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**NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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Subject: Working Party on International Environment Issues (Desertification)

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Date: 6 May 2026

Time: 10:00

Venue: COUNCIL

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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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