

UNFCCC expert meeting on methods and tools and on data and observations under the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change

Mexico City, Mexico, 4-7 March 2008

Provisional agenda¹

Chair: Helen Plume, Chair of the SBSTA

| Day 1: Tuesday, 4 March | |
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| 08:30–10:00 | Registration |
| 10:00–10:40 | Welcome and opening statements |
| 10:40–11:00 | Coffee break |
| | Session 1: Introduction, scope and orientation |
| 11:00–12:00 | Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Adaptation - current and future, within the broader context of the UNFCCC- Introduction to the Nairobi work programme and objectives and expected outcomes of the meeting- Background information |
| | Q&A session |
| | Session 2: Methods and tools for impact, vulnerability and adaptation assessment and improvement of adaptation planning, measures and actions |
| 12:00–12:30 | A. Application and applicability of methods and tools |
| | Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Framing presentation: Overview of different frameworks, methods and tools and their use- Experiences in application of different methods and tools and their adequate use |
| 12:30–14:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00–14:50 | Presentations (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Experiences in application of different methods and tools and their adequate use |
| | Q&A session |
| 14:50–15:40 | Plenary discussion on application of methods and tools, including bottom-up, rapid assessment and top-down approaches, sectoral tools, cost-benefit analysis; as well as tools for planning of adaptation measures and actions and their integration with sustainable development. Applicability of different methods for identifying key risks and preparing for adaptation. Challenges, barriers and gaps encountered. |
| 15:40–16:00 | Coffee break |

¹ The timing of individual sessions can be adjusted depending on confirmed presentations

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| 16:00–16:30 | Plenary discussion (continued) |
| 16:30–17:10 | B. Development of methods and tools |
| | <p>Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Framing presentation: The need for further development and improvement of existing and emerging methods and tools - Needs, gaps and experiences in the development and improvement of methods and tools |
| 17:10–18:30 | Q&A session and plenary discussion on promoting development and further improvement of methods and tools |

| Day 2: Wednesday, 5 March | |
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| Session 3: Methods and Tools for impact and vulnerability assessments and improvement of adaptation planning, measures and actions (continued) | |
| 09:30–10:00 | C. Dissemination of methods and sharing experiences |
| | <p>Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Framing presentation: Existing practices in dissemination of methods and tools and sharing experiences - Existing dissemination practices, sharing experiences and promotion of good practices on methods and tools used by the climate change community, as well as by different sectoral communities and the disaster risk reduction community |
| | Q&A session |
| 10:00–10:40 | Plenary discussion on dissemination of methods and tools, sharing experiences in dissemination and training |
| 10:40–11:00 | Coffee break |
| 11:00–12:10 | Plenary discussion (continued) |
| D. Gaps, opportunities, recommendations | |
| 12:10–12:30 | Establishing three break-out groups |
| 12:30–14:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00–15:40 | Discussion in break-out groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group 1. Assisting in the use and application of methods and tools Group 2. Advancing dissemination and sharing experiences Group 3. Promoting development and improvement |
| 15:40–16:00 | Coffee break |
| 16:00–17:30 | Discussion in break-out groups (continued) |
| 17:30–18:00 | Plenary briefing on the work of the breakout groups |

Day 3: Thursday, 6 March

Session 4: Data and observations relevant to impacts and vulnerability assessments

09:30–10:40 **A. Promoting implementation and improvements of observations, including the monitoring of climate variability**

Presentations

- Overview presentation: Current activities and main achievements on systematic observations for climate change
- Work that contributes to improved understanding of current and historical climate variability and its impacts

Q&A session and plenary discussion on how current activities contribute to improvements in observations and improved understanding of current and historical climate variability and its impacts

10:40–11:00 Coffee break

11:00–11:30 Plenary discussion (continued)

11:30–12:30 **B. Collection, management and use of observational data**

Presentations

- Overview presentation: On-going activities and key issues for improvements
- National perspective

Q&A session and plenary discussion on how to improve collection, management and use of observational data

12:30–14:00 Lunch

14:00–15:40 **C. Exchange and access to observational data and information**

Presentations

- Overview presentation: On-going activities and key issues for improvements
- National level and national hydro met services perspective

Q&A session and plenary discussion on how to improve exchange and access to observational data, including information on observed climate change impacts through traditional knowledge.

15:40–16:00 Coffee break

16:00–17:40 **D. Gaps and deficiencies in data and observations, opportunities and recommendations**

Presentations

- Data, capacity and user needs for impacts and vulnerability assessment in support of adaptation, especially at regional and national level

Q&A session and plenary discussion on the identification of gaps and deficiencies in data and observations, needs of stakeholder and capacity building needs

17:40–18:00 Establishing 3 breakout groups

Day 4: Friday, 7 March

Session 5: Data and observations relevant to impacts and vulnerability assessments (continued)

09:30–10:40 **Discussion in break-out groups**

 Group 1. Promoting implementation and improvements in data and observations

 Group 2. Improving capacity for collection, management and use of observational data

 Group 3. Exchange and access to observational data and information, including needs stake-holder needs

10:40–11:00 Coffee break

11:00–12:30 **Discussion in the break-out groups (continued)**

12:30–14:00 Lunch

Session 6: Conclusions and recommendations

14:00–15:30 Presentation of results and recommendations on methods and tools

 Presentation of results and recommendations from data and observations

 Panel of organizations on possible actions to address recommendations

15:30–15:50 Coffee break

15:50–16:50 General discussions on methods and tools and on data and observations, including cross-cutting issues

16:50–17:40 Overall conclusions, by the Chair of the SBSTA

17:40–18:00 Closing and feedback on possible next steps under the Nairobi work programme
