

## **WORK PROGRAMME OF THE SCIENCE-POLICY INTERFACE (SPI) UP TO COP 12 (Fall 2015)**

### **OBJECTIVE 1**

**Bring to the other Rio conventions the scientific evidence for the contribution of sustainable land use and management to climate change adaptation/mitigation and to safeguarding biodiversity and ecosystem services**

Deliverables:

- 1A) Make recommendations for the most useful indicators found to be used by each Rio convention for joint reporting on land issues – *by May 2015*
- 1B) Assess the outcomes of the workshop on agroecosystem resilience organized by GEF-STAP – *by March 2015*

### **OBJECTIVE 2**

**Increase the effectiveness of the UNCCD scientific conferences in delivering policy relevant information, knowledge and recommendations**

Deliverables:

- 2A) Translate the outcomes of the UNCCD 3rd scientific conference into recommendations for the consideration of the CST – *by May 2015*
- 2B) Assess the impacts of the outcomes of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Scientific Conferences in supporting the UNCCD decision making process – *by May 2015*
- 2C) Recommendations on topics for future UNCCD Scientific Conferences – *by June 2015*

### **OBJECTIVE 3**

**Ensure that the thematic assessment on land degradation and restoration conducted by the IPBES is of relevance to the UNCCD and its Parties**

Deliverables:

- 3A) Comments on the proposal of the CST Bureau to the IPBES on the scoping of the thematic assessment on land degradation and restoration – *by 30th June 2014*
- 3B) Recommendation to the CST Bureau on IPBES 3 as far as land degradation and restoration is concerned – *by January 2015*
- 3C) Inputs to the initial preparations of IPBES thematic assessment on land degradation and restoration – *from January 2015 onwards*

### **OBJECTIVE 4**

**Cooperate with the ITPS process in areas which are of relevance to the UNCCD and its Parties**

Deliverable:

- 4A) A mechanism for collaboration between the SPI and the ITPS is agreed and established – *by December 2014*

### **OTHER DELIVERABLES (OD)**

**Report and recommendations to COP 12 (Fall 2015)**

Deliverables:

- OD1A ) Report of the SPI on its activities to COP 12 – *by June 2015*
- OD1B) Work Programme 2016-2017, taking into account possible deliverables of 2015 (such as IWG definition on land degradation neutrality, etc) – *by June 2015*
- OD2) Recommendations by the SPI to the COP12 based on its work done from June-October 2015 – *by October 2015*