

Concluding remarks

[Reaction to remarks made by States Parties, others.]

Looking forward

Drawing on the conclusions, and on the basis of its mandate, the Committee intends to continue its work along the lines it set out.

Individualised approach

- The Committee will continue its work on the individualised approach by amongst others providing assistance and advice to interested States Parties seeking this approach and by bringing together different stakeholders in the same tailor-made way.
- The Committee will further adjust the approach if needed taking into account the conclusions it draws from its experience this year.

Platform for Partnerships

- The Committee will continue its work on the improvement of the Platform for Partnerships, based on the survey results and the conclusions it draws, including the work that is done on the country pages and Article 7 reports.
- The Committee will in particular address the issue of improving information and experience sharing by affected States and States in a position to provide assistance.

Cooperation with other Committees

- The Committee intends to continue its cooperation and synergies with other Committees of the Convention, if feasible early on in the year, so it can benefit better from the expertise of the other Committees in terms of its own work on the individualised approach and the platform for partnerships.

Thank you

Lastly, as the Netherlands (together with Uganda) will soon be leaving this Committee, I would like to use this opportunity to thank wholeheartedly my fellow Committee members Moses and Daphne from Uganda, Nader from Algeria and Vanessa from Canada. Thank you for all your valuable input and your willingness to engage the Convention's important work on cooperation and assistance. I personally learned a lot from the various views you provided in the many meetings we had together. I very much appreciated the open and honest way in which we held our discussions and I would like to thank you for all the excellent team work. I also would like to thank the Implementation Support Unit who provided solid assistance and helped to keep us on the road. In particular Juan Carlos who was with us for many meetings and provided invaluable and reliable input. You were definitely part of our team. We also like to thank Gregory for delivering our statement at the Sudan meeting in Khartoum and Sophie for her help amongst others when dealing with French speaking affected States and survey translations.