

Summary of the CSO Panel Meeting (2nd July)

The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) Panel had its sixth meeting on 2 July 2020.

In this meeting, the Panel members more specifically discussed the following topics: Briefing with the Youth Caucus on Land and Desertification, the preparation of the CSO panel website the distribution of tasks in the preparation of the panel work program and there were few updates from the secretariat on land tenure, the preparation of CRIC19 and the available financial resources for the panel.

Ms. Juliet Grace Luwedde (luweddejulietgrace@gmail.com), interim facilitation of the youth caucus was introduced to the panel and briefed the panel on the modus operandi and configuration of the caucus which works closely with other constituencies (YOUNGO from UNFCCC, UNEP MGCY, and IANYD, organizations working on environmental issues). Juliet agreed to share the work program of the caucus and the list of members of the same. The panel agreed to put her in contact with their constituencies so as to involve them on youth related matters.

On the management of the csopanel.org website, the panel was informed that Sabina is now in possession of the credentials and has followed the required training to manage successfully the website. The panel would like to have their repository of the information linked to the CSO panel website. The members will decide on the structure of the information to be provided, which could include a pictures, short summary (how many words, language, etc)

The panel agreed to organize another specific meeting to identify the leading person in charge of each one of the tasks included in the panel work program. The secretariat will be able to provide information relevant to the financial resources that could be allocated to each part of the work program

The secretariat continues working with FAO and other stakeholders for the implementation of decision 26/COP14.

CRIC19 will be held from 10 to 12 February 2021 in Bonn, Germany if the current situation with the pandemic allows it.

The panel members provided information on the activities undertaken for the celebration of the DDD.