

**Joint Subsidiary Body for Implementation/Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological
Advice forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures
to be held at the thirty-fifth sessions of the subsidiary bodies**

Information note by the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies

Mandate

1. By its decision 1/CP.16, the Conference of the Parties (COP) decided that Parties should cooperate fully to enhance understanding of the economic and social consequences of response measures, taking into account the need for information from those affected, and evidence of actual impacts, and of both positive and negative effects. The COP further decided to consider how existing channels, such as national communications, including the possible submission of supplementary information, as considered by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), could be improved and built upon.
2. The COP also decided to provide a forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures, and to that end requested the Chairs of the SBI and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) to convene such a forum at the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions of these bodies, with the objective of developing a work programme under the subsidiary bodies to address this impact, with a view to adopting, at the seventeenth session of the COP, modalities for the operationalization of the work programme and a possible forum on response measures.
3. The SBSTA and the SBI, at their thirty-fourth sessions, invited Parties and relevant organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 19 September 2011, further views on the issues referred to in paragraph 2 above for consideration by the SBSTA and the SBI at their thirty-fifth sessions. The submissions from Parties are contained in documents FCCC/SB/2011/MISC.4¹ and Add.1² and the submission from a non-governmental organization can be found on the UNFCCC website.³
4. The SBSTA and the SBI at their thirty-fourth sessions, welcomed the special event in the context of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures held during these sessions, which was organized by the Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI. The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies, to prepare a report on this special event and make it available at the thirty-fifth sessions of the SBSTA and the SBI.⁴

General objectives and approach to the Joint SBI/SBSTA forum

5. The objectives of the Joint SBI/SBSTA forum, including the special event organized in this context are to:
 - (a) Deepen the understanding among Parties of issues related to the economic and social consequences of response measures;
 - (b) Explore the ways and means of operationalizing the work programme on response measures, including a possible forum;
 - (c) Further clarify any other issues to facilitate the establishment of a fully operational and effective work programme, to be adopted by the COP, at its seventeenth session.
6. The special event will open with presentations by Parties and organizations, and it is expected that substantive discussions, in dialogue with experts and organizations will use these presentations as the point of departure. This will be followed by a question and answer session.

¹ <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2011/sb/eng/misc04.pdf>.

² <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2011/sb/eng/misc04a01.pdf>.

³ <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2011/smsn/ngo/343.pdf>.

⁴ <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2011/sb/eng/inf05.pdf>.

7. All Parties are invited to contribute to an interactive exchange during the Joint SBI/SBSTA forum and the special event. Participants, in particular those making presentations or specific interventions, are invited to consider the questions suggested in paragraphs 11–12 below. When considering elements of the work programme, Parties may wish to focus on those elements that may require further clarification and elaboration.

Organization of work and expected outcome

8. The draft agenda for the special event is presented in the annex. The agenda has been structured around relevant issues, which have been raised during deliberations, in decision 1/CP.16 and in subsequent submissions.

9. Parties which may be considering making presentations during the special event are invited to make either brief and focused presentations (no more than five minutes) or short interventions (no more than three minutes). Parties intending to make presentations are invited to inform the secretariat (secretariat@unfccc.int) by 25 November 2011. Presentations will be posted at <www.unfccc.int/6488.php> as they become available.

Date and venue

10. The thirty-fifth sessions of the SBSTA and the SBI will be held from 28 November to 3 December 2011 at the International Convention Centre (ICC) in Durban, South Africa. The special event will be held on Thursday, 1 December 2011, from 15.00 to 18.00.

Suggested questions for discussion at the Joint SBI/SBSTA forum

11. With respect to the content of and modalities for the work programme to address the impact of the implementation of response measures:

- (a) What should the objective and scope of the work programme be?
- (b) How should the work programme be structured? What activities and milestones should it generate?
- (c) How should the work programme be managed (i.e. including how stakeholder engagement should be addressed)?
- (d) When should the work programme be reviewed? When should possible further activities be discussed?
- (e) What links to the existing processes (e.g. national communications, a possible forum) should be established and examined?

12. With respect to the content of and modalities for a possible forum on response measures:

- (a) What could the role, form, scope and functions of a possible forum be? How should it relate to the work programme?
- (b) How should a possible forum be organized, including its duration and participation?
- (c) What relationship should exist with the COP and/or the subsidiary bodies, including reporting?
- (d) How should a possible forum build on existing channels or institutions, and link to relevant existing expert groups?

Annex

Joint Subsidiary Body for Implementation/Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice forum

on the impact of the implementation of response measures

Draft Agenda for the special event⁵
Monday, 1 December 2011, 15.00 to 18.00
ICC, Durban, [room]

15.00–15.10	Welcoming remarks and introduction by the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies
15.10–16.00	Presentations from Groups/Parties (each five minutes)
16.00–16:30	Q&A
16.30–17.15	Technical presentations from organizations (each five minutes): <i>Insurance and financial risk management</i> <i>Environmental and energy efficiency relating to fossil fuels</i> <i>Technology development and transfer</i> <i>Systematic observations</i> <i>Food security</i>
17.15–17.45	Q&A
17.45–18.00	Summary and final remarks by the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies

⁵ In the context of the Joint SBI/SBSTA forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures.