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During the first two weeks of June, over 2000 delegates from 170 countries gathered in Bonn, Germany, to participate for the first time in four parallel sessions as part of the ongoing negotiations under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. The second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA 2), and the resumed fifth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP 5) took place from 2-12 June. The twenty-eighth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) were held from 4-13 June. Together, these sessions resulted in the adoption of 30 conclusions and four draft decisions that will be taken up either at the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) in Poznan, Poland, or at the subsequent meetings.

AWG-LCA 2

The AWG-LCA, which was established in 2007 to facilitate agreement on a robust post 2012 climate regime, organised in-session workshops on adaptation, finance, and technology. The workshops were organised to facilitate common understanding on these three building blocks of the Bali Action Plan (BAP). Several concrete proposals were put forward by Parties providing a clearer understanding among delegates on what countries would like to see included in the post 2012 climate agreement. This was an important step in moving the negotiations process forward. To keep this momentum going, Parties were invited to submit specific textual proposals to provide the basis for an initial negotiating text at COP 14. The secretariat was also requested to prepare the following papers for consideration at the fourth session of the AWG-LCA to take place in parallel with COP14 in Poznan, Poland:

- A technical paper on challenges and opportunities for mitigation in the agricultural sector;
- A technical paper on mechanisms, including innovative insurance tools, that can be used to manage financial risks from direct impacts of climate change in developing countries, including consideration of the unique circumstances of the most vulnerable developing countries, especially LDCs, SIDS

and Africa, and the design of appropriate mechanisms bringing together inputs from technical experts in the fields of insurance, reinsurance and hazard assessment;

- An update of the technical paper on Investment and Financial Flows to Address climate change, taking into account paragraph 1 of the BAP; and
- An information note on adaptation related activities within the UN System.

Parties also started discussions on shared vision for long-term cooperative action, climate change mitigation, and AWG-LCA's work programme for 2009.

At its third session to be held in Accra, Ghana, from 21 to 27 August 2008, AWG-LCA will host following workshops on:

- Policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries; and
- Cooperative sectoral approaches and sector-specific actions, in order to enhance implementation of Article 4, paragraph 1(c) of the Convention.

For more information on AWG-LCA 2 see:

http://unfccc.int/meetings/ad_hoc_working_groups/lca/items/4416.php.

AWG-KP5

The AWG-KP, which was established in 2005 to consider Annex I Parties' commitments under the Kyoto Protocol after 2012, focused on the means that may be available to these Parties to reach emission reduction targets. Discussions were held on the following four topics:

- Flexibility mechanisms;
- Land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF);
- Greenhouse gases, sectors and source categories; and
- Possible approaches targeting sectoral emissions.

The process of listing issues for further negotiations was also discussed. A round table on the means to reach emission reduction targets, and workshop on methodologies for estimating emissions and global warming potentials of greenhouse gases, were also held. For more information on the AWG-KP see:

http://unfccc.int/kyoto_protocol/items/3878.php.

SB 28

Matters relating to NAI National Communications

Three agenda sub-items were provisionally listed under the non-Annex I (NAI) national communications, namely the work of the Consultative Group of Experts on national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE); information contained in NAI national communications; and provision of financial and technical support. The sub-item on information contained in NAI national communications was held in abeyance and hence not considered at SB 28.

Work of the CGE

Negotiations under this sub-item focused on the review of the mandate and terms of reference of the CGE. The review commenced at COP13, in Bali, Indonesia, but Parties were unable to reach consensus and agreed to continue deliberations on this matter at SB 28. During this session discussions on this matter were constructive and there was a general agreement that the mandate of the CGE should continue. Parties made proposals on elements to be included in the future mandate of the CGE, which were compiled and included in document FCCC/SBI/2008/L.9 (<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2008/sbi/eng/l09.pdf>). The text presented in this document will serve as the basis for negotiations on this sub-item at SBI 29, in Poznan, Poland.

Financial and Technical Support

The main issues discussed under this sub-item were access to funding for the preparation of NAI national communications and consideration of the GEF information on support provided for the preparation of NAI

national communications (see document FCCC/SBI/2008/INF.3/Rev.1

(<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2008/sbi/eng/inf03r01.pdf>). Most NAI Parties expressed concern regarding access to GEF funding for the preparation of their third national communications.

The GEF was invited to provide detailed and complete information on financial support provided to NAI Parties to prepare their national communications at COP 14 and to continue to do so thereafter. Specific information requested from the GEF includes activities relating to the preparation of national communications by NAI Parties, including information on the dates of approval of funding and disbursement of funds; the specific steps taken by the GEF to implement the guidance given in decision 7/CP.13 (<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2007/cop13/eng/06a01.pdf#page=33>); and information on the operational procedures to ensure the timely disbursement of funds to meet the agreed full costs of preparing national communications.

The full text of the conclusions is available at:

<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2008/sbi/eng/l10.pdf>

Other matters relating to NAI Parties

Fourth review of the Financial Mechanism

The fourth review of the financial mechanism aims to examine how to facilitate consistency in financing activities and improve complementarity of financial mechanism. It will be completed at COP15, in Copenhagen, Denmark. At COP14, Parties will assess the level of funding that would be required under fifth GEF replenishment in order to ensure effective and appropriate international response to climate change. During this session, some Parties raised concern about the inadequacy of the current levels of funding to enable NAI Parties to meet their commitments under the Convention. Discussions also took place on the availability of funds for preparation of third and subsequent NAI national communications.

The secretariat was requested to provide information on assessment of financing needs to implement mitigation and adaptation measures to NAI Parties, upon request.

Parties were unable to finalize their deliberations on a number of issues, including matters relating to access, adequacy and predictability of funds under the GEF and governance issues relating to implementation of the financial mechanism of the Convention, and decided to have further discussions at SBI 29 in Poznan, Poland.

The full text of the conclusions is available at:

<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2008/sbi/eng/l11.pdf>

Capacity building for developing countries under the Convention

The terms of reference for a second comprehensive review of the implementation of the capacity-building framework for developing countries that will be concluded in Copenhagen, at COP 15, have been endorsed at this SBI session. This review is expected to result in the adoption of an enhanced strategy and recommendations for the next 5 years to further guide capacity-building activities related to the implementation of the Convention and effective participation in the Kyoto Protocol process.

SBI invited Parties to provide submissions on the following issues:

- By 15 August 2008: annual submission on capacity-building activities to facilitate regular monitoring of the implementation of the framework;
- By 15 August 2008: information on experiences in monitoring and evaluating capacity-building activities at the national level; and
- By 13 February 2009: any additional or updated information and views that maybe relevant to the completion of the second comprehensive review of the framework.

The full text of the conclusions is available at: <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2008/sbi/eng/I04.pdf>

Matters relating to Least Developed Countries

The SBI endorsed the work programme of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) for 2008-2010. The SBI also welcomed the submission of 35 National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPAs) and encouraged Parties who had not submitted their NAPA to do so in a timely manner.

Mozambique, Central African Republic and Liberia submitted their NAPAs subsequent to the SBI 28, taking the total number of NAPAs submitted to date to 38.

The full text of the conclusions is available at: <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2008/sbi/eng/I02.pdf>.

Nairobi Work Programme on Adaptation (NWP)

Under the Nairobi Work Programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change (NWP), Parties considered outputs from the first phase of the five-year period of the NWP and agreed on activities for the second phase. Activities identified for

implementation in the second phase include, among others, furthering the engagement of organisations, with a greater focus on national and regional actions.

The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare:

- A technical paper on physical and socio-economic trends in climate related risks and extreme events with particular attention to the most vulnerable developing countries, especially LDCs and SIDS; and
- A technical paper on integrating practices, tools and systems for climate risk assessment and management and disaster risk reduction strategies, such as included in the Hyogo Framework for Action (<http://www.unisdr.org/wcdr/intergover/official-doc/L-docs/Hyogo-framework-for-action-english.pdf>), into national policies and programmes.

The full text of the conclusions is available at: <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2008/sbsta/eng/13r01.pdf>

Implementation of decision 1/CP.10

Parties significantly advanced discussions on implementation-related issues concerning adaptation. Parties agreed conclusions on activities that can be initiated immediately, consisting of streamlining access to funding, improving information on accessing existing funds for adaptation, including for the implementation of NAPAs, enhancing national planning for adaptation and promoting risk management approaches. A comprehensive assessment of progress on the implementation of adaptation will be made at COP 14, and will cover existing mandates from Article 4.8 and decisions 5/CP.7 and 1/CP.10. A round table in Poznan will undertake this assessment, which will provide Parties with a clearer picture of the gaps and needs, and identify longer-term action in this regard.

Upcoming Events

AWG-LCA 3 & AWG-KP 6 (first part) 21-27 August 2008, Accra, Ghana
AWG-LCA 4 & AWG-KP 6 (resumed session) 1-12 December 2008, Poznan, Poland
COP14/CMP4 & SB 29 1-12 December 2008, Poznan, Poland

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