

perience among them. These networks shall cooperate closely with relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to avoid duplication of effort.

## Article 20

### *Financial resources*

1. Given the central importance of financing to the achievement of the objective of the Convention, the Parties, taking into account their capabilities, shall make every effort to ensure that adequate financial resources are available for programmes to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought.

2. In this connection, developed country Parties, while giving priority to affected African country Parties without neglecting affected developing country Parties in other regions, in accordance with article 7, undertake to:

- (a) mobilize substantial financial resources, including grants and concessional loans, in order to support the implementation of programmes to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought;
- (b) promote the mobilization of adequate, timely and predictable financial resources, including new and additional funding from the Global Environment Facility of the agreed incremental costs of those activities concerning desertification that relate to its four focal areas, in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Instrument establishing the Global Environment Facility;
- (c) facilitate through international cooperation the transfer of technology, knowledge and know-how; and
- (d) explore, in cooperation with affected developing country Parties, innovative methods and incentives for mobilizing and channelling resources, including those of foundations, non-governmental organizations and other private sector entities, particularly debt swaps and other innovative means which increase financing by reducing the external debt burden of affected developing country Parties, particularly those in Africa.

der snævert med de relevante mellemstatslige og ikke-statslige organisationer, så dobbeltarbejde undgås.

## Artikel 20

### *Finansielle ressourcer*

1. I betragtning af den centrale rolle, finansieringen spiller for virkeliggørelsen af konventionens mål, bestræber parterne sig, under hensyntagen til deres muligheder, på at sikre, at der stilles tilstrækkelige finansielle ressourcer til rådighed for programmer til bekæmpelse af ørkendannelse og afhjælpning af virkningerne af tørke.

2. I den forbindelse forpligter industrilandsparterne sig, idet de i overensstemmelse med artikel 7 prioriterer de ramte afrikanske landeparter uden derved at tilsidesætte de ramte udviklingslandsparter i andre regioner, til:

- a) at mobilisere betydelige finansielle ressourcer, herunder gavebistand og lån på særlige vilkår, til støtte for gennemførelsen af programmer til bekæmpelse af ørkendannelse og afhjælpning af virkningerne af tørke
- b) at fremme mobiliseringen af tilstrækkelige, rettidige og forudsigelige finansielle ressourcer, herunder nye og supplerende midler fra Den Globale Miljøfacilitet (GEF) til finansiering af de aftalte ekstraomkostninger for de aktiviteter vedrørende ørkendannelse, der sorterer under dens fire hovedområder, i overensstemmelse med de relevante bestemmelser i instrumentet til oprettelse af Den Globale Miljøfacilitet
- c) ved internationalt samarbejde at lette overførslen af teknologi, viden og knowhow
- d) i samarbejde med de ramte udviklingslandsparter at undersøge nye metoder og incitamenter til mobilisering og kanalisering af ressourcer, herunder ressourcer fra fonde, ikke-statslige organisationer og andre private organer, specielt gældskonverteringer og andre nyskabende midler, der øger finansieringen ved at mindske udlandsgældsbyrden for de ramte udviklingslandsparter, særlig i Afrika.