

**Special event
in the context of the Joint SBI/SBSTA forum
on the impact of the implementation of response measures,
convened by the Chairs of the SBI and SBSTA**

Maritim Hotel, Bonn, Germany

Monday, 13 June 2011, 11:30-14:00, and 16:30-18:00

Summary note by the facilitators

Objective

The objective of the special event in the context of the Joint SBI/SBSTA forum was to provide an opportunity for Parties to listen to, consider and discuss presentations by Parties and observer organizations to deepen the understanding of issues relating to the economic and social consequences of response measures among Parties.

Proceedings

The special event was convened and co-chaired by Mr. Robert Owen-Jones (SBI Chair) and Mr. Mama Konaté (SBSTA Chair), and co-facilitated by Mr. Eduardo Calvo Buendia (Peru) and Ms. Anastasia Theodorou (Hungary).¹

Summary

More than 50 Parties and 12 observer organizations participated in the event. Three regional groups, five Parties, and the OPEC², and six observer organizations³ made presentations, followed by question and answer sessions.

Parties shared their views, information and expertise, and proposed elements for a work programme to address the impact of the implementation of response measures, and also shared views on a possible forum. Observer organizations provided information and expertise in such areas as modelling, economic diversification, just transition of the work force, and health- and trade-related issues.

Issues raised by Parties included: the vulnerability of developing country Parties, economic sectors and areas at risk (e.g. tourism, air travel, water, infrastructure, agriculture and fisheries), dependence on fossil-fuel related activities, constraints in economic diversification, an added burden of the potential impact of the implementation of response measures for developing country Parties. Many Parties referred to the support needed for technology transfer and capacity-building, as well as the need for financial support. Parties also mentioned difficulty in generating reliable data on the impacts of response measures, and expressed concerns regarding international trade and related unilateral trade measures, as well as inclusion of aviation in the EU ETS.

Parties and observer organizations provided information on methodologies and tools including, inter alia: capacity-building, economic diversification, impact assessments, modelling tools, resilience building and studies, as a possible means of dealing with the above-mentioned issues.

¹ Further details, including the agenda and presentations are available at <<http://unfccc.int/6009.php>>.

² AOSIS, EU, G-77 and China, India, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the OPEC.

³ International Maritime Organization, South Center, International Labour Organization, World Health Organization, the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development, and Energy Modelling Cambridge Econometrics.