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The Committee for the Review of the  
Implementation of the Convention

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## The CRIC functions

The Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC), was established by decision 1/COP.5 in 2001 as a subsidiary body of the Conference of the Parties of the UNCCD to assist it with the regular reviewing of the implementation of the Convention. The first session of the CRIC was held in November 2002, Rome, Italy.

According to its original the CRIC shall under the authority and guidance of the COP assist it in the review of the implementation of the Convention.

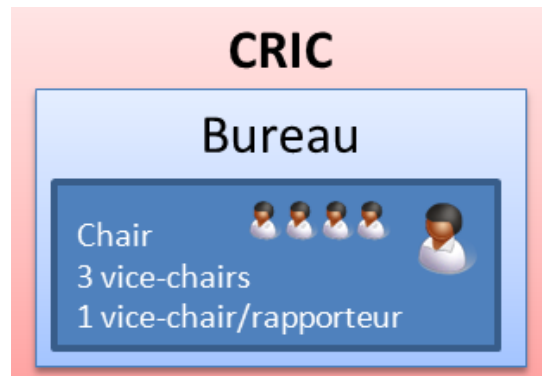
The original functions of the CRIC are outlined in its [Terms of Reference](#) contained in decision 1/COP5. Its main mandate then was supporting the COP in carrying the function of review of the implementation process as outlined in Article 22 of the Convention. The mandate and functions of the CRIC were later reshaped by Decision 3/COP.8 which outlines the 10-Year Strategy. With this reshaping the CRIC was given a mandate which include the systematic documentation and dissemination of best practices, and the regular assessment of progress made in implementing this 10-Year Strategy

At COP 9 the Parties adopted several additional decisions which directly affect the mandate and functions of the CRIC. These include Decision 11/COP.9 where the CRIC was established as a standing subsidiary body of the COP to assist it in regular review of the implementation of the Convention and The Strategy. By this decision the CRIC was made an integral part of the performance review and assessment of implementation system (PRAIS).

The CRIC in its entirety is composed of all country Parties. And, any national, international, governmental or none-governmental body or agency can be represented at any session of the CRIC as observer provided that there is no objection from one third or more of the Parties present at that session.

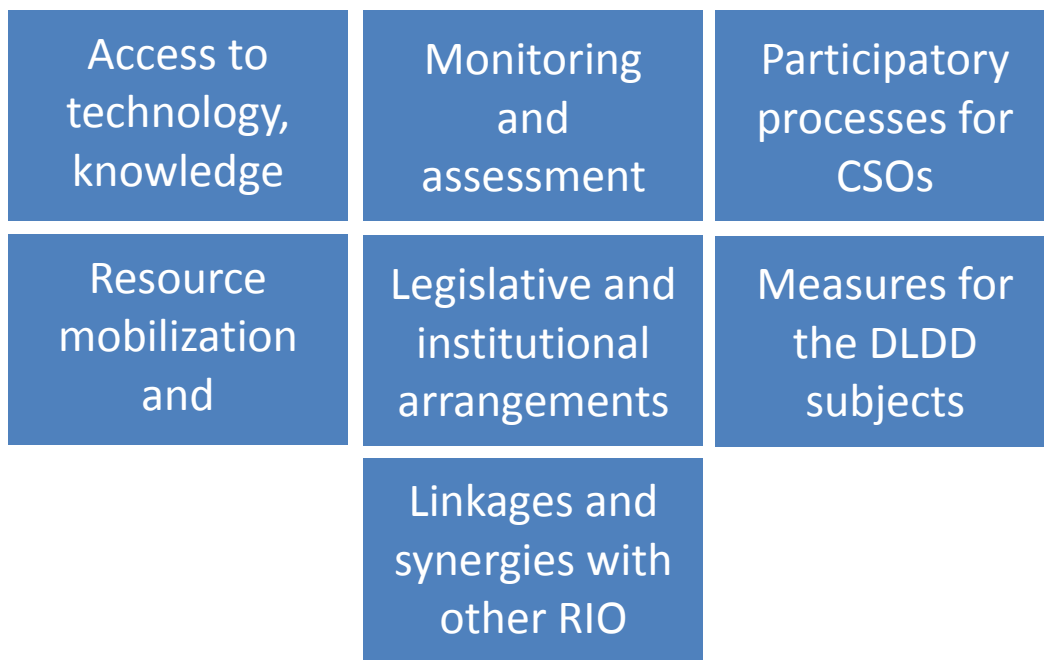
## The CRIC Bureau

In accordance with the Terms of Reference for the CRIC its Bureau is composed of a Chairperson elected by the COP and four vice-chairpersons, with one of the latter acting as the Rapporteur. The Bureau is elected with due regard to the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution and adequate representation of affected country Parties.



## Priority areas of work of the CRIC

The key thematic topics to be reviewed by the CRIC as first established by decision 1/COP5 were as shown below:



With the adoption of the 10-Year Strategy contained in Decision 3/COP.8 and the need to ensure its implementation, the functions of the CRIC were further clarified and enhanced. Apart from this decision, the mandate of the CRIC is further elaborated in Decision 11/COP.9. This decision inter alia establishes the CRIC as a standing subsidiary body of the Conference of the Parties (COP); provides new Terms of Reference, and declares the CRIC as an integral part of the performance review and assessment of implementation system (PRAIS).

## **The review process of the CRIC**

The main function of the CRIC is as its name suggests, assisting the COP in the review of the implementation of the Convention. In doing this review the CRIC examines, inter alia:

1. Reports submitted by the Parties
2. Information and advice from the Global Mechanism
3. Information and advice from the Committee on Science and Technology
4. Reports by relevant organs, funds and programmes of the United Nations
5. Reports by relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations
6. Undertake an assessment of implementation of the Convention and the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention;
7. Undertake a performance review of the Convention's institutions and subsidiary bodies;
8. Review and compile best practices on implementation of the Convention;
9. Assist the Conference of the Parties to assess and monitor the performance and effectiveness of the CRIC itself;

All country parties follow guidelines provided in accordance with the post COP 9 PRAIS reporting approach. Country party reports are sent to the CRIC via the secretariat for evaluation and review.

## **Frequency of CRIC meetings and discussed topics**

Sessions of the CRIC are held during and once between each ordinary sessions of the COP. At sessions held between ordinary sessions of the COP, the CRIC focuses on a number of issues as outlined in its new Terms of Reference including undertaking assessment of implementation against performance and impact indicators, and disseminating best practices on the implementation of the Convention;

As regards sessions held in conjunction with ordinary sessions of the COP, the CRIC assists the COP by inter alia, reviewing the multi-year work plans of the Convention's institutions and reviewing its report at sessions held between ordinary sessions of the COP.

## **The CRIC and the performance review and assessment of implementation system (PRAIS)**

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The PRAIS is part of the reporting and review process of the UNCCD and was established by Decision 12/COP.9. In accordance with that decision the PRAIS is integral to the implementation process and in particular that of the 10-Year Strategy. Consequently it concerns are:

- (a) Assessment of implementation of the Convention and The Strategy through the review of information provided by Parties and other reporting entities as well as, information provided by civil society organizations.
- (b) Performance review of the Convention's institutions and subsidiary bodies taking a results-based management approach based on reports on the two-year costed work programs;
- (c) Review and compilation and dissemination of best practices on the implementation of the Convention;
- (d) Assessment and monitoring of the performance and effectiveness of the CRIC.

### Some relevant COP decisions about the CRIC

1. [Decision 1/COP5](#) - The mandate, bureau, review process of the CRIC
2. [Decision 3/COP8](#) - The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention
3. [Decision 1/COP9](#) - Implementation of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention
4. [Decision 11/COP9](#) - Terms of reference of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention
5. [Decision 3/COP8](#) - Improving the procedures for communication of information, as well as the quality and format of reports to be submitted to the COP
6. [Decision 12/COP9](#) – PRAIS