

INFORMATION FOR THE MEDIA

Thirteenth Session of the Committee for the Review of Implementation of the Convention (CRIC 13)

25 – 27 March 2015

**Wasserwerk Building (WCCB)
via UN Campus, Platz Vereinten Nationen 1
Bonn, Germany**

The [Thirteenth Session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention \(CRIC 13\)](#) will take place at the Wasserwerk, Pumpenhaus and Lange Eugen buildings, in Bonn, Germany, from 25-27 March 2015. It will be preceded by regional meetings to be held on 23-24 March 2015 aimed at preparing for CRIC13.

A press kit with more detailed information is available online at: <http://www.unccd.int/en/media-center/Pages/mediahome.aspx>

Venue of the session

All the meetings will be held at the following buildings: Wasserwerk, Pumpenhaus (WCCB) and Langer Eugen (UN Campus).

These buildings will **ONLY** be accessible **via the main entrance** of the UN Campus, Platz der Vereinten Nationen 1, D-53113 Bonn, Germany.

Working hours, Facilities & Working language

The CRIC 13 session will open at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 25 March 2015 and end at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, 27 March 2015. The working hours of the meetings will normally be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Identity badges will be issued upon arrival and at the time of registration. The documentation required is listed below. The identity badges must be worn at all times since access to the conference venue will be allowed only upon presentation of a valid badge.

During the plenary sessions in the Wasserwerk building which has limited seating, journalists may sit on the first floor (tribune) or in the overflow room.

The session will be held in the six official languages of the United Nations, i.e., Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

Accreditation of the media

In order to cover the proceedings on 25-27 March 2015, journalists need to get accredited through their media organizations. Note the regional meetings are closed to the media.

The following documentation in originals is needed to facilitate the accreditation of each journalist:

- A letter of introduction of the journalist(s) from the bureau chief
- A valid passport for foreigners or identification card with a photograph for local journalists
- A valid press card
- A filled out request form for the accreditation of the journalist. The request for accreditation form can be downloaded from:

<http://www.unccd.int/Lists/SiteDocumentLibrary/CRIC/CRIC%2013/Media%20Materials/Accreditation%20Form.pdf>

- One passport size color photograph (about 2cmx2cm). Alternatively, a picture may be taken on site upon accreditation.

Journalists can pre-register for the conference by sending scanned copies of these documents, with the subject line, "CRIC 13 accreditation," addressed to:

E-mail: press@unccd.int

Fax: +49 228 815 2898 / 99

Registration of the media on site

Early submission of the accreditation documents will speed up the process as pre-accredited journalists will be able to pick up their badges on presenting a valid press card, a photo identity and the original letter of introduction from their bureau chief.

Local and foreign journalists will be able to get accreditation and register on-site upon arrival as long as they present the documentation listed above, except for the passport photographs which may be taken on site. All on-site accreditation and registration will be on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Registration hours

Registration for the media will take place **ONLY** between 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon during CRIC 13 – Wednesday, 25 March to Friday, 27 March.

On-site pre-registration is possible on Monday, 23 March and Tuesday, 24 March **ONLY** between 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon.

Information on Logistics

For general information on travel, accommodation and other logistical issues refer to the Information Note to Participants: <http://www.unccd.int/Lists/OfficialDocuments/cric13/inf1eng.pdf>.

The official documentation for CRIC 13, including the meeting times and agenda, are also available online at: <http://www.unccd.int/en/about-the-convention/official-documents/Pages/SymbolDetail.aspx?k=ICCD/CRIC%2813%29/1&ctx=CRIC%2813%29> .

Media Inquiries and Inquiries for Interviews

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