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The thirty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA)

Bonn, 31 May-10 June 2010

Discussions on the NWP

During the thirty-second Subsidiary Bodies meeting that took place in Bonn from 31 May to 10 June, the SBSTA recognized the work of the NWP in advancing scientific and technical knowledge on adaptation, impacts and vulnerability; as well as in engaging stakeholders, catalyzing action, and disseminating relevant information and knowledge. It also noted the importance of continuity of these activities.

The SBSTA invited Parties and organizations to submit views and information on the effectiveness of the NWP to the secretariat by 16 August 2010. These submissions will be compiled into a miscellaneous document to inform discussions at an informal meeting to take place before the thirty-third session of the SBSTA (please see "[Upcoming NWP milestones](#)" below for further details of this meeting).

Other negotiations on adaptation

Negotiations on adaptation under the Ad hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) progressed with Parties considering issues related to adaptation, including possible institutional arrangements for adaptation. Negotiations were facilitated by a [text](#) prepared by the Chair. The next [AWG-LCA](#) meeting will take place from 2-6 August in Bonn.

Under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), Parties continued to look into ways to enhance the implementation of adaptation, with a view to adopting a decision at COP 16 in Cancun, based on the [draft decision text](#) on progress on the implementation of decision 1/CP.10, contained in the annex of the draft conclusions proposed by the Chair.

Further information

- NWP web page on [negotiations and decisions](#)
- The upcoming SBSTA 32 report (FCCC/SBSTA/2010/6), containing the conclusions on the NWP ([FCCC/SBSTA/2010/L.6](#))
- The [AWG-LCA](#) web pages
- Web pages on [implementing adaptation](#) under the SBI

The third NWP Focal Point Forum, 4 June 2010

The third NWP Focal Point Forum was held during SB 32 in Bonn, on the evening of the 4th of June. It was chaired by the SBSTA Chair, Mr. Mama Konaté and attended by over 80 participants representing Parties and NWP partner organizations. The participants engaged in in-depth discussions on the various aspects of the implementation of the NWP. The [summary note](#) is available on-line.

Background of the Forum

In June 2008 the SBSTA requested the secretariat to regularly organize Focal Point Forums to take stock of activities undertaken by organizations and institutions in support of the objectives of the NWP and to promote a periodic dialogue between Parties and engaged organizations and institutions (FCCC/SBSTA/2008/6, paragraph 29). At the same session, concrete mandates were established to further engage organizations, with a greater focus on catalyzing actions at the community, national and regional levels; and action on education, training and awareness-raising. These were key themes dealt with at the third Focal Point Forum.

The NWP is the only multilaterally agreed initiative on adaptation in place. The Focal Point Forums are a valuable place to share information, knowledge, experience and practices on adaptation under a multilateral umbrella.

Outcomes and key messages

Participants exchanged ideas on how to further enhance their work on the assessment and understanding of climate change impacts and vulnerability, and on how to make informed decisions on adaptation to climate change. Representatives from NWP partner organizations shared information on relevant activities being carried out within their respective organizations, especially activities aimed at reaching adaptation practitioners at the national, subnational and community levels. Delegates from Parties and a large number of partners were able to benefit from learning about the multitude of adaptation-related activities taking place.

Participants also contributed to an interactive brainstorming session by sharing views and ideas on how to capitalize on the success of the NWP to date, and by discussing adaptation needs that have been identified during the course of the NWP.

It was highlighted that a multitude of tools, methodologies and knowledge products have been generated through the NWP, and that these need to be harnessed even more in the future through the facilitative mechanism of the NWP. Participants noted that the NWP is a good mechanism for catalyzing action on adaptation, and it has been highly effective in facilitating the exchange of experiences, knowledge and information among partner organizations. They added that there is a lot of multi-thematic and cross-sectoral work taking place by partners, and there are opportunities for the NWP to further facilitate partnerships in this regard.

Technical Workshop on costs and benefits of adaptation options

Madrid, Spain, 22-24 June 2010

The technical workshop on costs and benefits of adaptation options involved representatives from Parties, relevant organizations, communities and experts, and was held from 22-24 June in Madrid, Spain. This workshop was the last technical workshop to be held under the current implementation phase of the NWP.

Background of the workshop

At its 28th session, the SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize this workshop, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA, with a view to facilitating the identification of appropriate adaptation practices and measures and avoiding maladaptation. The workshop took into account submissions by Parties and organizations, a synthesis report, and a technical paper.

The workshop was held under NWP work area number 5, "Socio-economic Information", under which activities are undertaken with a view to promoting the availability of information on the socioeconomic aspects of climate change and improving the integration of socio-economic information into impact and vulnerability assessments.

Outcomes of the workshop

Participants at the workshop noted that the identification of costs and benefits of adaptation options fits into a larger context of selecting and prioritizing adaptation options, which may use one of a variety of decision-making tools, including: cost-benefit analyses; cost-effectiveness analyses; multi-criteria analysis, and/or alternative risk assessment methods.

While a body of work is emerging and important lessons have been learned, more needs to be done to address issues of uncertainty, equity, and the technicalities of the valuation process itself. Participants recommended enhancing the sharing and dissemination of experience and capacity-building on the different tools available, and on the appropriateness of their use in different contexts.

The preliminary report of the workshop will be available soon on the NWP website. The full workshop report will be made available to the SBSTA at its thirty-third session.

Further information

- Workshop webpage: <http://unfccc.int/5283>
- The NWP work area of socio-economic information

The NWP Focal Point survey

In June, the Focal Points from partners of the NWP were invited to participate in a short on-line survey about the NWP.

This survey was designed to get feedback from the Focal Points about their experiences with the NWP thus far since the programme is approaching the end of its current mandated period. The results of the survey will be made available for the process of reviewing the NWP.

A new NWP publication on: “Adaptation Assessment, Planning and Practice”

Under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA, the secretariat has facilitated and made available a new publication entitled: “[Adaptation Assessment, Planning and Practice: an overview from the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change](#)”. It synthesizes information and knowledge generated through the implementation of mandated NWP activities, such as workshops. This information and knowledge includes further needs, good practices, and lessons learned for the provision of information and data, impact and adaptation assessments, and adaptation planning and practices.

Partnership statistics

New partners since March 2010

The NWP team would like to welcome the following partners that have joined the programme since our last NWP eUpdate in March: Birdlife International, Clean Energy Nepal (CEN), the Health Protection Agency UK (HPA), the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Instituto Torcuato Di Tella (ITDT), the Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI), the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe’s Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, the University of Edinburgh (UoE), and the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC); as well as the following three new private sector partners: CLIMsystems, FLO-CERT and Halcrow.

Current status of the programme as of July 2010:

- Number of partners in total: 189
- Number of private sector partners within this total number: 32
- Number of Calls for Action: 9
- Number of Action Pledges: 104
- Number of partners that have made Action Pledges: 47
- Number of experts that our partners have nominated: 31

Upcoming NWP milestones, July-December 2010

Deadline for submission of views and information, 16 August

During [SBSTA 32](#), Parties noted the importance of continuity of activities under the NWP, and invited Parties and organizations to submit views and information on the effectiveness of the NWP to the secretariat by 16 August 2010.

Informal meeting (date and venue to be confirmed)

Before SBSTA 33, an informal meeting of representatives from Parties and organizations, and experts, will be held. Participants at the meeting will consider the outcomes of the activities completed under the NWP and will review the effectiveness of the NWP in fulfilling its objective, expected outcome, scope of work and modalities, as stated in [decision 2/CP.11](#). More information on this will be made available on the [website](#).

29 Nov-10 Dec, Cancún, Mexico

The sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 16) and the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 6) will be held in [Cancún](#), Mexico, together with the thirty-third sessions of the subsidiary bodies, the fourteenth session of the AWG-KP and twelfth session of the AWG-LCA.

Upcoming outputs under the NWP to look out for:

- A synthesis publication on Education, Training and Awareness-raising;
- A report on the [workshop](#) held in Apia, Samoa, 2-5 March 2010, on collaboration among regional centres and networks;
- A report on the [workshop](#) held in Madrid, Spain, 22-24 June 2010, on costs and benefits of adaptation options;
- A report on the informal meeting of representatives from Parties and organizations, and experts, to be held before SBSTA 33 (Nov/Dec 2010);
- An NWP progress report for SBSTA 33;
- An NWP summary report for SBSTA 33; and
- A miscellaneous document containing submissions from Parties and organizations on the effectiveness of the NWP.

Requesting your input and further engagement

The NWP team is pleased to report that the NWP [database](#) of partners, Action Pledges and experts which was launched last year is continually being updated with new entries, so be sure to visit it regularly: <http://unfccc.int/5005.php>

The NWP constantly seeks to provide up-to-date knowledge on adaptation to Parties and partners, so please help us to help you by:

Providing brief information on your adaptation activities

We are always happy to receive updates from our partners, and to upload relevant information into the NWP [database](#).

Categorizing your organization, if you have not yet done so.

Complete and return the [characterization form](#).

Nominating adaptation experts

Complete and return the [expert form](#).

Making action pledges

Complete and return the Action Pledge submission [template](#).

Information on existing action pledges is available in the [Action Pledges database](#).

Updating us on your progress in implementing Action Pledges

Information on existing updates is also available in the [Action Pledges database](#).

If you would like to submit an update of an existing Action Pledge, you can complete and return the [template](#).

Please send all forms and information to: nwp@unfccc.int