

UNFCCC joint workshop on
Matters relating to Article 2, paragraph 3, and Article 3, paragraph 14, of the Kyoto Protocol
19–20 September 2011, Langer Eugen, room 1916, Bonn, Germany

Information note

Mandate

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), at their thirty-third sessions, requested the secretariat to organize a joint workshop to address matters relating to Article 2, paragraph 3, and Article 3, paragraph 14, of the Kyoto Protocol, subject to the availability of resources, and with a view to maximizing participation, before their thirty-fifth sessions.¹
2. The SBI and the SBSTA, at their thirty-fourth sessions, considered the synthesis of information and views on issues that will be addressed at that workshop.² The SBSTA and the SBI identified issues that will be addressed at their joint workshop, including inter alia³
 - (a) Sharing information to enhance understanding of adverse effects, including the adverse effects of climate change, effects on international trade, and social, environmental and economic impacts;
 - (b) Minimizing the adverse effects through a process to implement Article 2, paragraph 3, and Article 3, paragraph 14, of the Kyoto Protocol:
 - (i) Further implementation of decision 31/CMP.1;
 - (ii) Research and assessment;
 - (iii) Enhancing support to developing country Parties, particularly those identified in Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention;
 - (iv) Enhancing reporting and verification.

General objectives and approach to the workshop

3. The objectives of the workshop are:
 - (a) To deepen the understanding among Parties by sharing information on matters relating to Article 2, paragraph 3, and Article 3, paragraph 14, of the Kyoto Protocol;
 - (b) To address the issues identified in paragraph 2 above, and to share related information on activities, experiences and possible cooperation in this context.
4. The workshop will build on the synthesis report of information and views mentioned in paragraph 2 above, and previous work done in relation to these matters.
5. The workshop will open with presentations by Parties, followed by presentations by organizations. It is expected that substantive discussions, in dialogue with experts and relevant organizations, will use these presentations as the point of departure. All Parties are invited to contribute to an interactive exchange during the workshop. Participants, in particular those making presentations or specific interventions, are invited to consider the suggested questions contained in paragraph 12 below.

¹ FCCC/SBI/2010/27, paragraph 124, FCCC/SBSTA/2010/13, paragraph 105.

² FCCC/SB/2011/1.

³ FCCC/SBI/2011/7, paragraph 122, FCCC/SBSTA/2011/2, paragraph 67.

Organization of work and expected outcome

6. The draft agenda for the workshop is presented in the annex. The agenda has been structured around relevant issues which have been raised during deliberations, in submissions and in conclusions.
7. The report on the workshop will be made available for the thirty-fifth sessions of the subsidiary bodies and will be considered in a joint contact group on Article 2, paragraph 3, and Article 3, paragraph 14, of the Kyoto Protocol.
8. Parties who may be considering making presentations during the workshop are invited to make either brief and focused presentations (no more than 10 minutes) or short interventions (no more than three minutes). Parties intending to make presentations are invited to inform the secretariat (secretariat@unfccc.int) by 15 September 2011 so that appropriate arrangements can be made.
9. Presentations will be posted under <www.unfccc.int/6151.php> as soon as they become available.

Date and venue

10. The workshop will be held from 19 to 20 September 2011 at the Langer Eugen, room 1916, in Bonn, Germany.

Suggested questions for discussion

11. The following questions, based on input from Parties, may guide participants in their reflections on related issues:
 - (a) How could information best be shared to enhance understanding of adverse effects, including the adverse effects of climate change, effects on international trade, and social, environmental and economic impacts?
 - (i) Which policies and measures have been taken by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention towards reducing negative effects on international trade in developing countries?
 - (ii) Which trade-related matters are dealt with by the World Trade Organization and under the Convention, with a view to avoiding technical barriers to trade?
 - (b) How could the adverse effects best be minimized through a process to implement Article 2, paragraph 3, and Article 3, paragraph 14, of the Kyoto Protocol?
 - (i) How could the further implementation of decision 31/CMP.1 be addressed in this context?
 - (ii) How could research and assessment be addressed in this context?
 - (iii) How could support to developing country Parties, particularly those identified in Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention, be addressed in this context?
 - (iv) How could reporting and verification be addressed in this context?
 - (v) How could any related issues be integrated into reporting guidelines?
 - (vi) Which efforts have already been undertaken in a general context? Which information has already been communicated under the Convention (e.g. in the fifth national communications)?

- (vii) Have any finance-, insurance- and technology-related activities in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 14, been implemented?
- (viii) Are any papers available on the costs associated with response measures that developing countries have to deal with, when meeting standards imposed by developed countries on some products?
- (ix) Are there any multilateral institutions which could share their experiences in preparing the above-mentioned papers?
- (x) How could countries whose economies depend heavily on the exploitation, production and exportation of fossil fuels deal with the impact of the implementation of response measures?

Annex

Draft agenda of the UNFCCC joint workshop on matters relating to Article 2, paragraph 3, and Article 3, paragraph 14, of the Kyoto Protocol

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Day 1: Monday, 19 September

8.30–9.30 Registration

9.30–9.45 Welcome and opening by the Chair

9.45–10.00 Introduction and background by the secretariat

10.00–10.30 General comments and discussion

10.30–10.50 Coffee break

10.50–12.30 Session 1: Information sharing (see suggested questions for discussion)

- Views and proposals; presentations by Parties and observer organizations;
- General comments and discussion

12:30–14:00 Lunch break

14.00– 16.00 Session 2: Minimizing the adverse effects (see suggested questions for discussion)

- Views and proposals; presentations by Parties and observer organizations;
- General comments and discussion

16.00–16.20 Coffee break

16.20–17.00 Summary of Day 1 by the Chair

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Day 2: Tuesday, 20 September

9.30–9.45 Welcome and key lessons learned during Day I by the Chair

9.45–10.00 Background by the secretariat

10.00–10.30 General comments and discussion

10.30–10.50 Coffee break

10.50–12.30 Session 3: Information sharing and minimizing adverse effects from a technical perspective

- Views and proposals; presentations by experts and observer organizations (see suggested questions for discussion):
 - Reporting & verification – Ms. Sangchan Limjirakan, Chair of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE);
 - Research & assessment – Mr. Aaron Cosbey, Consultant;
 - Modelling – Mr. Phil Summerton, Cambridge Econometrics;
 - International trade – Ms. Vesile Kulaçoğlu, World Trade Organization⁴;
- Q&A

12:30–14:00 Lunch break

14.00–15.30 Session 3 (continued)

15.30–16.00 Summary of lessons learned during session 3 by the Chair

16.00– 16.20 Coffee break

16.20–17.30 Session 4: Concluding session

⁴ Due to time constraints of the presenter, this presentation will take place on 19 September.