

Expert Meeting on Adaptation for Small Island Developing States

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Objectives of the expert meeting

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Objectives of the workshop (I)

Fulfilling the mandate stated in paragraph 8 of decision 1/CP.10 - namely

- to facilitate information exchange and integrated assessments to assist Parties in identifying specific adaptation needs and concerns
- to organize an expert meeting for SIDS, in which issues of priority will be identified by the group.



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Objectives of the workshop (II)

In accordance with paragraph 5 of decision 1/CP.10 the priority issues could be related to:

- Adaptation projects
- Technical training for integrated climate change impact and vulnerability assessment
- Promoting the transfer of technologies for adaptation on an urgent basis
- Building capacity, including institutional capacity, for preventive measures, planning, preparedness and management of disasters
- How the activities mandated by the decision are being supported

Possible outcomes

- Identifying concrete adaptation actions and ways to promote them - especially no-regret activities
- Highlighting those issues that have not been given enough attention e.g. insurance
- Identifying ways to mainstream adaptation
- Facilitating the development of further guidance to the GEF
- Fostering complementarity with the NWP
- Reinforcing the outcomes of the previous regional workshops



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Consideration of the meeting outcomes

- The SBI will initiate negotiations on this matter at its 26th session
- Outcomes will feed into the UNFCCC negotiations at COP 13 on what future action and support are necessary to advance adaptation in developing countries



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Facilitating the workshop proceedings

Documents in the folders

- A background paper
- Copies of the following relevant documents:
 - Decision 1/CP.10 containing the mandate;
 - A report on the Latin American regional workshop on adaptation;
 - A report on the African regional workshop on adaptation.



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Organization of the workshop proceedings

- Presentations and exchange of views on
 - Integrated vulnerability and adaptation assessments
 - Adaptation planning and implementation
 - Community-based adaptation approaches
 - Support for adaptation in the context of sustainable development
 - Linkages with the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation
 - Risk management and risk reduction, including insurance
 - Regional collaboration
- Discussions in breakout groups on
 - Outcomes and way forward



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