



INFORMATION NOTE

Workshop on the Framework for Various Approaches

Wednesday 9 October
World Conference Center Bonn
Platz der Vereinten Nationen 2, 53113 Bonn

I. Date

1. The workshop will take place on Wednesday 9 October 2013 from 9:00 - 18:15.

II. Mandate and background

2. The Conference of Parties (COP) at its eighteenth session in Doha, Qatar, requested the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) to conduct a work programme to elaborate a framework for various approaches (FVA), with the view to recommending a draft decision to COP 19 for adoption. COP 18 also agreed on a number of elements to be considered as part of the work programme.

3. Following the mandate by COP 18, SBSTA 38¹ requested the secretariat to organize a workshop to discuss the FVA on the basis of a number of questions on its role and technical design in relation to the elements of the work programme. Parties and admitted UNFCCC observer organizations were invited to submit their views on these matters by 2 September 2013. The secretariat was requested to prepare a technical synthesis of relevant materials, including the submissions mentioned above and to make it available for the workshop and for consideration at SBSTA 39.

III. Proposed approach

4. The objective of the workshop is to provide an opportunity for discussion and interaction between Parties, experts and admitted observer organisations with the view to clarify and narrow down the options for the role and technical design of the FVA in order to facilitate focussed discussions at SBSTA 39 and possible decision-making at COP 19.

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2013/3 (Report of SBSTA 38)



5. The technical synthesis provided as background information for this workshop contains a summary of the submissions by Parties and other relevant materials. It attempts to identify possible areas of convergence, areas for further discussion and options for decision-making. The submissions by Parties and admitted observer organizations have been made available on the UNFCCC website for further reference².

6. After the opening of the workshop by the co-facilitators and an introduction of the submissions and the technical synthesis prepared by the secretariat, the discussions will be clustered in three sessions, organized around thematic areas related to the elements of the work programme. A limited number of presentations are planned for each session in order to facilitate the discussions. After the presentations, the co-facilitators will pose the relevant questions on the role and technical design of the FVA proposed at SBSTA 38, and open the floor to all participants. Participants are invited to come prepared to focus their discussions around the questions for each session, as specified in Section IV.

7. At the end of the workshop, the co-facilitators will invite the participants to exchange views on options for the way forward in Warsaw and will wrap up the discussions. The informal summary of the co-facilitators will be made available on the UNFCCC website. A written report will be prepared by the secretariat and will be made available for consideration at SBSTA 39.

IV. Questions corresponding to specific agenda items

8. This section contains an overview of the relevant elements of the SBSTA work programme to elaborate the FVA, the corresponding questions from the SBSTA 38 conclusions and the related agenda items.

9:25 – 10:30

Options for the scope, purpose and institutional arrangements

FVA Element/SBSTA 38 Questions	Reference
The Purpose of the framework	1/CP.18, 46. (a)
<i>What is the purpose and scope of the FVA, including its role in ensuring environmental integrity?</i>	FCCC/SBSTA/20 Paragraph 158.(a)
<i>What are the possible links between the FVA and other relevant matters under the Convention and its instruments?</i>	FCCC/SBSTA/20 Paragraph 158.(a)
<i>Should the elements of the FVA operate under the principles, provisions and commitments of the Convention, and if so how?</i>	FCCC/SBSTA/20 Paragraph 158.(a)

² http://unfccc.int/cooperation_support/market_and_non-market_mechanisms/items/7551.php



The scope of approaches to be included under the framework	1/CP.18, 46. (b)
<i>What is the purpose and scope of the FVA, including its role in ensuring environmental integrity?</i>	FCCC/SBSTA/20 Paragraph 158.(a)
The institutional arrangements for the framework	1/CP.18, 46. (e)
<i>Should the FVA assess the institutional arrangements of various approaches, and, if so, how?</i>	FCCC/SBSTA/20 Paragraph 158.(a)

10:45-12:15 **Panel on experiences and lessons learned from existing approaches on criteria and procedures to ensure the environmental integrity**

FVA Element/SBSTA 38 Questions	Reference
A set of criteria and procedures to ensure the environmental integrity of approaches in accordance with decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 79	1/CP.18, 46. (c)
<i>How may the elements listed in decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 46, be elaborated given the options for the purpose and scope of the FVA expressed by Parties?</i>	FCCC/SBSTA/20 Paragraph 158.(a)
<i>Which experiences from the Kyoto Protocol flexible mechanisms, domestic and regional schemes, existing institutional arrangements and infrastructure are relevant to the elaboration of the FVA and how can they be applied to the FVA?</i>	FCCC/SBSTA/20 Paragraph 158.(a)
<i>What common accounting rules, standards, criteria and/or procedures, if any, could be established under the Convention, taking into account internationally agreed common accounting rules, to ensure the environmental integrity of the approaches under the FVA, and avoiding all types of double counting, including mitigation outcomes and support?</i>	FCCC/SBSTA/20 Paragraph 158.(a)



13:15 -14:15 **Experiences and lessons learned from existing approaches to avoid double counting through the accurate and consistent recording and tracking of mitigation outcomes**

FVA Element/SBSTA 38 Questions	Reference
Technical specifications to avoid double counting through the accurate and consistent recording and tracking of mitigation outcomes	1/CP.18, 51. (d)
<i>How may the elements listed in decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 46, be elaborated given the options for the purpose and scope of the FVA expressed by Parties?</i>	FCCC/SBSTA/20 Paragraph 158.(a)
<i>Which experiences from the Kyoto Protocol flexible mechanisms, domestic and regional schemes, existing institutional arrangements and infrastructure are relevant to the elaboration of the FVA and how can they be applied to the FVA?</i>	FCCC/SBSTA/20 Paragraph 158.(a)
<i>What common accounting rules, standards, criteria and/or procedures, if any, could be established under the Convention, taking into account internationally agreed common accounting rules, to ensure the environmental integrity of the approaches under the FVA, and avoiding all types of double counting, including mitigation outcomes and support?</i>	FCCC/SBSTA/20 Paragraph 158.(a)

14:15-15:15 **Linkages to other issues**

Under this agenda item participants may wish to consider the relation of the FVA to other issues and mechanisms.