

UNFCCC technical workshop under the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change

Increasing economic resilience to climate change and reducing reliance on vulnerable economic sectors, including through economic diversification

Cairo, Egypt, 28–30 April 2009

Agenda

Chair: Ms. Helen Plume, Chair of the SBSTA

Day 1: Tuesday, 28 April	
08:30–10:00	Registration
10:00–10:40	Welcome and opening statements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. El-Sayed Sabry Mansour Nasr, Head, Climate Change Unit, Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency• Mr. Youssef Nassef, Manager, Adaptation Subprogramme, UNFCCC Secretariat• Ms. Helen Plume, Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice• H.E. Minister Maged George, Minister of State for Environmental Affairs
10:40–11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
	Session 1: Scope of the workshop and introduction of the topic
11:00–12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The objective of the Nairobi work programme and background of the workshop, Ms. Xianfu Lu, UNFCCC Secretariat• Introduction of the agenda and objectives of the workshop, Ms. Helen Plume, Chair• Linkages of adaptation and economic resilience, Mr. Mizan Khan, Professor and Chair, Department of environmental science and management, North South University, Bangladesh• Social dimensions of economic diversification in the context of climate change, Ms. Elizabeth Fajber, Senior associate, Institute for Social and Environmental Transition <p>Q & A and discussion</p>
12:30–13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
	Session 2: Understanding existing approaches, measures and tools
13:30–13:45	Perspective of the host government, Mr. El-Sayed Sabry Mansour Nasr, Head, Climate Change Unit, Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency
13:45–15:15	A. Sectoral perspective – agriculture and food security <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Louis Bockel, Agriculture policy officer, TCAS Policy assistance division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations• Mr. Aaron Oxley, Chief technology officer, MicroEnsure• Ms. Marjorie Victor, Senior policy advisor, Private sector team, Oxfam America <p>Q & A and discussion</p>

15:15–16:45	<p>B. Case study – the Caribbean experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Garfield Barnwell, Director, Sustainable development, CARICOM secretariat • Ms. Gisela Alonso Dominguez, President, Environmental Agency, Cuba • Ms. Jasmine Gopaul, Environmental economist, Ministry of Planning, Housing and the Environment, Trinidad and Tobago
16:45–17:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
17:00–18:00	C. Q & A from Session 2-B and plenary discussion on underlying enabling factors
Day 2: Wednesday, 29 April	
Session 3: Ways and means to facilitate the development and dissemination of approaches, measures and tools	
09:30–09:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of sessions on the breakout group discussions, Chair
09:45–13:00 <i>(Including coffee break)</i>	A: Breakout groups on the identification of gaps, needs and challenges
13:00–14:20	<i>Lunch</i>
14:20–15:00	Brief reporting back from the breakout groups, and orientation for the discussion in the afternoon, rapporteurs
15:00–18:00 <i>(Including coffee break)</i>	B: Breakout groups on options for further action
Day 3: Thursday, 30 April	
Session 4: Possible next steps and conclusions	
09:30–11:30	<p>A. Recommendations from breakout groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting back from breakout groups by rapporteurs <p>Discussions on the outcomes of group discussions and possible next steps to further increase economic resilience to climate change</p>
11:30–11:50	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:50–13:00	<p>B. Working together: Catalysing action by Nairobi work programme partner organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Pledges and future plans for collaboration
13:00–14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00–15:00	C. Wrap-up panel discussion on way forward, including possible roles of the Nairobi work programme
15:00–15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair’s summary, Ms. Helen Plume • Closing