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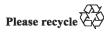
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1. Opening of the session

1. The thirty-seventh session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) will be opened by the Chair on Monday, 26 November 2012.

2. Organizational matters

(a) <u>Adoption of the agenda</u>

2. The provisional agenda, prepared by the Executive Secretary in agreement with the Chair, will be presented for adoption.

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(b) Organization of the work of the session

3. *Background*: The thirty-seventh session of the SBSTA will be held from 26 November to 1 December 2012. Delegates are invited to refer to the overview of the session and the in-session Daily Programme posted on the UNFCCC website for a detailed and up-to-date schedule of the work of the SBSTA.

4. Given that seven bodies will be convened during the sessional period, meeting time will be limited. The Chair proposes that the SBSTA start its work as soon as possible and, to this end, suggests that only delegations speaking on behalf of a group of Parties make brief opening remarks.¹

5. The session will be organized taking into account the recommendations of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) at its previous sessions.² To enable delegations to participate fully in other meetings, the SBSTA will be invited to conduct its deliberations as efficiently as possible, including by starting plenary meetings on time, optimizing the time used for plenary and for informal negotiations, and to finish its work within the time scheduled. Items that are not concluded at this session will be forwarded to the SBSTA for consideration at its thirty-eighth or thirty-ninth session.

6. In the light of the serious time constraints of the session, delegates are reminded that interventions should normally be limited to three minutes. A timing system will be available to assist delegates in this regard.

7. *Action*: The SBSTA will be invited to agree on the organization of the work of the session.

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3. Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change

8. *Background*: The SBSTA, at its twenty-eighth session, and in accordance with decision 2/CP.11, requested the secretariat to provide a report, for consideration at each of its sessions, on progress made in implementing activities under the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, including calls for action.³ The SBSTA, at its thirty-sixth session, welcomed the report on the progress made since its thirty-fifth session.⁴

9. The Conference of the Parties (COP), by decision 6/CP.17, requested the secretariat to organize, in collaboration with partner organizations of the Nairobi work programme and other relevant organizations, a technical workshop, before SBSTA 37, on water and climate

¹ Delegates who intend to make opening remarks on behalf of a group of Parties are kindly requested to inform the secretariat in advance by sending an e-mail to <secretariat@unfccc.int> and to provide a hard copy to the conference officers in advance, in order to facilitate the work of the interpreters.

² FCCC/SBI/2011/7, paragraph 167, and FCCC/SBI/2010/10, paragraphs 164 and 165.

³ FCCC/SBSTA/2008/6, paragraph 18.

⁴ FCCC/SBSTA/2012/2, paragraph 12.

change impacts and adaptation strategies. The workshop was held from 18 to 20 July in Mexico City, Mexico. It was informed by the information contained in annex I to the report of the SBSTA on its thirty-fourth session⁵ and subsequent views of Parties, and included indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation, and gender-sensitive tools and approaches as cross-cutting issues.

10. The COP, by decision 6/CP.17, requested the secretariat to prepare a compilation of case studies on national adaptation planning processes, including tools and approaches used for the prioritization and implementation of actions, building also on previous adaptation planning activities undertaken under the Nairobi work programme to date, by SBSTA 37.

11. The compilation of case studies on national adaptation planning practices draws on examples and good practices of national adaptation planning practices, including tools and approaches used for the prioritization and implementation of actions. The compilation builds on previous adaptation planning activities undertaken under the Nairobi work programme to date.

12. The COP, by decision 6/CP.17 requested the SBSTA to reconsider, at its thirtyeighth session, the work areas of the Nairobi work programme with a view to making recommendations to the COP at its nineteenth session on how best to support the objectives of the Nairobi work programme. This process would further inform the organization of potential future areas of work that could also support scientific and technical work under the Cancun Adaptation Framework, as appropriate.⁶

13. The COP, by decision 6/CP.17 also invited Parties and relevant organizations to submit to the secretariat their views on potential future areas of work of the Nairobi work programme.⁷ This miscellaneous document will be considered at SBSTA 38.

14. *Action*: The SBSTA will be invited to consider the information contained in the documents prepared for the session, and to determine any further action.

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/4	Report on the technical workshop on water and climate change impacts and adaptation strategies. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.5	Progress made in implementing activities under the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.6	Compilation of case studies on national adaptation planning practices. Note by the secretariat

4. Report of the Adaptation Committee

15. *Background*: The COP, by decision 1/CP.16, established the Cancun Adaptation Framework and, as one of its elements, the Adaptation Committee to promote the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention.⁸

16. The COP, by decision 2/CP.17, requested the Adaptation Committee to report annually to the COP, through the subsidiary bodies, on its activities, the performance of its

⁵ FCCC/SBSTA/2011/2.

⁶ Decision 6/CP.17, paragraph 1.

⁷ Decision 6/CP.17, paragraph 2.

⁸ Decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 20.

functions, guidance, recommendations and other relevant information arising from its work. By the same decision, the COP also requested the Adaptation Committee during its first year to develop a three-year plan for its work, for approval by the COP at its eighteenth session and to initiate some of the activities contained in annex V to that decision.⁹

17. By decision 5/CP.17, the COP requested the Adaptation Committee, in accordance with its agreed functions, to consider, in its work plan, the relevant modalities for supporting interested developing country Parties that are not LDCs to plan, prioritize and implement their national adaptation planning measures and to report to the COP at its eighteenth session.¹⁰

18. The first meeting of the Adaptation Committee was held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 7 to 10 September 2012.

19. *Action*: The SBSTA and the SBI will be invited to consider the report of the Adaptation Committee and to recommend its three-year work plan for approval by the COP at its eighteenth session.

FCCC/SB/2012/3 Report of the Adaptation Committee

5. Methodological guidance for activities relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries

20. *Background*: The SBSTA, at its thirty-sixth session, continued its work on issues identified in appendix II to decision 1/CP.16 and initiated its consideration on additional issues identified in decision 12/CP.17 relating to guidance on systems for providing information on how safeguards are addressed and respected and guidance for the technical assessment of the proposed forest reference emission levels and forest reference levels.

Work on issues identified in appendix II to decision 1/CP.16

21. The SBSTA, at its thirty-sixth session, continued its consideration of methodological guidance relating to modalities for a national forest monitoring system as referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 71(c), and for measuring, reporting and verifying as referred to in decision 1/CP.16, appendix II, paragraph (c), using the draft text contained in annex I to document FCCC/SBSTA/2011/5 as a basis, and taking into account the issues identified in appendix II to decision 1/CP.16 and the views submitted by Parties as contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.1 and Add.1.

22. The SBSTA agreed to continue its work on methodological guidance relating to the matters referred to in paragraph 21 above, on the basis of annex I to document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/2; which contains elements for a possible draft decision, with the aim of completing this work at its thirty-seventh session and preparing a draft decision for consideration by the COP at its eighteenth session.

23. The SBSTA also initiated consideration of issues relating to drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, taking into account decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 72 and appendix II, paragraph (a), and the views of Parties referred to in paragraph 21 above and of admitted observer organizations.¹¹ It agreed to continue its work on the issues identified in decision

⁹ Decision 2/CP.17, paragraphs 96–98.

¹⁰ Decision 5/CP.17, paragraph 30.

¹¹ Submissions from intergovernmental organizations are available at http://unfccc.int/3714 and those from non-governmental organizations are available at http://unfccc.int/3689.

1/CP.16, paragraph 72 and appendix II, in particular on how to address drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, including consideration of social and economic aspects in developing countries at the national level, at its thirty-seventh session.

Guidance on systems for providing information on how safeguards are addressed and respected

24. At the same session, the SBSTA noted the request by the COP in decision 12/CP.17, paragraphs 5 and 6, to consider the timing and frequency of the presentations of the summary of information on how all of the safeguards referred to in appendix I to decision 1/CP.16 are being addressed and respected, and to consider the need for further guidance to ensure transparency, consistency, comprehensiveness and effectiveness in the presentation of the summary of information. It agreed to continue consideration of this request at its thirty-seventh session with a view to concluding its consideration of this matter at its thirty-ninth session.

Guidance of the technical assessment of forest reference emission levels and/or forest reference levels

25. In addition, the SBSTA, in recalling decision 12/CP.17, paragraph 15, agreed to initiate work on developing guidance for the technical assessment of the proposed forest reference emission levels and/or forest reference levels, at its thirty-seventh session, with the aim of reporting to the COP at its eighteenth and nineteenth sessions on progress made, including any recommendations for a draft decision on this matter.

26. The SBSTA recognized that further work on methodological guidance may be needed pending the outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention.

27. *Action*: The SBSTA will be invited to:

(a) Complete its work on methodological guidance relating to modalities for a national forest monitoring system and for measuring, reporting and verifying as referred to in paragraphs 21–22 above, and prepare a draft decision on these matters for consideration and adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session;

(b) Continue its consideration of issues relating to drivers of deforestation and forest degradation as referred to in paragraph 23 above;

(c) Also continue its consideration of the timing and frequency of the presentations of the summary of information on how all of the safeguards referred to in appendix I to decision 1/CP.16 are being addressed and respected, and the need for further guidance to ensure transparency, consistency, comprehensiveness and effectiveness in the presentation of the summary of information as referred to in paragraph 24 above, with a view to concluding its consideration of these matters at its thirty-ninth session;

(d) Initiate work on developing guidance for the technical assessment of the proposed forest reference emission levels and/or forest reference levels as referred to in decision 12/CP.17 and paragraph 25 above, with the aim of reporting to the COP at its eighteenth session on progress made.

6. Development and transfer of technologies and report of the Technology Executive Committee

28. *Background*: The COP, by decision 1/CP.16, decided to establish a Technology Mechanism, comprising a Technology Executive Committee (TEC) and a Climate

Technology Centre and Network (CTCN),¹² and decided that the TEC and the CTCN shall report, on an interim basis, to the COP, through the subsidiary bodies, on their respective activities and the performance of their respective functions.¹³

29. By decision 4/CP.17, the COP adopted the modalities and rules of procedure of the TEC as contained in annexes I and II to that decision. It requested the TEC to further elaborate its modalities on linkages with other relevant institutional arrangements under and outside the Convention, and to provide such modalities for consideration by the subsidiary bodies at their thirty-sixth sessions, with a view to recommending the modalities for consideration and adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session.

30. At their thirty-sixth sessions, the SBSTA and the SBI invited the TEC to further elaborate and fine-tune its initial ideas on modalities on linkages with the institutional arrangements under and outside the Convention.¹⁴ The SBSTA and the SBI noted that the TEC will report on the results of its consultations with these relevant institutional arrangements on these modalities in its report on activities and performance for 2012, through the subsidiary bodies, for consideration by the COP at its eighteenth session.¹⁵

31. The SBSTA, at its thirty-sixth session, recalled the conclusions¹⁶ of its thirty-fifth session requesting the secretariat, in collaboration with interested organizations, to organize workshops, subject to the availability of resources, on technology needs assessments (TNAs) in 2012 and noted that the United Nations Environment Programme, in collaboration with the secretariat, plans to organize a workshop on TNAs in the second half of 2012. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to report on the outcomes of this workshop and to make the report available to the SBSTA for consideration at its thirty-seventh session. The experience-sharing workshop on technology needs assessments will be held from 10 to 13 September 2012 in Bangkok.

32. The SBSTA, at its thirty-fifth session, requested the secretariat to prepare an updated TNA synthesis report, including TNAs conducted by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention under the Poznan strategic programme on technology transfer, to be presented at its thirty-seventh session.¹⁷

33. *Action*: The SBSTA and the SBI will be invited to consider the report on activities and performance of the TEC for 2012 and to recommend a draft decision on any further action arising from the report for consideration and adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session, as appropriate. The SBSTA will also be invited to consider the report on the experience-sharing workshop on TNAs, to determine any further action arising from it, as appropriate.

FCCC/SB/2012/2	Report on activities and performance of the Technology Executive Committee for 2012
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.7	Report on the experience-sharing workshop on technology needs assessments. Note by the secretariat

¹² Decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 117.

¹³ Decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 126.

¹⁴ FCCC/SBSTA/2012/2, paragraph 33.

¹⁵ FCCC/SBSTA/2012/2, paragraph 34.

¹⁶ FCCC/SBSTA/2011/5, paragraph 31.

¹⁷ The secretariat was unable to prepare an updated TNA synthesis report in the light of the little number of new TNA reports available.

7. Research and systematic observation

34. *Background*: The SBSTA, at its thirty-third session, welcomed the coordinated response by the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS) to the relevant needs of the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) implementation plan and those of the Convention, and encouraged Parties that support space agencies involved in global observations to continue, through CEOS, cooperating with and providing support to the GCOS. The SBSTA invited the CEOS to provide, by SBSTA 37, an updated report on progress made on major achievements in relevant areas.¹⁸

35. Also at its thirty-third session, the SBSTA invited the secretariat of the Global Terrestrial Observing System (GTOS) to report to the SBSTA at its thirty-fifth session on the progress made on matters relating to the development of methodologies, standards and protocols for climate-related terrestrial observations, improvement of terrestrial networks and synergy with ongoing relevant initiatives.¹⁹ Following the provision of a summary on this matter to the SBSTA, at its thirty-fifth session,²⁰ the SBSTA agreed to consider such information, in conjunction with any updates received from the GTOS on this matter, at its thirty-sixth session.²¹ The report by the GTOS was not available at that session, and will be made available as soon as it is received.

36. At its thirty-fifth session, the SBSTA invited the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to provide, at SBSTA 37, information on the outcome of the Extraordinary Session of the WMO Congress in October 2012 with respect to the Global Framework for Climate Services.

37. At its thirty-sixth session, the SBSTA took note of the views of Parties and of the progress made in developing draft conclusions under this agenda item. It agreed to continue its consideration of this agenda item at its thirty-seventh session on the basis of the draft text contained in annex II to the report of that session.²²

38. *Action*: The SBSTA will be invited to continue its consideration of this agenda item on the basis of the draft text contained in annex II to the report of the SBSTA on its thirtysixth session. It will also be invited to take note of the documents prepared for the session and information received, and to determine further actions arising therefrom, as appropriate.

¹⁸ FCCC/SBSTA/2010/13, paragraphs 52 and 53.

¹⁹ FCCC/SBSTA/2010/13, paragraphs 47–50.

²⁰ At SBSTA 35, the GTOS secretariat provided a summary of progress (FCCC/SBSTA/2011/MISC.14), indicating that the report invited by the SBSTA at its thirty-third session would be submitted at SBSTA 36.

²¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2011/5, paragraph 44.

²² FCCC/SBSTA/2012/2, paragraphs 38 and 39, and annex II.

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.14	Update on progress made by space agencies involved in global observations in their coordinated response to relevant needs of the Global Climate Observing System and the Convention. Submission from the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.15	Report on progress in the development of methodologies, standards and protocols for climate-related terrestrial observations and related matters. Submission from the secretariat of the Global Terrestrial Observing System

8. Forum and work programme on the impact of the implementation of response measures

39. *Background*: The COP, by decision 8/CP.17, adopted a work programme on the impact of the implementation of response measures under the subsidiary bodies. By the same decision, the COP established a forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures, to be convened by the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies, to implement the work programme and to provide a platform allowing Parties to share, in an interactive manner, information, experiences, case studies, best practices and views. The forum will initially meet twice a year in conjunction with the sessions of the subsidiary bodies.

40. The first meeting of the forum took place in conjunction with the thirty-sixth sessions of the subsidiary bodies. The SBSTA and the SBI welcomed the discussions at the forum, and agreed to implement the work programme on the impact of the implementation of response measures under the guidance of the Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI.²³

41. As part of the implementation of the work programme presented in annex III to the SBSTA report,²⁴ Parties and relevant organizations are invited to provide their views, which will be compiled into a miscellaneous document, on the following areas of the work programme in accordance with decision 8/CP.17, paragraph 1:

(a) Area (a): sharing of information and expertise, including reporting and promoting understanding of positive and negative impacts of response measures;

(b) Area (f): relevant aspects relating to the implementation of decisions 1/CP.10, 1/CP.13 and 1/CP.16 and Article 2, paragraph 3, and Article 3, paragraph 14, of the Kyoto Protocol;

(c) Area (h): building collective and individual learning towards a transition to a low greenhouse gas (GHG) emitting society.

42. The Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI will convene the forum at the session. Discussions at the forum on areas (a) and (h) outlined above will be held in a workshop-like format with presentations from Parties and relevant organizations, followed by an interactive exchange of views. The forum will also discuss area (f) outlined above. The Chairs will report on the forum outcomes to the subsidiary bodies at their closing meetings.

43. *Action*: The SBSTA and the SBI will be invited to take note of the document prepared for the session and to agree on any further steps, as appropriate.

FCCC/SB/2012/MISC.2 Views from Parties and relevant organizations on the following areas of the work programme in accordance with decision 8/CP.17, paragraph 1: area (a), sharing of

²³ FCCC/SBSTA/2012/2, paragraphs 43–46.

²⁴ FCCC/SBSTA/2012/2, annex III.

information and expertise, including reporting and promoting understanding of positive and negative impacts of response measures; area (f), relevant aspects relating to the implementation of decisions 1/CP.10, 1/CP.13 and 1/CP.16 and Article 2, paragraph 3, and Article 3, paragraph 14, of the Kyoto Protocol; area (h), building collective and individual learning towards a transition to a low greenhouse gas emitting society. Submissions from Parties and relevant organizations

9. Matters relating to Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol

44. *Background*: The SBSTA, at its thirty-sixth session, agreed to consider this item jointly with the SBSTA and SBI agenda items, "Forum and work programme on the impact of the implementation of response measures", in a joint SBI/SBSTA forum.²⁵ The SBSTA agreed to continue, at its thirty-seventh session,²⁶ consultations on how to take up this item.

45. Action: The SBSTA and the SBI will be invited to agree on how to take up this item.

10. Issues relating to agriculture

46. *Background*: The COP, by decision 2/CP.17, requested the SBSTA to consider issues related to agriculture at its thirty-sixth session, with the aim of exchanging views and the COP considering and adopting a decision on this matter at its eighteenth session.

47. By the same decision, the COP invited Parties and admitted observer organizations²⁷ to submit to the secretariat, by 5 March 2012, their views on issues related to agriculture. The submissions from Parties are contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.6 and Add.1–3.

48. The SBSTA, at its thirty-sixth session, initiated, in accordance with decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 75, an exchange of views on issues relating to agriculture and agreed to continue consideration of this agenda item at its thirty-seventh session.

49. *Action*: The SBSTA will be invited to continue its consideration of issues relating to agriculture with a view to recommending a decision for consideration and adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session.

11. Methodological issues under the Convention

(a) <u>Work programme on a common tabular format for the "UNFCCC biennial reporting</u> <u>guidelines for developed country Parties"</u>

50. *Background*: The COP, by decision 2/CP.17, adopted the guidelines on the preparation of biennial reports by developed country Parties (the "UNFCCC biennial reporting guidelines for developed country Parties").²⁸ It decided to establish a work programme under the SBSTA on the development of a common tabular format for the

²⁵ FCCC/SBSTA/2012/2, paragraph 48.

²⁶ FCCC/SBSTA/2012/2, paragraph 50.

²⁷ Submissions from intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations are available on the UNFCCC website at <<u>http://unfccc.int/3714.php></u> and <<u>http://unfccc.int/3689.php></u>, respectively.

²⁸ The guidelines are contained in annex I to decision 2/CP.17.

electronic reporting of information (common tabular format) in accordance with those reporting guidelines, with a view to recommending the format for consideration and adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session.

51. The SBSTA, at its thirty-sixth session, initiated its consideration of the work programme on a common tabular format in accordance with those reporting guidelines with a view to the COP, at its eighteenth session, adopting the format.

52. The SBSTA also acknowledged that, in accordance with decision 2/CP.17, developed country Parties shall use the above-mentioned reporting guidelines for the preparation of the first biennial reports, taking into account their national circumstances, and shall submit their first biennial reports to the secretariat by 1 January 2014.

53. The SBSTA agreed that a common tabular format will include tables for the information specified in paragraphs 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 22 and 23 of the reporting guidelines. It may also include tables displaying the information specified in paragraphs, inter alia, 13, 19 and 24 of those reporting guidelines.

54. The SBSTA also agreed that the work programme on a common tabular format mandated by decision 2/CP.17 should include the submission of views from Parties, which would be compiled into a miscellaneous document, the preparation of a synthesis report of these submissions, and the organization of a workshop and the preparation of a workshop report. The SBSTA agreed to continue, at its thirty-seventh session, its consideration of a common tabular format, taking into account the views submitted by Parties.

55. The workshop on a common tabular format will take place on 11 and 12 October 2012 in Bonn. Germany.

56. *Action*: The SBSTA will be invited to consider the information contained in the documents prepared for the session, to determine any further action and to forward a draft decision for consideration and adoption by COP 19.

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.4	Synthesis report on the submissions from Parties on the views on the common tabular format. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.13	Report on the workshop on a common tabular format for the "UNFCCC biennial reporting guidelines for developed country Parties". Note by the secretariat
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.11	Views from Parties, based on the reporting guidelines, on the common tabular format. Submissions from Parties

(b) <u>Work programme on the revision of the guidelines for the review of biennial reports and national communications, including national inventory reviews, for developed country Parties</u>

57. *Background*: The COP, by decision 1/CP.16, decided on a work programme, building on existing reporting and review guidelines, processes and experiences, covering, inter alia, the revision of guidelines for the review of national communications, including biennial reports, annual GHG inventories and national inventory systems. The COP, by decision 2/CP.17, decided to establish a work programme under the SBSTA, with a view to concluding the revision of these guidelines, no later than COP 19.

58. The SBSTA, at its thirty-sixth session, initiated its consideration of the work programme on the revision of the review guidelines, given that the first biennial reports and the sixth national communications from developed country Parties are due on 1 January 2014 and that the first round of international assessment and review should commence two

months after the submission of the first round of biennial reports, and that Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) are requested to submit their annual GHG inventories using the revised "Guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, Part I: UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual inventories"²⁹ in their 2015 annual submissions.

59. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare a technical paper summarizing the current review processes under the Convention and the secretariat's experience with coordinating reviews for consideration by the SBSTA at its thirty-seventh session.

60. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit their views on elements of the work programme and on the timeline of proposed activities, as well as on the key elements of the revision of the review guidelines and requested the secretariat to prepare a synthesis paper of Parties' submissions as an input to the discussion by the SBSTA at its thirty-seventh session.

61. The SBSTA agreed to further consider, at its thirty-seventh session, the work programme on the revision of the review guidelines, including the organization of technical workshops.

62. *Action*: The SBSTA will be invited to consider the information contained in the documents prepared for the session and to determine any further action, as appropriate.

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.11	Synthesis report on the submissions from Parties on the work programme and on the revision of the review guidelines for the review of biennial reports from developed country Parties and national communications, including national greenhouse gas inventories, from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention. Note by the secretariat
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(c) <u>General guidelines for domestic measurement, reporting and verification of domestically</u> supported nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties

63. *Background*: The COP, by decision 2/CP.17, requested the SBSTA to develop general guidelines for domestic measurement, reporting and verification of domestically supported nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties.

64. The SBSTA, at its thirty-sixth session, in accordance with decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 37, initiated its consideration of the development of general guidelines for

²⁹ FCCC/SBSTA/2006/9.

domestic measurement, reporting and verification of domestically supported nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties.

65. The SBSTA agreed to continue the interactive exchange of views on these general guidelines with a view to agreeing on the next steps at its thirty-seventh session.

66. *Action*: The SBSTA will be invited to continue consideration of this matter and agree on the next steps, as appropriate.

(d) Emissions from fuel used for international aviation and maritime transport

67. *Background*: The SBSTA, at its thirty-sixth session, invited the secretariats of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to continue to report, at its future sessions, on relevant work in relation to addressing emissions from fuel used for international aviation and maritime transport.³⁰

68. *Action*: The SBSTA will be invited to take note of the information contained in the reports provided by the secretariats of ICAO and IMO.

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.20 Information relevant to emissions from fuel used for international aviation and maritime transport. Submissions from international organizations

(e) <u>Annual report on the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included</u> <u>in Annex I to the Convention</u>

69. *Background*: The COP, by decision 12/CP.9, requested the secretariat to prepare an annual report on inventory review activities, including any recommendations resulting from the lead reviewers meetings, for consideration by the SBSTA. The SBSTA, at its twenty-fourth session, requested the secretariat to continue to prepare annual reports on inventory review activities, for consideration by the SBSTA, and to include in these reports information on the progress made in updating the roster of experts. The latest report, prepared for the SBSTA at its thirty-seventh session, provides information on the review activities in 2012, recommendations from the lead reviewers meeting, details of training activities for inventory review experts under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol and updated information on the roster of experts. The report also underlines recent issues relating to the availability of experts for conducting inventory review activities.

70. *Action:* The SBSTA will be invited to take note of the document prepared for the session.

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.10 Annual report on the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention. Note by the secretariat

12. Methodological issues under the Kyoto Protocol

(a) <u>Carbon dioxide capture and storage in geological formations as clean development</u> <u>mechanism project activities</u>

71. *Background*: The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), by decision 10/CMP.7, adopted the modalities and procedures for carbon dioxide capture and storage (CCS) in geological formations as clean development mechanism (CDM) project activities.

³⁰ FCCC/SBSTA/2012/2, paragraph 85.

72. By the same decision, the CMP agreed to consider the following, at its eighth session:

(a) The eligibility of CCS project activities that involve the transport of carbon dioxide (CO_2) from one country to another or that involve geological storage sites that are located in more than one country;

(b) The establishment of a global reserve of certified emission reduction units for CCS project activities, in addition to the reserve referred to in decision 10/CMP.7, annex, paragraph 21(b).

73. The CMP requested the SBSTA to consider, at its thirty-sixth session, provisions for the type of project activities referred to in paragraph 72(a) and (b) above.

74. The SBSTA, at its thirty-sixth session, invited Parties, intergovernmental organizations and admitted observer organizations to submit their views to the secretariat and requested the secretariat to compile the submissions into a miscellaneous document. The SBSTA also requested the secretariat to prepare a technical paper for its consideration at its thirty-seventh session.

75. *Action*: The SBSTA will be invited to consider the information contained in the documents prepared for the session and to continue consideration of this item, with a view to forwarding a draft decision on these matters to the CMP for consideration and adoption at its eighth session.

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.12	Views on issues referred to in decision 10/CMP.7, paragraph 4. Submissions from Parties, intergovernmental organizations and admitted observer organizations
FCCC/TP/2012/9	Transboundary carbon capture and storage project activities. Technical paper

(b) <u>Land use, land-use change and forestry under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Kyoto</u> <u>Protocol and under the clean development mechanism</u>

76. *Background*: The CMP, by decision 2/CMP.7, requested the SBSTA to initiate four work programmes as follows:

(a) To explore more comprehensive accounting of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks from land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF), including through a more inclusive activity-based approach or a land-based approach, and to report to the CMP, at its ninth session, on the outcomes of this work programme;

(b) To consider and, as appropriate, develop and recommend modalities and procedures for possible additional LULUCF activities under the CDM, with a view to forwarding a draft decision on this matter to the CMP for consideration and adoption at its ninth session;

(c) To consider and, as appropriate, develop and recommend modalities and procedures for alternative approaches to addressing the risk of non-permanence under the CDM, with a view to forwarding a draft decision on this matter to the CMP for consideration and adoption at its ninth session;

(d) To develop and recommend modalities and procedures for applying the concept of additionality, with a view to forwarding a draft decision on this matter to the CMP for consideration and adoption at its ninth session.

77. The SBSTA, at its thirty-sixth session, initiated its consideration of the issues related to the work programmes as listed in paragraph 76 above, with the aim of reporting to the CMP, at its eighth session, on the progress made.

78. The SBSTA invited Parties and admitted observer organizations to submit to the secretariat their views on the issues contained in paragraph 76(a-c) above for compilation by the secretariat into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the SBSTA at its thirty-seventh session.

79. *Action*: The SBSTA will be invited to continue consideration of the issues related to the four work programmes, with a view to reporting to the CMP, at its eight session, on the progress made and to the CMP, at its ninth session, on the outcomes of these work programmes and, as appropriate, forwarding a draft decision for consideration and adoption by the CMP at its eight session.

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.16	Views on issues related to modalities and procedures for alternative approaches to addressing the risk of non-permanence under the clean development mechanism in accordance with decision 2/CMP.7, paragraph 7. Submissions from Parties and admitted observer organizations
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.18	Views on issues related to modalities and procedures for possible additional land use, land-use change and forestry activities under the clean development mechanism in accordance with decision 2/CMP.7, paragraph 6. Submissions from Parties and admitted observer organizations
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.19	Views on issues relating to a more comprehensive accounting of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks from land use, land-use change and forestry, including through a more inclusive activity- based approach or a land-based approach, as referred to in decision 2/CMP.7, paragraph 5. Submissions from Parties and admitted observer organizations

(c) <u>Implications of the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on the previous decisions on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol</u>

80. *Background*: The CMP, by decision 1/CMP.7, requested the SBSTA to assess and address the implications of the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on the previous decisions on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol adopted by the CMP, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol, with a view to preparing relevant draft decisions for consideration and adoption by the CMP at its eighth session, noting that some issues may need to be addressed at subsequent sessions of the CMP.

81. Responding to the request from the CMP,³¹ the SBSTA initiated corresponding work and acknowledged the importance of the technical work under this agenda sub-item for the implementation of the second commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol. It noted that the initial assessment indicated that there is a considerable amount of work to be done on

³¹ Decision 1/CMP.7, paragraph 9.

several decisions on methodological issues under the Kyoto Protocol, which should be addressed.

82. To facilitate further progress on this agenda sub-item in 2012, the SBSTA:

(a) Requested the secretariat to prepare a technical paper for consideration by Parties at SBSTA 37^{32}

(b) Invited Parties to submit to the secretariat their views on the implications of the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on the previous CMP decisions on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol, and on how these implications should be addressed, and requested the secretariat to make these submissions available on the UNFCCC website and to compile them into a miscellaneous document;

(c) Further requested the secretariat to organize a technical workshop, which will take place from 8 to 10 October 2012 in Bonn, and to prepare a report on the workshop before the thirty-seventh session of the SBSTA.

83. *Action*: The SBSTA will be invited to consider the information contained in the documents prepared for the session and to continue consideration of this item, taking into account the technical paper, the submissions from Parties and the report from the technical workshop, with a view to preparing relevant draft decisions for consideration and adoption by the CMP at its eighth session, as appropriate.

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.12	Report on the workshop on the implications of the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on the previous decisions on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.13	Views from Parties on the implications of the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on the previous decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol, and on how these implications should be addressed. Submissions from Parties
FCCC/TP/2012/6	Implications of the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on the previous decisions on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol. Technical paper

 (d) <u>Implications of the establishment of new hydrochlorofluorocarbon-22 (HCFC-22) facilities</u> seeking to obtain certified emission reductions for the destruction of hydrofluorocarbon-23 (HFC-23)

84. *Background*: The SBSTA, at its thirty-fourth session, took note of the technical paper prepared by the secretariat,³³ its previous conclusions under this agenda sub-item and the views expressed by Parties during the session, and agreed to continue its consideration

³² FCCC/TP/2012/6.

³³ FCCC/TP/2011/2.

of the matter at its thirty-fifth session.³⁴ At its thirty-fifth session, the SBSTA agreed to continue consideration of this sub-item at its thirty-seventh session.³⁵

85. *Action*: The SBSTA will be invited to continue consideration of this item and to determine the next steps, as appropriate.

(e) <u>Annual report on the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories and other information</u> reported by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto <u>Protocol under Article 7, paragraph 1, of the Kyoto Protocol</u>

86. *Background*: In accordance with the annex to decision 22/CMP.1, the secretariat shall prepare an annual report to the SBSTA on the composition of the expert review teams, including the selection of experts for the review teams and the lead reviewers.³⁶ The lead reviewers collectively shall prepare an annual report to the SBSTA with suggestions on how to improve the review process and shall give advice on the standardized data comparisons of inventory information to be conducted by the secretariat based on the electronic common reporting format submissions to be used in the review process.³⁷ The report provides information on the review activities in 2012 under the Kyoto Protocol, including information on the selection of experts for the review teams, and recommendations from the lead reviewers on how to improve the review process. The report also underlines recent issues relating to the availability of experts for conducting review activities.

87. *Action*: The SBSTA will be invited to take note of the document prepared for the session.

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.8	Annual report on the technical review of greenhouse gas
	inventories and other information reported by Parties
	included in Annex I to the Convention that are also
	Parties to the Kyoto Protocol under Article 7, paragraph
	1, of the Kyoto Protocol. Note by the secretariat

(f) <u>Report on the implementation of domestic action by Parties included in Annex I to the</u> <u>Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol based on the information reported in</u> <u>their national communications</u>

88. *Background*: The CMP, by decision 15/CMP.1 requested the secretariat to prepare a report relating to decision 5/CP.6, annex, paragraph 4, based on information contained in national communications from Parties and other relevant sources, for consideration by the SBSTA. This report shall be prepared each time that the review process under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol relating to national communications and supplementary information from Annex I Parties is completed.

89. As of 30 April 2012, the secretariat had coordinated all 39 in-depth reviews of the fifth national communications received from the Annex I Parties that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, in accordance with the guidelines for review under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol.³⁸

90. *Action*: The SBSTA will be invited to consider the document prepared for the session, as appropriate and to take note of the information contained therein.

³⁴ FCCC/SBSTA/2011/2, paragraphs 88 and 89.

³⁵ FCCC/SBSTA/2011/5, paragraphs 75 and 76.

³⁶ Decision 22/CMP.1, annex, paragraph 35.

³⁷ Decision 22/CMP.1, annex, paragraph 40.

³⁸ The national communications by Turkey and Kazakhstan have not been received yet. Malta became an Annex I Party to the Convention on 26 October 2010.

Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol based on the information reported in their national communications. Note by the secretariat
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13. Other matters

91. *Background*: The COP, by decision 14/CP.8, decided to change the frequency of the preparation and consideration of the synthesis report on activities implemented jointly (AIJ) under the pilot phase from annual to biennial. By the same decision, it requested the secretariat to make available to the SBSTA and the SBI, at their sessions taking place in conjunction with the COP, updates of information submitted.

92. The COP, by decision 8/CP.16, decided to continue the pilot phase for AIJ. It further decided that the deadline for submission of reports on AIJ under the pilot phase, to be considered in the eighth synthesis report, should be 1 June 2012.

93. As no new information on projects on AIJ under the pilot phase was received from Parties, the secretariat has not prepared the eighth synthesis report as requested by the COP.

94. *Action*: The SBSTA will be invited to take note of the oral update provided by a representative of the secretariat and to agree on appropriate action.

95. Any other matters arising during the session will be taken up under this item.

14. Report on the session

96. *Background*: A draft report on the work of the session will be prepared for adoption by the SBSTA at the end of the session.

97. *Action*: The SBSTA will be invited to adopt the draft report and authorize the Rapporteur to complete the report after the session, under the guidance of the Chair and with the assistance of the secretariat.

Annex

Documents before the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its thirty-seventh session

Documents prepared for the session

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/3	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/4	Report on the technical workshop on water and climate change impacts and adaptation strategies. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.4	Synthesis report on the submissions from Parties on the views on the common tabular format. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.5	Progress made in implementing activities under the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.6	Compilation of case studies on national adaptation planning practices. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.7	Report on the experience-sharing workshop on technology needs assessments. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.8	Annual report on the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories and other information reported by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol under Article 7, paragraph 1, of the Kyoto Protocol. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.9	Report on the implementation of domestic action by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol based on the information reported in their national communications. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.10	Annual report on the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.11	Synthesis report on the submissions from Parties on the work programme and on the revision of the review guidelines for the review of biennial reports from developed country Parties and national communications, including national greenhouse gas inventories, from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.12	Report on the workshop on the implications of the

	implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on the previous decisions on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.13	Report on the workshop on a common tabular format for the "UNFCCC biennial reporting guidelines for developed country Parties". Note by the secretariat
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.11	Views from Parties, based on the reporting guidelines, on the common tabular format. Submissions from Parties
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.12	Views on issues referred to in decision 10/CMP.7, paragraph 4. Submissions from Parties, intergovernmental organizations and admitted observer organizations
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.13	Views from Parties on the implications of the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on the previous decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol, and on how these implications should be addressed. Submissions from Parties
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.14	Update on progress made by space agencies involved in global observations in their coordinated response to relevant needs of the Global Climate Observing System and the Convention. Submission from the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.15	Report on progress in the development of methodologies, standards and protocols for climate- related terrestrial observations and related matters. Submission from the secretariat of the Global Terrestrial Observing System
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.16	Views on issues related to modalities and procedures for alternative approaches to addressing the risk of non-permanence under the clean development mechanism in accordance with decision 2/CMP.7, paragraph 7. Submissions from Parties and admitted observer organizations
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.17	Views from Parties on the elements of the work programme and on the timeline of proposed activities, as well as on the key elements of the revision of the review guidelines for the review of biennial reports from developed country Parties and national communications, including national greenhouse gas inventories, from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention. Submissions from Parties

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.18	Views on issues related to modalities and procedures for possible additional land use, land-use change and forestry activities under the clean development mechanism in accordance with decision 2/CMP.7, paragraph 6. Submissions from Parties and admitted observer organizations
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.19	Views on issues relating to a more comprehensive accounting of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks from land use, land-use change and forestry, including through a more inclusive activity-based approach or a land-based approach, as referred to in decision 2/CMP.7, paragraph 5. Submissions from Parties and admitted observer organizations
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.20	Information relevant to emissions from fuel used for international aviation and maritime transport. Submissions from international organizations
FCCC/SB/2012/2	Report on activities and performance of the Technology Executive Committee for 2012
FCCC/SB/2012/3	Report of the Adaptation Committee
FCCC/SB/2012/MISC.2	Views from Parties and relevant organizations on the following areas of the work programme in accordance with decision 8/CP.17, paragraph 1: area (a), sharing of information and expertise, including reporting and promoting understanding of positive and negative impacts of response measures; area (f), relevant aspects relating to the implementation of decisions 1/CP.10, 1/CP.13 and 1/CP.16 and Article 2, paragraph 3, and Article 3, paragraph 14, of the Kyoto Protocol; area (h), building collective and individual learning towards a transition to a low greenhouse gas emitting society. Submissions from Parties and relevant organizations
FCCC/TP/2012/6	Implications of the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on the previous decisions on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol. Technical paper
FCCC/TP/2012/8	Current review processes under the Convention and the secretariat's experience with coordinating reviews of national communications and greenhouse gas inventories. Technical paper
FCCC/TP/2012/9	Transboundary carbon capture and storage project activities. Technical paper

Other documents before the session

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/2	Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice on its thirty-sixth session, held in Bonn from 14 to 25 May 2012
FCCC/SBI/2012/15 and Add.1 and 2	Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on its thirty-sixth session, held in Bonn from 14 to 25 May 2012
FCCC/CP/2011/9 and Add.1 and 2	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its seventeenth session, held in Durban from 28 November to 11 December 2011
FCCC/KP/CMP/2011/10 and Add.1 and 2	Report of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol on its seventh session, held in Durban from 28 November to 11 December 2011
FCCC/CP/1996/2	Organizational matters: Adoption of the rules of procedure. Note by the secretariat