

- (d) to coordinate its activities with the secretariats of other relevant international bodies and conventions;
- (e) to enter, under the guidance of the Conference of the Parties, into such administrative and contractual arrangements as may be required for the effective discharge of its functions;
- (f) to prepare reports on the execution of its functions under this Convention and present them to the Conference of the Parties; and
- (g) to perform such other secretariat functions as may be determined by the Conference of the Parties.

3. The Conference of the Parties, at its first session, shall designate a Permanent Secretariat and make arrangements for its functioning.

Article 24

Committee on Science and Technology

1. A Committee on Science and Technology is hereby established as a subsidiary body of the Conference of the Parties to provide it with information and advice on scientific and technological matters relating to combating desertification and mitigating the effects of drought. The Committee shall meet in conjunction with the ordinary sessions of the Conference of the Parties and shall be multidisciplinary and open to the participation of all Parties. It shall be composed of government representatives competent in the relevant fields of expertise. The Conference of the Parties shall decide, at its first session, on the terms of reference of the Committee.

2. The Conference of the Parties shall establish and maintain a roster of independent experts with expertise and experience in the relevant fields. The roster shall be based on nominations received in writing from the Parties, taking into account the need for a multidisciplinary approach and broad geographical representation.

3. The Conference of the Parties may, as necessary, appoint ad hoc panels to provide it, through the Committee, with information and advice on specific issues regarding the state of the art in fields of science and technology relevant to combating desertification and mitigating the effects of drought. These panels shall be

- d) at koordinere sine aktiviteter med sekretariaterne for andre relevante internationale organer og konventioner
- e) under Partskonferencens tilsyn at indgå de administrative og kontraktmæssige aftaler, som måtte være nødvendige for en tilfredsstillende varetagelse af dets opgaver
- f) at udarbejde og forelægge Partskonferencen beretninger om varetagelsen af de opgaver, der er pålagt det i medfør af denne konvention
- g) at varetage sådanne andre sekretariatsopgaver, som Partskonferencen måtte beslutte.

3. Partskonferencen udpeger på sin første samling et Fast Sekretariat og træffer dispositioner for dets arbejde.

Artikel 24

Komit  en for Videnskab og Teknologi

1. Der oprettes herved en Komit   for Videnskab og Teknologi, der som et hj  lporgan for Partskonferencen skal yde denne information og r  dgivning om videnskabelige og teknologiske sp  rgsm  l i tilknytning til bek  mpelse af   rkendannelse og afhj  lpning af virkningerne af t  rke. Komit  en tr  der sammen i forbindelse med Partskonferencens ordin  re samlinger, og den er tv  rfaglig og   ben for deltagelse for samtlige parter. Den sammens  ttes af repr  senteranter med kompetence p   de relevante fagomr  der. Partskonferencen fastl  gger p   sin f  rste samling komit  ens mandat.

2. Partskonferencen udarbejder og f  rer en fortegnelse over uafh  ngige eksperter, der har s  rlig viden og erfaring p   de relevante omr  der. Fortegnelsen baseres p   skriftlige indst  llinger fra parterne under hensyntagen til n  dvindigheden af en tv  rfaglig tilgang og en bred geografisk repr  sentation.

3. Partskonferencen kan efter behov udpege ad hoc-paneler til, via komit  en, at yde den information og r  dgivning om s  rlige sp  rgsm  l vedr  rende den seneste udvikling p   videnskabelige og teknologiske omr  der i tilknytning til bek  mpelsen af   rkendannelse og afhj  lpning af virkningerne af t  rke. Disse paneler sam-