

VI. Article 6 of the Convention

(Agenda item 6)

1. Proceedings

63. The SBI considered this item at its 2nd and 4th meetings.

64. At its 2nd meeting, the SBI agreed to consider this item in a contact group chaired by Mr. Mohammed Chowdhury (Bangladesh). At the 4th meeting, Mr. Chowdhury reported on the contact group's consultations.

65. At its 4th meeting, the SBI considered and adopted conclusions¹ proposed by the Chair.

2. Conclusions

66. The SBI endorsed the terms of reference for the review of the implementation of the amended New Delhi work programme on Article 6 of the Convention to be undertaken in 2012 as contained in annex I.

67. The SBI invited Parties, and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as relevant stakeholders, to submit to the secretariat, by 14 February 2012, information and views that may be relevant to the completion of the review of the amended New Delhi work programme. It invited the aforementioned entities to submit to the secretariat, by the same date, their views on possible elements of a successor work programme on Article 6 of the Convention.

68. The SBI further invited the GEF and its implementing agencies to provide to the SBI at its thirty-fifth session information on resources made available for the implementation of Article 6 related activities for consideration at its thirty-sixth session.

69. The SBI requested the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To organize a workshop on the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention in the LDCs, to be held prior to the thirty-sixth session of the SBI;

(b) To prepare documents to support the review of the amended New Delhi work programme, as referred to in paragraph 6 of annex I;

(c) To continue developing and promoting the information network clearing house CC:iNet, to facilitate the addition of content in the official languages of the United Nations and other languages, and to create new tools and features;

(d) To develop broad guidelines for the development of national strategies and action plans on Article 6 of the Convention, according to national circumstances and cultural contexts;

(e) To prepare a publication on good practices in the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention.

70. The SBI recalled the invitation made by the COP in decision 7/CP.16 to all Parties and international organizations to enhance support provided to the national focal points on Article 6 of developing countries, in particular the LDCs and SIDS, through the provision of information, materials, training of trainers programmes and regional and national projects on topics relating to

¹ Adopted as document FCCC/SBI/2011/L.6.

education, training and public awareness. In this context, the SBI encouraged Parties in a position to do so, as well as the GEF and its implementing agencies, to provide financial and technical assistance to developing countries, in particular the LDCs, to enhance their use of, and access to, CC:iNet.

71. The SBI also recalled the invitation made by the COP in the same decision to Parties in a position to do so, as well as international organizations and bilateral and multilateral agencies, to continue to support the convening of regional, subregional and national workshops focusing on specific elements of Article 6 of the Convention, and the maintenance and further development of CC:iNet.

72. The SBI encouraged the GEF, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, in accordance with decision 7/CP.16, to work on increasing access to funding for Article 6 related activities.

73. The SBI also encouraged Parties to continue reporting on the implementation of Article 6 related activities in their national communications.

Annex I

Terms of reference for the review of the implementation of the amended New Delhi work programme on Article 6 of the Convention

I. Mandate

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP), by decision 9/CP.13, decided to undertake a review of the implementation of the amended New Delhi work programme on Article 6 of the Convention in 2012.

2. The COP, by decision 7/CP.16, requested the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) to develop, at its thirty-fourth session, terms of reference for the review of the implementation of the amended New Delhi work programme, with a view to launching the review at its thirty-sixth session.

II. Objectives

3. The objective of the review is to evaluate the implementation of the amended New Delhi work programme by:

(a) Assessing the essential needs for, potential gaps in and barriers to the implementation of the amended New Delhi work programme;

(b) Identifying lessons learned and good practices with a view to their dissemination, promotion, replication and introduction, as appropriate;

(c) Assessing the functionality and accessibility of the information network clearing house CC:iNet;

(d) Identifying recommendations for further steps to improve and enhance the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention.

4. In reviewing the implementation of the amended New Delhi work programme and developing recommendations for a successor work programme on Article 6 of the Convention, the following aspects, inter alia, should be kept in mind:

(a) Strengthening the bottom-up approach and the active participation of women, youth, the media and other relevant stakeholders in the climate change process;

(b) Incorporating gender perspectives in Article 6 related activities;

(c) Identifying ways to improve the evaluation of national plans and activities on Article 6;

(d) Identifying ways to enhance the guidelines for reporting on Article 6 activities through national communications;

(e) Strengthening adaptation issues in education and communication campaigns in line with the international cooperation requested by Article 6 of the Convention, while continuing the activities on mitigation;

(f) Enhancing efforts to elaborate national strategies and action plans on Article 6 of the Convention;

(g) Fostering the participation of civil society groups in decision-making on climate change at the national level and their attendance at intergovernmental meetings, including sessions of the COP, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the subsidiary bodies;

(h) Promoting subregional, regional and international cooperation in the implementation of Article 6 and the related efforts of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

(i) Supporting formal education in schools and institutions at all levels, non-formal and informal education on climate change and the development of educational and public-awareness materials according to national circumstances and cultural contexts.

III. Information sources

5. Information to be used in the review of the implementation of the amended New Delhi work programme should be drawn from, inter alia:

(a) Reports of regional, subregional and national workshops on the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention;

(b) Submissions from Parties;

(c) National communications and other relevant national reports;

(d) Information on the implementation of the programme shared by Parties and relevant organizations through CC:iNet;

(e) A users' survey on the functionality, accessibility and content of CC:iNet;

(f) Reports and submissions from the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies, United Nations organizations, and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as relevant stakeholders;

(g) The conclusions of SBI 34 agenda item 17, "Arrangements for intergovernmental meetings", ongoing discussions under the SBI relating to the engagement of observer organizations and the report on the in-session workshop to further develop ways to enhance the engagement of observer organizations.²

IV. Expected outcomes

6. Drawing upon the information sources listed in chapter III above, the secretariat will prepare, for consideration by the SBI at its thirty-sixth session:

(a) A document on the implementation of the amended New Delhi work programme;

(b) A report on the full-scale implementation of CC:iNet, including the results of the users' survey;

(c) A miscellaneous document containing submissions from Parties received in response to the invitation by the SBI at its thirty-fourth session;

(d) A document summarizing submissions received from Parties, United Nations organizations and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as relevant stakeholders, on the subject of possible elements of a successor work programme on Article 6 of the Convention.

7. The SBI, at its thirty-sixth session, will consider the documents listed in paragraph 6 above, and any other information relevant to the completion of the review, with a view to recommending a draft decision for adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session, which should include the identification of further steps to enhance the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention.

² FCCC/SBI/2011/INF.7.

