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Parties made good progress last year - in this respect, I would like to recognize the outstanding contribution of the outgoing SBI Chair, Mr. Robert Owen-Jones - and the SBI, this year, will have to drive the work on a number of recurrent as well as new issues, in particular:

- Parties advanced the implementation of the Cancun Adaptation Framework by agreeing on activities to be undertaken under the [work programme on loss and damage](#), on the modalities, procedures and composition of the [Adaptation Committee](#), as well as on modalities and guidelines for the [national adaptation plans](#).
 - A number of experts meetings will be held this year to discuss the various thematic areas identified under the work programme on loss and damage. The reports on these meetings will be considered by the SBI at its 36th and 37th session. The SBI will make related recommendations to the COP for its consideration at COP 18;
 - The SBI, at its 37th session, will have a significant role in reviewing the work of the Adaptation Committee and in making related recommendations to the COP;
 - The SBI will consider guidance on policies and programmes to enable support for the national adaptation plans process for LDCs.
- Parties also significantly advanced work on matters relating to the Technology Mechanism. The SBI will now be tasked to, in particular:
 - Consider, at its 36th session, the constitution of the advisory board, with a view to making a recommendation for adoption by COP 18;
 - Recommend, its 37th session, the host of the CTC for consideration and adoption by COP18;
 - Consider, together with the SBSTA, the reports of the TEC and its rolling workplan for adoption by COP 18.
- The SBI, together with the SBSTA, will further provide guidance to the COP on the forum on response measures, which will consolidate all progressive discussions related to response measures under the Convention. During its 36th session, the SBI will also organize the first meeting of the Durban Forum on capacity-building, which becomes the first institutional arrangement for the engagement of all actors in the delivery of capacity building for mitigation and adaptation actions.
- Traditional SBI mitigation issues (i.e. national communications) that had been dependant on progress of negotiations on related matters under the AWGs should also see good positive outcomes this year, now that these AWG matters have been resolved in Durban.
- On nationally appropriate mitigation actions, the prototype registry to record actions seeking international support will be presented at the next session of the SBI for consideration by Parties. The SBI will also consider the composition, modalities and procedures of the team of technical experts under international consultation and analysis, to make recommendations to COP 18.

- Consideration of some of the new items at this session may help further streamline the agenda at subsequent sessions, in particular with regards to mitigation issues (In particular on the issue of frequency of reports, and the discussions on response measures matters).
- One considerable challenge for the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies, and for the Parties, will be to manage a large number of issues included in both agendas. It will be necessary to identify commonalities and look for synergies between the two agendas as well as try to streamline the discussion so different points which cover similar topics could be considered jointly.
