

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

Agenda

Chair: Ms. Helen Plume, Chair of the SBSTA

Day 1: Tuesday, 4 March	
08:30–10:00	Registration
10:00–10:40	Welcome and opening statements <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Helen PLUME, Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA)- Mr. Amir DELJU, Senior Scientific Coordinator, Climate Prediction and Adaptation Branch, World Meteorological Organization- Mr. Roberto ACOSTA, Coordinator for Adaptation, Technology and Science, UNFCCC secretariat- Mr. Guillermo Hernández SALMERÓN, Director General Adjunto para Temas Globales, Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores- Mr. Adrián Fernández BREMAUNTZ, Presidente, Instituto Nacional de Ecología (INE), Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mr. Roberto ACOSTA, UNFCCC secretariat- Introduction to the Nairobi work programme and objectives and expected outcomes of the meeting<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ms. Olga PILIFOSOVA, UNFCCC secretariat▪ Ms. Rocio LICHTTE, UNFCCC secretariat- Background information<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ms. María GUTIERREZ, UNFCCC secretariat- Introduction of the agenda and structure of the meeting by the Chair Q&A session

Session 2: Methods and tools for impact, vulnerability and adaptation assessment and improvement of adaptation planning, measures and actions

12:00–13:00 A. Application and applicability of methods and tools

Presentations

- Framing presentation: Overview of different frameworks, methods and tools and their use
 - Mr. Joel SMITH, Stratus Consulting
- Experiences in application of different methods and tools and their adequate use
 - Mr. Balisi J. GOPOLANG, Botswana
 - Mr. Ahmad J. SHAABAN, Malaysia
 - Ms. Habiba GITAY, World Bank

Q&A session and exchange of views

13:00–14:00 Lunch

14:00–15:40 Plenary discussion on application of methods and tools, including bottom-up, rapid assessment and top-down approaches, sectoral tools, and 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

16:00–16:40 B. Development of methods and tools

Presentations

- Framing presentation: The need for further development and improvement of existing and emerging methods and tools
 - Mr. Daniel MURDIYARSO, START secretariat
- Experiences, gaps and solutions in the development and improvement of methods and tools
 - Mr. Iñigo J. LOSADA, Instituto de Hidráulica Ambiental “IH Cantabria”
 - Mr. Yvan BIOT, United Kingdom

Q&A session

16:40–18:00 Plenary discussion on promoting development and further improvement of methods and tools cost-benefit analysis; as well as tools for planning of adaptation measures and actions and their integration with sustainable development.

Day 2: Wednesday, 5 March

Session 3: Methods and Tools for impact and vulnerability assessments and improvement of adaptation planning, measures and actions (continued)

09:30–10:20	C. Dissemination of methods and sharing experiences Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Framing presentation: Existing practices in dissemination of methods and tools and sharing experiences<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Xianfu LU, UNDP- 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<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mr. José Ramón PICATOSTE RUGGERONI, RIOCC▪ Ms. Donyelle NUMA, Cook Islands Q&A session
10:20–11:00	Plenary discussion on dissemination of methods and tools, sharing experiences in dissemination and training
11:00–11:20	Coffee break
11:20–12:50	Plenary discussion (continued)
12:50–13:00	D. Gaps, opportunities, recommendations Establishing three breakout groups
13:00–14:00	Lunch
14:00–15:40	Discussion in breakout groups 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 breakout 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

09:30–11:00 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:
 - Mr. William WESTERMEYER, GCOS secretariat
- Work that contributes to improved understanding of current and historical climate variability and its impacts
 - Mr. Amir DELJU, WMO Secretariat
 - Mr. Joseph INTSIFUL, Met Office Hadley Centre, United Kingdom

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

11:00–11:20 Coffee break

11:20–12:00 Plenary discussion (continued)

12:00–13:00 B. Collection, management and use of observational data

Presentations

Presentations

- Overview presentation: Ongoing activities and key issues for improvement
 - Ms. Constanta BORONEANT, Romania
- National perspective
 - Mr. Mamadou A. DIALLO, Mali
 - Mr. Abel AFOUDA, Benin

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

13:00–14:00 Lunch

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

Presentations

- Overview presentation: Ongoing activities and key issues for improvements
 - Ms. Francis ZWIERS, Environment Canada
 - Ms. Cecilia CONDE, Mexico, on behalf of the IPCC TGICA (Task group on Data and Scenario Support for Impacts and Climate Analysis)
- National level and national hydro-met services perspective
 - Mr. Qamar-Uz-Zaman CHAUDHRY, Pakistan

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

16:00–17:10 **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
 - Mr. Carlos FULLER, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre
 - Ms. Manola BRUNET, Univeristy Rovira I Virgili, Spain
 - Ms. Lyudmila SKRIPNIKOVA, Uzbekistan
 - Mr. Roger RIVERO, Cuba

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

17:50–18:00 Establishing 3 breakout groups

Day 4: Friday, 7 March

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

09:30–11:00 **Discussion in breakout 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 stakeholder needs

11:00–11:20 Coffee break

11:20–13:00 **Discussion in the breakout groups (continued)**

13:00–14:30 Lunch

Session 6: Conclusions and recommendations

14:30–16:00 Presentation of results and recommendations on methods and tools

Presentation of results and recommendations on data and observations

General discussion on methods and tools and on data and observations, including cross-cutting issues

16:00–17:00 Panel of organizations on possible actions to address recommendations

17:00–17:20 Overall conclusions, and closing by the Chair of the SBSTA
