

NAI UPDATE



Dear Colleagues,

COP 8 proved to be both an exciting and busy time for the Non-Annex I Implementation team. Work that was started at COP 5 was completed, in particular, when the mandate and terms of reference of the CGE were extended and the improved guidelines for the preparation of national communications of non-Annex I Parties was agreed.

The highlights of COP 8 decisions presented below provide a brief overview of the negotiations. The Non-Annex I team can be contacted on any additional information on the decisions adopted in New Delhi. We would also like to thank the many colleagues that provided support for this process. Special thanks go out to the CGE members and all participants to our workshops.

We wish all a happy holiday season.

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Highlights of COP 8 / SB 17 New Delhi, India

Guidelines for the Preparation of Non-Annex I National Communications

In the decision of the Conference of the Parties (COP) on the improvement of guidelines for the preparation of non-Annex I national communications, it was decided that:

- ✓ the guidelines will be used for the preparation of second and, where appropriate, initial and third national communications; and

- ✓ the guidelines will serve as guidance to the GEF for funding the preparation of national communications.

The guidelines cover the following elements of information to be reported by Parties: national circumstances, national GHG inventory, vulnerability and adaptation assessment, mitigation assessment, research and systematic observation, education, training and public awareness, capacity-building, and constraints and gaps related to the preparation of national communications.

The full text of the decision can be found on the UNFCCC web site (http://unfccc.int/cop8/latest/2_sbi.pdf).

Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE)

In the COP decision on the work of the Consultative Group of Experts on non-Annex I national communications, it was decided:

- ✓ to continue the mandate of the CGE with new terms of reference, which will be reviewed at COP 13.

The full text of the decision can be found on the UNFCCC web site (http://unfccc.int/cop8/latest/4_sbi.pdf).

Provision of Financial and Technical Support

In the conclusions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) on the provision of financial and technical support, it requested:

- ✓ Parties to submit views on their experience with the GEF or its implementing agencies relating to the preparation of their national communications; and
- ✓ the secretariat to initiate the assessment of activities aimed at reducing emissions and enhancing removals of greenhouse gases reported in national communications.



The full text of the conclusion can be found on the UNFCCC web site (<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2002/sbi/l24.pdf>).

Compilation and Synthesis of Initial National Communications

In the decision on the compilation and synthesis of initial national communications, the COP requested the secretariat to prepare:

- ✓ the fifth compilation and synthesis report on initial national communications received between 1 June 2002 and 1 April 2003; and
- ✓ an information document describing steps taken by non-Annex I Parties to implement the Convention.

The full text of the decision can be found on the UNFCCC web site (http://unfccc.int/cop8/latest/3_sbi.pdf).

Guidance to an entity entrusted with the operation of the financial mechanism for the Least Developed Countries Fund

In the decision on guidance to an entity entrusted with the operation of the financial mechanism for the LDC Fund, the COP requested:

- ✓ the financial mechanism to ensure the speedy release and disbursements of funds and timely assistance for the preparation of national adaptation programmes of action (NAPAs); and
- ✓ the financial mechanism to support the organization of four regional workshops on the advancement of the preparation of NAPAs.

The full text of the decision can be found on the UNFCCC web site (http://unfccc.int/cop8/latest/9_sbi.pdf).

Initial guidance to an entity entrusted with the operation of the financial mechanism for the operation of the Special Climate Change Fund

In the decision on initial guidance to an entity entrusted with the operation of the financial mechanism for the operation of the Special Climate Change Fund, the COP decided:

- ✓ to initiate a process now to identify prioritized activities, programmes and measures, with a view to providing further guidance to the GEF at COP 9 and for the GEF to operationalize the fund without further delay;
- ✓ that the GEF should promote complementarity between the Fund and other funds; streamline procedures for the operation of the Fund, while ensuring sound financial management.

The full text of the decision can be found on the UNFCCC web site (http://unfccc.int/cop8/latest/10_sbi.pdf)

Additional guidance to the GEF

The decision on additional guidance to the GEF contains guidance on the provision of financial support and additional resources related to the implementation of COP decisions on:

- ✓ national communications;
- ✓ capacity-building;
- ✓ technology transfer;
- ✓ Article 6; and
- ✓ matters related to the report of the GEF to the COP.

The full text of the decision can be found on the UNFCCC web site (http://unfccc.int/cop8/latest/11_sbi.pdf).

Other relevant decisions/conclusions

Review of the financial mechanism

(http://unfccc.int/cop8/latest/8_sbi.pdf)

Report of the GEF

(<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2002/sbi/l19.pdf>)

Capacity building

(<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2002/sbi/l15.pdf>)

Implementation of Article 4.8/4.9

(<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2002/sbi/l17.pdf>)

Matters relating to LDCs

(http://unfccc.int/cop8/latest/12_sbi.pdf)

Development and transfer of technologies

(<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2002/sbsta/l29.pdf>)

(http://unfccc.int/cop8/latest/13_cpl4.pdf)

New Delhi work programme on Article 6

(http://unfccc.int/cop8/latest/14_cpl3_sbsta123add1.pdf)

Side events at COP 8

The Non-Annex I Subprogramme organized 3 side events during COP 8. The side events included presentations of non-Annex I Parties that had recently submitted their national communications, the launching of the emission factor database of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and a question-and-answer session of the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

Presentation of recently submitted national communications

The following 8 Parties made presentations on their initial national communications: Albania, Benin, Colombia, Kenya, Cambodia, D.R. Congo, Eritrea, and Namibia.

Copies of the presentations can be found on the web site of the UNFCCC secretariat: http://unfccc.int/cop8/se/se_pres/index.html.

To date, **95** non-Annex I Parties have already submitted their **initial national communications**, **26** of which are from **least developed countries**. Additionally, **Mexico** has already submitted its **second national communication**.

Most of the non-Annex I national communications can be downloaded from the UNFCCC web site <http://unfccc.int/resource/natcom/nctable.html#nonannex1>

IPCC Emission Factor Database launched at COP8

The IPCC's new emission factor database was launched at COP 8. The database is a web-based, interactive platform for the exchange of

information on emission factors, with the aim of it becoming an expanding virtual library of information. A CD-ROM version of the database will be made available by SB 18. It was also noted that continuous feedback on the use of the database will be necessary.

Copies of presentations are available at http://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/COP8/EFDB_COP8_side-event.htm.

Question-and-answer session with the Global Environment Facility

The secretariat organized a question-and-answer special side event to enable Parties to have a substantive dialogue with GEF. The GEF Team Leader for Climate Change & Ozone Depletion and the GEF Capacity Development Manager represented the GEF secretariat at this event, accompanied by representatives from the GEF Implementing Agencies (UNDP, UNEP and World Bank).

Upcoming events

March - April 2003 (date and venue to be determined)

Workshop on guidelines for the preparation of national communications of non-Annex I Parties

2-13 June 2003

18th Session of the Subsidiary Bodies (SB 18), Bonn, Germany

1-12 December 2003

9th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 9) and 19th session of the Subsidiary Bodies (SB 19), Italy

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