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**Item 3 of the provisional agenda**

**Scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of impacts of, and vulnerability and adaptation to, climate change**

**Views on the topics agreed at the twentieth session of the  
Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and on the  
workshop on adaptation to be held during its twenty-first session**

**Submissions from Parties**

**Addendum**

1. In addition to the 11 submissions contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2004/MISC.12, one further submission has been received (on 12 November 2004).
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## SUBMISSION FROM THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

### **Views on Scientific, Technical and Socio-economic Aspects of Impacts of, and Vulnerability to Climate Change**

At the Twentieth Session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technical Advice (SBSTA) in June 2004, SBSTA invited Parties to submit their views on (1) Application of methods and tools, including regional models, for assessing impacts, vulnerability and adaptation and (2) Linkages between adaptation and sustainable development. The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) welcomes the opportunity provide views on the above topics, to assist the Chair in organizing the upcoming SBSTA workshop on the above topics.

The FSM considers the major goal of this next workshop is to elevate adaptation from the current discussions on assessments, methodologies, models etc level, to actual operational level within the UNFCCC process. In our view, sufficient information is available to move forward on adaptation, and new information will be helpful in refining ongoing and new adaptation measures. The adverse impacts of climate change are already taking place, with greater climate variability and climate extremes and this places an urgency on the Parties to act now.

#### **Application of methods and tools, including regional models, for assessing impacts, vulnerability and adaptation.**

The FSM would find it useful to hear specific presentations by Parties who have experience in application of methodologies and models that have incorporated the ability to quantify adaptation costs. FSM has recently completed a Climate Change Adaptation Project (CLIMAP) and would welcome the opportunity to share its experiences gained from this project.

#### **Linkages between adaptation and sustainable development**

FSM recognizes the importance of sustainability in measures undertaken to adapt to the impacts of adaptation to climate change, and further recognizes that such can be accomplished when adaptation to climate change is linked to, and becomes an integral component of, countries' strategic development plans. It would be useful for the workshop to highlight the experience of different countries in the process of incorporating adaptation to climate change into national development strategies at all levels. Again, FSM welcomes the opportunity to present its experience in this process.

#### **Workshop Focus & Next Steps**

FSM urges SBSTA to focus on the two items on the agenda. Having other issues on the agenda will dilute the focus and may delay the progress of moving adaptation to the next steps. FSM expects that the outcomes from this workshop will enable SBSTA to report to COP 10 to move adaptation up to the next stage.

FSM is eager to participate fully in this workshop and to share our experiences, and learn from other Parties, and to assist in moving this agenda item forward during SBSTA 21.

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