



Submission by Hungary and the European Commission on behalf of the European Union and its Member States

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**Subject: Nairobi Work Programme on impacts, vulnerability, and adaptation to climate change
Submission on further views and relevant information on progress made and gaps as well as views on new activities that may be needed to achieve the objective and expected outcomes of the Nairobi Work Programme**

Introduction and General Comments

1. The SBSTA invited Parties and relevant organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 28 March 2011 views and information on the topic as specified above. The EU welcomes the opportunity to share its views on such important subject. This submission supplements the submission of the EU included in document FCCC/SBSTA/2010/MISC.8.
2. The EU noted the richness of recommendations as included in reports related to workshops scheduled during the 2nd phase of the Nairobi Work Programme (NWP) and addressing and reflecting progress made and gaps in the context of very relevant topics such as the role of regional centres and networks, climate modelling, scenarios and downscaling, costs and benefits as well as economic diversification.
3. The EU also notes that those recommendations address mainly organisations, Parties and improvements of the NWP itself. The EU feels that recommendations targeted to the SBI and the AWG-LCA have been adequately addressed by decisions and conclusions made in Cancun and at previous sessions.
4. Moreover, the EU sees added value in continuation of the consideration of calls for action, which summarize gaps and needs identified in workshops and expert meetings organized under the NWP and would like to ask the UNFCCC secretariat to ensure improved interaction of Parties before its final publication.

Views on new activities

5. The EU acknowledges that the review of the NWP is still on-going and is yet to be completed. This review should be the basis for discussions on what further areas of work will be undertaken in the next phase of the programme. In this context the EU looks favourably to a continuation of the programme that builds on the lessons learned and experiences to date, that will include the definition of areas to focus on as well as modalities for improving the delivery of the outputs from the programme to the relevant stakeholders.
6. However, as action on adaptation continues, there is a need to continue the exchanges in particular on areas where there is a need to build the knowledge and understanding among Parties and stakeholders. Thus without prejudging the result of the review, the EU could see merits in continuing some activities in the short term that fit into the current nine areas of work . These might include:
 - Sharing of information related to the consideration of the ecosystem services in adaptation approaches as well as the synergies between adaptation to climate change and sustainable land management, which might be of mutual benefit for Rio Conventions (UNCBD, UNCCD),
 - Exchange of information with the WMO on the development of the Global Framework for Climate Services (after its establishment) in order to inform the efforts on adaptation undertaken by all Parties,
 - Further consideration of experiences in adaptation planning and practices in and across sectors (e.g. water, food security, health, coastal zones).
7. The EU looks forward to considering these ideas as well as working with other Parties to secure a continuation of the programme.