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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject: Working Party on International Environment Issues (Desertification)

Date: 6 May 2026

Time: 10:00

Venue: COUNCIL

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Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

1. Report from the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC)
= *Information from the members*
2. Nominations for the positions in the COP Bureau and the CRIC
= *Information from the Presidency*
3. Preparations of UNCCD COP17 (17-28 August 2026, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia)
 - 3.1 General Environment Facility (GEF) support for Sustainable Land Management, Drought resilience and Land restoration under the GEF9
= *Presentation by GEF and discussion*
 - 3.2 Drought Resilience Investment Facility (DRIF)
= *Presentation by the UNCCD Global Mechanism and discussion*

- 3.3 Organisational matters and indicative burden sharing table
= *Information from the Presidency and discussion*
- 3.4 Informal working group on narrative and communication strategy
= *Information from the Presidency and discussion*
- 3.5 Online meeting on UNCCD budget matters held on 16 April 2026
= *Information from the Presidency and discussion*
- 3.6 Repurposing environmentally harmful subsidies contributing to desertification, land degradation and drought
= *Information from the Presidency and discussion*
- 4. Intergovernmental Working Group on the Future Strategic Framework (IWG FSF)
 - 4.1 2nd Meeting of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the UNCCD Future Strategic Framework held on 24-26 March 2026
= *Information by the Commission and COP Bureau member*
 - 4.2 Update on regional consultations on key elements and recommendations to the UNCCD Future Strategic Framework (FSF) including future financing of the UNCCD
= *Information from the Commission and COP Bureau member and discussion*
- 5. Process on drought
 - 5.1 Drought Expert Group: Second and third Meetings of the Tafa'ul Process on Drought Resilience
= *Information from the Commission and other participants and discussion*
 - 5.2 Nominees for the Tafa'ul Process on Drought Resilience
= *Information from the Presidency and discussion*
 - 5.3 Future Strategic Framework for promoting drought resilience
= *Information from the Presidency and discussion*
 - 5.4 Work of the Science-Policy Interface (SPI)
= *Presentation by Commission and COP Bureau member and discussion*
- 6. In-person event(s) for 16 and/or 17 June 2026 in Brussels
= *Information from the Presidency and discussion*
- 7. Any other business

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