of impact</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On-site impacts on production or productivity</li> <li>On-site socio-economic and cultural impacts</li> <li>On-site environmental impacts</li> <li>Other on-site impacts</li> <li>Off-site impacts</li> </ul>
<i>Linkages with the other best practice themes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capacity-building and awareness-raising</li> <li>DLDD and SLM monitoring and assessment/research</li> <li>Knowledge management and decision support</li> <li>Policy, legislative and institutional framework</li> <li>Funding and resource mobilization</li> <li>Participation, collaboration and networking</li> </ul>

At COP 11, Parties decided that the CRIC work on best practices should focus on some thematic topics, while the CST on others; and that at inter-sessional sessions, the CRIC will make recommendations to Convention's institutions and subsidiary bodies on priority of their work programmes.

## The cooperation between the CST and the CRIC

Based on decision 17/COP 11, the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and the Committee on Science and Technology interact on ways to promote coordinated knowledge management efforts and the analysis and dissemination of best practices, including through joint meetings of the two Bureaus, with a view to contributing to the development of an overall knowledge management infrastructure for the UNCCD.

The CST focuses its work on best practices relating to decision 13/COP.9 on the following three thematic topics

1. Sustainable land management technologies, including adaptation
2. Desertification, land degradation and drought and sustainable land management monitoring and assessment/research
3. Knowledge management and decision support

The Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and, as appropriate, the Global Mechanism, focus their work on best practices relating to decision 13/COP.9, including increasing access through the Scientific Knowledge Brokering Portal to information on the following thematic topics:

1. Capacity building and awareness-raising
2. Policy, legislative and institutional framework
3. Funding and resource mobilization
4. Participation, collaboration and networking

## The GEF as Financial Mechanism of the UNCCD

GEF Financing for Enabling Activities under the UNCCD is an important milestone in funding the Convention implementation. This is the first time ever the financing for Enabling Activities was provided to eligible Parties under this Convention, and is intended to support Parties in implementing specific activities relating to fulfillment of their obligations under the Convention. Parties at CRIC 9 identified two immediate priorities for Enabling Activities financing:

- Alignment of national action programs (NAPs) with The Strategy, and
- Reporting process.

In 2002, the World Summit on Sustainable Development called on the Second GEF Assembly to consider making the GEF a financial mechanism of the Convention. Shortly after, in October 2002, the GEF Second Assembly declared that the Facility should be available as a financial mechanism of the UNCCD if the Conference of the Parties should so decide. At COP 6 in decisions [6/COP.6](#), the GEF was accepted as a

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financial mechanism of the UNCCD by the Conference of Parties. This was followed by a Memorandum of Understanding between the COP and GEF annexed to decision [6/COP.7](#) to foster collaboration in supporting countries.

By Decision 10/COP 9 it was decided that the United Nations Environment Programme, the Global Environment Facility and the Convention secretariat engage in a long-term capacity-building initiative relating to monitoring the implementation of The Strategy and the Convention, which will enhance national reporting under the Convention.

Additional reading

[Here](#) you can access a compilation of COP decisions with reference to GEF.

FAQ on GEF funding of enabling activities for UNCCD reporting can be downloaded [here](#).