

NAIROBI WORK PROGRAMME ON IMPACTS, VULNERABILITY AND ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

*Progress report by the secretariat under the guidance of the Chair of the
SBSTA*

Thank you, Madam Chair

In response to the mandate given at SBSTA 25, the following work has been undertaken since January 2008.

With regard to the implementation of specific activities:

3 expert meetings, 1 informal meeting and 1 in-session workshop will have been held by the end of SBSTA 28. In addition, Parties responded to one request for submissions and the secretariat prepared one on-line resource tool.

Under the area of work on Methods and tools, the SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize an expert meeting to consider ways to promote the development and dissemination of methods and tools for impact and vulnerability assessments as well as for adaptation planning, measures and actions. The SBSTA also requested the secretariat to include consideration of matters related to data and observations in this expert meeting.

In response, the secretariat, in collaboration with the World Meteorological Organization and the Ministry of Environment of Mexico, organized the expert meeting on Methods and tools and Data and observations in Mexico City from 4 to 7 March. The report on this meeting is contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2008/3.

Under the area of work on Socio-economic information, the SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize an expert meeting on ways and means to improve the integration of socio-economic information into impact and vulnerability assessments, including as they relate to adaptation planning.

In response, the secretariat in collaboration with the Ministry of Planning, Housing and the Environment of Trinidad and Tobago, organized the expert meeting on Socio-economic information in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago from 10 to 12 March. The report on this meeting is contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2008/2.

Under the area of work on Technologies for adaptation, the Conference of the Parties, at its thirteenth session, requested the secretariat to organize, as an input to the Nairobi work programme, a meeting on technologies for adaptation. The secretariat, in collaboration with the Ministry of Natural Resources and the

Environment of Thailand, organized, in consultation with the Chair of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer, the joint expert meeting on technologies for adaptation to climate change and technology transfer on 5 April in Bangkok, Thailand. The report on this meeting is contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2008/4. More information will be provided later under the agenda item on development and transfer of technologies.

The SBSTA also requested the secretariat to organize an informal meeting of representatives from Parties to consider the outcomes of the activities completed prior to this meeting. The SBSTA further requested the secretariat to strive to engage experts and representatives of relevant organizations in this meeting. In response, the secretariat, in collaboration with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Thailand, organized the informal meeting of Parties on the outcomes of the activities completed under the Nairobi work programme in Bangkok, Thailand from 7 to 9 April. The report on this meeting is contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2008/5. It provides an appraisal of the implementation of the work programme so far as well as issues for consideration for the second phase of the work programme.

Under the area of work on climate modelling, scenarios and downscaling, the SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize an in-session workshop to promote the development of, access to, and use of information and data on projected climate change. The workshop will take place this Saturday from 10 to 1pm in Salon Schumman.

Furthermore, the SBSTA invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 21 March 2008, their views on further activities, based on the experience with the implementation of the Nairobi work programme. The secretariat received 10 submissions, which have been compiled in documents FCCC/SBSTA/2008/MISC.3, and Addenda 1 and 2.

Under the area of work on Adaptation planning and practices, the SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare a web-based interface providing information on existing adaptation practices and local coping strategies for adaptation, building upon the secretariat's database on local coping strategies. In response, the secretariat produced an Adaptation Practices interface, which is available through the UNFCCC website.

With regard to the dissemination of the mandated activities

The SBSTA agreed that the deliverables resulting from the implementation of the Nairobi work programme should be widely disseminated, as appropriate, to relevant stakeholders through effective means, including by the secretariat.

In addition to the brochures prepared last year, the secretariat has developed and disseminated widely an electronic newsletter with the aim of furthering the reach of mandated activities and ensuring a wider promotion of the outcomes of those activities.

In addition, the expert meetings on methods and tools and data and observations and on socio-economic information were covered by the reporting service of the International Institute for Sustainable Development to ensure that summary reports from the meetings were promptly disseminated to the wider climate change community.

With regard to the involvement of relevant organizations

The SBSTA requested the secretariat to strive to engage a wide range of organizations, institutions, experts and communities in the implementation of the Nairobi work programme.

In response, the secretariat has been engaging a wide range of organizations in the different activities, and encouraging them to undertake their own activities towards the Nairobi work programme objectives.

Since January 2008, an additional eleven organizations have appointed a focal point and expressed their interest in participating in the Nairobi Work Programme bringing the total to up to 109. Furthermore, 15 organizations have pledged specific activities to be carried out under the work programme with the aim of assisting Parties in their adaptation endeavours.

In addition, the secretariat continued to develop Calls for Action, taking into account feedback from Parties, with a view to engaging organizations and other stakeholders in furthering the implementation of the Nairobi work programme.

Thank you, Madam Chair

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