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## **Record of the facilitative sharing of views during the forty-fourth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation: Viet Nam**

**Note by the secretariat**

### **I. Background and mandate**

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP) decided, by decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 63, to conduct under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) international consultation and analysis (ICA) of biennial update reports (BURs) from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) in a manner that is non-intrusive, non-punitive and respectful of national sovereignty. This process aims to increase the transparency of the mitigation actions and their effects reported by non-Annex I Parties.
2. The COP, by decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 56, adopted the modalities and guidelines for international consultation and analysis, contained in annex IV to the same decision (hereinafter referred to as the ICA modalities and guidelines). The COP decided that the first round of ICA would be conducted for developing country Parties commencing within six months of the submission of the first round of BURs by developing country Parties.<sup>1</sup>
3. According to the ICA modalities and guidelines, the ICA process consists of two steps: a technical analysis of the BURs of non-Annex I Parties by a team of technical experts, resulting in a summary report for each Party; and a facilitative sharing of views, with the BURs and summary reports serving as input.
4. Pursuant to the ICA modalities and guidelines, the SBI convened on 20 and 21 May 2016 in Bonn, Germany, at SBI 44 the first workshop for the facilitative exchange of views, open to all Parties, for the 13 non-Annex I Parties, including Viet Nam, for which there was a BUR and a final summary report by 29 February 2016.<sup>2</sup> Interested Parties were able to submit written questions in advance. As a result, Viet Nam received 12 written questions in advance from European Union, Japan, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.
5. The first workshop, chaired by the SBI Chair, Mr. Tomasz Chruszczow, comprised three three-hour sessions. Each three-hour session covered five Parties in alphabetical order.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 58(a).

<sup>2</sup> The BURs and summary reports are available at <<http://unfccc.int/8722.php>>.

6. This record of the facilitative sharing of views for Viet Nam summarizes the proceedings and, together with the summary report on the technical analysis of its BUR,<sup>3</sup> constitutes the outcome of the first round of ICA for Viet Nam.

## II. Summary of proceedings

7. During the workshop, Viet Nam made a brief presentation on its BUR. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

8. In its presentation Viet Nam provided an overview of its national circumstances, institutional arrangements, domestic measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) framework, national inventory of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of all greenhouse gases (GHGs) not controlled by the Montreal Protocol and emission projections, mitigation actions and financial, technological and capacity-building needs. It highlighted the results of its 2010 national GHG inventory (225.6 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions) and GHG emission projections for 2020 and 2030 for the main sectors, including energy, agriculture, land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) and waste. Viet Nam also provided an overview of the preparation of its nationally appropriate mitigation actions (NAMAs) and information on the implementation of clean development mechanism projects and the development of mitigation actions in the energy, agriculture and LULUCF sectors. The presentation addressed challenges faced in the preparation of the BUR and participation in the ICA process and needs for improvement.

9. Over the course of the presentation, Viet Nam addressed written questions submitted to it in advance through the secretariat by interested Parties.

10. Following the presentation, the following Parties made interventions commending Viet Nam for its efforts and asked for further clarification: Malaysia, Japan, Australia, United States, Latvia, Czech Republic and Singapore. The questions were mainly focused on the following areas: the creation of capacity and institutional arrangements for the preparation of the BUR; experience with the implementation of low-carbon technologies; constraints in and plans for the implementation of identified mitigation actions; the status of the NAMAs and domestic MRV system; and challenges faced in the ICA process.

11. The full details of the presentation and of the subsequent interventions are available in the webcast of the workshop.<sup>4</sup>

12. In closing the workshop, the SBI Chair congratulated Viet Nam for a successful facilitative sharing of views and completing the first round of the ICA process. He thanked Viet Nam and all other Parties for engaging in the workshop in a truly facilitative manner. He also thanked the secretariat for its support.

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<sup>3</sup> FCCC/SBI/ICA/2015/TASR.1/VNM.

<sup>4</sup> Available at <[http://unfccc6.meta-fusion.com/bonn\\_may\\_2016/events/2016-05-21-09-05/viet-nam](http://unfccc6.meta-fusion.com/bonn_may_2016/events/2016-05-21-09-05/viet-nam)>.