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Subject: Informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on International Environment Issues (WPIEI Desertification)

Date: 13 July 2023

Time: 10:00

Venue: Videoconference

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Work programme of the Spanish Presidency**
3. **Information by the UNCCD Secretariat on the Desertification and Drought Day 2023**
4. **CRIC related issues**
 - a) Presentation by the UNCCD Secretariat on CRIC 21
 - b) Information by the Presidency on CRIC 21 – logistics, coordination, available documents and burden sharing

5. **Update on the UNCCD Intergovernmental Working Groups**
 - c) Intergovernmental Working Group on Drought
 - d) Intergovernmental Working Group on the Midterm Evaluation
6. **Presentation by the Commission of the proposal for an EU Soil Health Law**
7. **Presentation by the UNCCD Secretariat on the implications of the EU declaring itself as an Affected Party in the framework of the UNCCD**
8. **Presentation by the Commission and discussion on the possible declaration of the EU as an Affected Party under the UNCCD**
9. **AOB**

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