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Agenda item 3

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) noted the following documents prepared for the session:

(a) A report on the technical workshop on collaboration among regional centres and networks;¹

(b) A report on the technical workshop on costs and benefits of adaptation options;²

(c) A report on progress made in implementing activities under the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change;³

(d) A summary report of the results of the second phase of the implementation of the Nairobi work programme for the period up to the thirty-second session of the SBSTA;⁴

(e) A report on the informal meeting of representatives from Parties and organizations and experts to consider the outcomes of the activities completed prior to the meeting;⁵

(f) A compilation of views and information on the effectiveness of the Nairobi work programme in fulfilling its objective, expected outcome, scope of work and modalities.⁶

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2010/8.

² FCCC/SBSTA/2010/9.

³ FCCC/SBSTA/2010/INF.7.

⁴ FCCC/SBSTA/2010/10.

⁵ FCCC/SBSTA/2010/12.

⁶ FCCC/SBSTA/2010/MISC.8 and Add.1.

2. The SBSTA welcomed the engagement of, and the contributions provided by, a wide range of organizations⁷ in the implementation of the Nairobi work programme. It requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA, to continue its efforts to further engage relevant organizations, particularly those from developing countries, including the least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS), and from vulnerable communities and groups, with a view to supporting the objective of the Nairobi work programme.

3. In line with decision 2/CP.11, paragraph 6 (e), the SBSTA commenced the review of the Nairobi work programme. It agreed to continue the review of the Nairobi work programme and to complete it by its thirty-fourth session.

4. The SBSTA agreed to continue activities under the Nairobi work programme while the review is under way.

5. The SBSTA requested Parties and relevant organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 28 March 2011, supplementary to inputs received for its thirty-third session, 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, in order to inform the review. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to compile these submissions into a miscellaneous document by SBSTA 34.

6. Without prejudging the outcome of the review, the SBSTA noted that progress has been made towards meeting the objective of the Nairobi work programme and achieving its expected outcomes, including by facilitating, inter alia, the exchange of information on adaptation, collaboration between Parties and with partner organizations, and the development and dissemination of knowledge products.

7. The SBSTA noted that additional effort is needed to assist all Parties, in particular developing countries, including the LDCs and SIDS, to improve their understanding and assessment of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation and make informed decisions on the implementation of practical adaptation actions and measures, and to assist Parties to enhance the capacity of relevant decision makers and stakeholders, at different levels, including representatives of women, local communities and indigenous peoples, to better utilize the information and tools provided by the Nairobi work programme.

8. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to continue the dissemination of the information products produced under the Nairobi work programme.

9. The SBSTA agreed to consider, at its thirty-fourth session, and upon completion of the review, the outcomes of activities undertaken during the second phase of the Nairobi work programme, in order to provide relevant information and advice for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its thirty-fourth session.

⁷ There were 202 Nairobi work programme partner organizations as at 1 December 2010.