
Discussion paper



UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Purpose, content and basis

- Purpose
 - Support, facilitate and focus the discussion
 - Help develop a common understanding
- Content
 - Possible content, structure and “action areas”
 - process of implementation and modalities
- Basis
 - submissions by Parties and discussions in May



Five-year programme

- COP 10 requested SBSTA to develop “a structured five-year programme of work on the scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, which would address the following issues:
 - **Methodologies, data, and modeling**
 - **Vulnerability assessments**
 - **Adaptation planning, measures and actions**
 - **Integration into sustainable development”**

Development process in 2005

- March: Submissions from Parties
- May: In-session SBSTA workshop
- May: Negotiations at SBSTA 22
- October: Informal workshop
- Nov/Dec: Negotiations at SBSTA 23
- December: Adoption by COP 11

Broad requirements

- Responsiveness
- Inclusiveness
- Continuity
- Practicality
- Action oriented
- Consistent with SBSTA's mandate



Approaches to adaptation

- Complementary (not mutually exclusive or competing)
- No single approach is adequate for all thematic areas

Geographical scale

- Local
- National
- Regional
- Global



So, what needs to be done?

- Several initial action areas have been identified by Parties in their submissions
- Unlikely that progress can be made on all front in five years
- Possible approach would be to select a set of initial action areas to produce a practical and balanced programme of work

Modalities

- Technical papers and syntheses of information
- Workshops and expert meetings
- Ad hoc temporary working groups of experts
- Proposals on actions from individual experts and relevant organizations
- Internet discussions
- “Targeted submissions”
- Web-based resources and clearing houses



Process

- Phased approach
- First line
 - Launch a number of initial action areas immediately
- Second line
 - Targeted stock-taking for additional action areas with a view to prepare action on them



Questions

- What should be the **content** of the programme of work?
- What **process** of implementation may be used?
- What **modalities** might be used?

