

**UNFCCC technical workshop under the Nairobi work programme on impacts,
vulnerability and adaptation on 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

Information note

1. Objective of the workshop

In accordance with the mandate from SBSTA28,¹ this workshop is intended to facilitate:

Understanding and the development and dissemination of measures, methodologies and tools for increasing economic resilience, including the understanding of social aspects.

2. Expected outcomes

- Sharing good practices of, and ideas, knowledge and information on, measures, methodologies and tools for increasing economic resilience to climate change among Parties, relevant organizations, communities and business;
- Identifying needs, gaps, constraints and opportunities for increasing economic resilience within sectors and for reducing reliance on the vulnerable sectors, with a view to further develop and disseminate practical measures and tools;
- Identifying recommendations for responding to the needs and key challenges in order to further enhance economic resilience to climate change and reduce reliance on vulnerable sectors, including replication of successful practices.

3. Proceedings

The workshop will consist of plenary and breakout discussions. The discussion at the workshop should be informed by, and take into account, ongoing and previous work under the Convention, in particular under the Nairobi work programme, mainly covered by the following documents:

- a. Relevant submissions by Parties and relevant organizations ([FCCC/SBSTA/2009/MISC.6](#), [FCCC/SBSTA/2007/MISC.15](#), [Add.1](#), [FCCC/SBSTA/2007/MISC.16](#), and http://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/sbsta_agenda_item_adaptation/application/pdf/nairobi_wip_itucsubmissioncodiversification.pdf);
- b. Summary of the results of the implementation of the first phase of the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change for the period up to the twenty-eighth session of the SBSTA, in particular paragraphs 69–71 ([FCCC/SBSTA/2008/12](#));
- c. Annex of the SBSTA 29 conclusions on the Nairobi work programme ([FCCC/SBSTA/2008/L.22](#));
- d. Synthesis of information on economic diversification submitted by Parties and relevant organizations ([FCCC/SBSTA/2007/14](#)).

The workshop will be held over three days. The on-site registration will take place between 8.30 and 10.00, Tuesday, 28 April. The workshop will conclude at 15.30, Thursday, 30 April.

¹ [FCCC/SBSTA/2008/6](#), paragraph 73

The first day will focus on the first part of the objective of the workshop, 'understanding' the current practices of, and available measures and tools for increasing economic resilience to climate change. This will be done through a series of presentations and the plenary discussion.

The second day will focus on the latter part of the objective of the workshop, 'development and dissemination' of measures and tools. This will be done through two sessions (A and B) of breakout group discussions. Discussions in the breakout group sessions A & B aim to:

1. Enhance documentation of knowledge and good practices, and dissemination of measures and tools for increasing economic resilience to climate change;
2. Improve development of measures and tools for increasing economic resilience at community, national and regional levels.

Session A (morning session), taking into account the good practices and available measures, tools and approaches, and the analysis on enabling factors discussed in the first day, will focus on identifying needs, gaps, constraints and challenges in increasing economic resilience to climate change within sectors and reducing reliance on vulnerable economic sectors (e.g. tourism, fisheries and agriculture).

Session B (afternoon session) will focus on identifying opportunities for replication of successful examples and opportunities to overcome key challenges identified in session A.

Participants will be split into smaller groups. Each group discussion will be facilitated by a facilitator and supported by a rapporteur who will report back the outcomes of the breakout sessions to plenary on the final day of the workshop. Specific questions to be addressed during the breakout group discussions will be provided prior to the sessions.

The third day will start with reporting back from breakout sessions and discuss recommendations for next steps that can be taken by the partner organizations to assist Parties in further enhancing economic resilience in the context of adaptation to climate change. There will be a session in which the Nairobi work programme partner organizations will be invited to make Action Pledges under the Nairobi work programme and/or introduce plans for action and collaboration in response to gaps, needs and recommendations identified during the workshop, and to provide updates on the status of implementation on existing Action Pledges.
