

Seminar of Governmental Experts (SOGE)

Without prejudices to any future negotiations, commitments, process, framework or mandate under the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol, the Conference of the Parties

Requests the secretariat to convene a seminar of Governmental Experts (SOGE) in order to promote an informal exchange of information on

- a) Actions relating to mitigation and adaptation to assist Parties to continue to develop effective and appropriate responses to climate change; and
- b) Policies and measures adopted by their respective governments that support implementation of their existing commitments under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol.

All UNFCCC Parties shall have an opportunity to make a presentation at the Seminar.

The seminar will be co-chaired by one expert from a Party included in Annex I and one expert from a Party not included in Annex I, who will be selected by each group respectively.

In convening the seminar, the secretariat will consult with the Presidency of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC and in accordance with the following guidelines:

- The seminar will have one session, which will be held back to back with the meeting of the Subsidiary Bodies of the Convention in May 2005,
- The secretariat will make all necessary efforts to finance full participation of developing countries governmental experts in the seminar,
- Participants may bring to the attention of the seminar publications offering supplementary data in support of their presentations. The secretariat is invited to place on its website the texts of presentations and the supplementary data,
- Proceedings of the seminar will be made available by the secretariat to Parties for their consideration, bearing in mind that this seminar does not open any negotiations leading to new commitments.

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