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1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work;
 - (b) Status of the membership of the Platform;
 - (c) Admission of observers to the third session of the Plenary of the Platform.
3. Credentials of representatives.
4. Report of the Executive Secretary on the implementation of the work programme 2014–2018.
5. Initial work programme of the Platform:
 - (a) Task forces on capacity-building, knowledge and data (including data and management plan/system) and indigenous and local knowledge systems;
 - (b) Guides on assessments, policy support tools and methodologies, and preliminary guides on scenario analysis and modelling and the conceptualization of values;
 - (c) Scoping documents for regional assessments, land degradation and restoration and the conceptualization of values.
6. Financial and budgetary arrangements for the Platform:
 - (a) Budget and expenditure for 2014–2018;
 - (b) Trust Fund;
 - (c) Technical support units.
7. Rules and procedures for the operation of the Platform:
 - (a) Nomination and selection of members of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel;
 - (b) Procedures for the preparation of Platform deliverables;
 - (c) Procedure for the review of the Platform;
 - (d) Policy and procedures for the admission of observers;
 - (e) Conflict of interest policy.

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8. Communications and stakeholder engagement:
 - (a) Communications and outreach strategy;
 - (b) Stakeholder engagement strategy;
 - (c) Guidance on strategic partnerships.
 9. Institutional arrangements: United Nations collaborative partnership arrangements for the work of the Platform and its secretariat.
 10. Provisional agenda, date and venue of future sessions of the Plenary.
 11. Adoption of decisions and report of the session.
 12. Closure of the session.
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