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## **Advance Information for Journalists and Media Organizations**

### **Media Registration, Accreditation and Participation**

**Fourteenth Session of the Conference of the Parties  
to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and  
Mitigate the Effects of Drought, in those Countries Experiencing  
Serious Drought and Desertification, Particularly in Africa**

**(UNCCD COP14)**

**2 – 13 September 2019  
India Expo Mart Ltd, Greater Noida  
New Delhi, India**

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## **COP14 Venue**

Plot Nos. 23–25 & 27–29  
Knowledge Park -II  
Gautam Budh Nagar  
Greater Noida –201306  
Tel.:91-120-2328011  
E-mail: Info@Indiaexpocentre.com

## **Media Accreditation**

To attend the Conference, all media representatives are required to register for the Conference and get accreditation to cover the event as a media organization. Early online registration and accreditation will reduce the time needed for on-site registration. The online accreditation can be done at this site <<https://reg.unog.ch/event/30186/>>, which is accessible via the UNCCD COP14 webpage: <https://www.unccd.int/conventionconference-parties-cop/unccd-cop14-new-delhi-india>

Registration to the Conference is done in two steps. First, all journalists will need advance clearance to participate in COP14. For foreign journalists, this clearance also serves as a letter of invitation, which is required for the visa application. The following documentation is required to obtain this document when you register via the online-portal:

- One recent passport-size photograph
- A valid press card
- A copy (picture and signature pages) of the passport (for foreign journalists) or national identity card (for local applicants)
- A letter of introduction on official stationery from the bureau chief, media house or publisher that the journalist represents. For freelance journalists, a letter is required from the media organization assigning them to cover the Conference;
- Duly filled online accreditation form accessible through the Conference registration portal.

Second, all journalists are also required to submit an online application for registration for COP14. Online registration for media representatives is available from 1 June to 13 September 2019 through the following webpage: <https://reg.unog.ch/event/30186/>. From 28 August 2019, Registration will also be carried out at the accreditation and registration center located at the conference venue during the pre-registration and registration hours. All documentation listed above, except the passport photograph that will be taken on site, will be required. For rapid accreditation, journalists and representatives of media organizations based in India are strongly encouraged to register via the online portal in advance.

## **Visa Requirements for India**

All foreign journalists intending to cover the conference must apply online for a **Conference Visa** via the Government of India online visa application portal at: <[www.indianvisaonline.gov.in](http://www.indianvisaonline.gov.in)>.



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When applying for a visa application to the local Embassy three letters will be required: (i) an invitation letter to the Conference issued by the secretariat; (ii) a copy of a letter issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs relating to the visa application; and (iii) a clearance letter issued by the Ministry of External Affairs.

The Conference invitation letter will be issued automatically and sent via email to each applicant on completion of the online registration for the conference and after the application is approved by the secretariat. The two additional government letters will also be emailed by the secretariat to each foreign applicant whose application is approved.

**For journalists from Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan (including foreigners of Pakistani origin), Sudan and Stateless persons the visa application must be made at least 60 days in advance. First apply online for accreditation. Next apply online for the visa. Finally, email your online visa application number to the UNCCD press office. The secretariat will submit your application to the Ministry of Home Affairs for the special visa clearance letter to be issued.**

## **Press Centre**

A dedicated press and media working space will be available at the conference venue. A working room equipped with a fax and printer will also be available. Interview cubicles, editing rooms, designated parking spots for trucks will also be provided.

## **Internet and Computers**

Free wireless Internet will be available throughout the conference venue. The agenda of the meetings are available via the links included in this document.

## **Press Releases**

The Secretariat will issue press releases after each of the official press conferences. They will be distributed electronically to the media registered with the UNCCD. If you are covering the event remotely and wish to be on the list, please contact [press@unccd.int](mailto:press@unccd.int) and copy [wwischnewski@unccd.int](mailto:wwischnewski@unccd.int).

Press releases will also be posted on: [https://www.unccd.int/news-events?f%5B0%5D=news\\_type%3Apress\\_release](https://www.unccd.int/news-events?f%5B0%5D=news_type%3Apress_release)

## **Daily Journal**

The events taking place each day will also be announced in the *Daily Journal*. Consult the *Daily Journal*, which will be issued electronically, via a link on the UNCCD COP14 website: <https://www.unccd.int/conventionconference-parties-cop/unccd-cop14-new-delhi-india>>

## **Conference App**

COP14 will have an App to facilitate information sharing. You can download the UNCCD conference App in the app store of your choice shortly before the Conference begins. The Conference App will keep you up to date on the schedule of meetings, press conferences, latest news, press releases, and a lot more relevant conference information.



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## **COP14 Documents**

Provisional agenda: <https://www.unccd.int/sites/default/files/sessions/documents/2019-06/cop1%20-%20advance.pdf>

The COP's Official Documents are posted here: <<https://www.unccd.int/official-documents/cop-14-new-delhi-india-2019>>

The **High Level (ministerial) Segment** will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 9-10 September.

## **CRIC 18 Documents**

CRIC, the Committee that reviews the progress being made in implementing the Convention, will meet in the first week of the Conference. See the CRIC 18 provisional agenda here: <<https://www.unccd.int/sites/default/files/sessions/documents/2019-06/CRIC1%20-%20advance.pdf>>

The CRIC's official documentation can be downloaded here: <<https://www.unccd.int/official-documents/cric-18-new-delhi-india-2019>>

## **CST 14 Documents**

The Committee that provides scientific guidance and advice to the Parties will also meet during the first week of COP14.

Provisional agenda: <https://www.unccd.int/sites/default/files/sessions/documents/2019-06/CST1%20-%20advance.pdf>

To access CST14 official documentation, follow this link: <<https://www.unccd.int/official-documents/cst-14-new-delhi-india-2019>>

## **COP14 Outputs and Outcomes**

At the end of COP14, the decisions taken by the Parties and the COP14 report will be posted on the UNCCD official website under this link: <https://www.unccd.int/official-documents/cop-14-new-delhi-india-2019>

## **Press Conferences**

Several press conferences are scheduled during COP14. They will take place in the Press Conference Room. A list of the scheduled press conferences will be distributed with the press kit by **19 August 2019**. During the Conference, **the most up to-date information for the press conferences will be posted in the *Daily Journal* issued online on the day of the event.**



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Press conferences will be conducted in English, French, Spanish and Hindi, and webcast live. The Web link will be posted on the UNCCD COP14 website, at, as soon as the information is available.

The list of official press conferences organized by the UNCCD and the host country, India, for an exclusive exchange of views with the journalists is below. Journalists wishing to interview the COP14 Presidency and UNCCD Executive Secretary need to attend these press events.

**Saturday, 31 August 2019 (TBC)**

Time: TBD

To share the Expected Outcomes of COP14

**Monday, 9 September 2019 (TBC)**

09:30-10:00 hrs

Opening of High-Level Segment

**Friday, 15 September 2019**

13:15 – 13:45 hrs

Outcomes and achievements of COP14

## **Media Briefings**

Media Briefings with experts attending the conference will take place in the Media Working Room [406] every lunch-hour from 13:00-13:30 hrs, except on the days when the press conferences are taking place.

## **Technology Fair**

COP14 will feature a “Technology for Sustainable Land Management” fair, which will run for the duration of the Conference and will showcase the latest and most effective technology and innovation in action.

## **Social Media**

COP14 will have an active, virtual presence via Facebook, Twitter and YouTube:

<https://www.facebook.com/UNCCD>

<https://twitter.com/UNCCD>

<https://www.facebook.com/unccd.cso>

<https://twitter.com/UNCCDcso>

<https://www.facebook.com/UNCCD.Marketplace>

<https://twitter.com/UNCCDcbm>

<http://www.youtube.com/theunccd>

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