

REMARKS BY THE CHAIR OF THE SBSTA RICHARD MUYUNGI

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SBSTA made good progress in Durban, with significant outcomes in all its major areas of work, including the Nairobi work programme, REDD plus, Technology Transfer, Response Measures, UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual inventories for Annex I Parties and CCS.

The significant achievements of the Durban Conference have resulted in several new mandated activities for all bodies, including the SBSTA, in the coming years. 2012 will therefore be another demanding and challenging year for all of us.

SBSTA 36 will on one hand need to further its ongoing work on items such as REDD plus, the Nairobi work programme and CCS, and on the other hand consider the approaches for several new mandated tasks from Durban, including the important work on agriculture, several methodological issues relating to reporting and review of GHG inventories, guidelines for domestic MRV and LULUCF.

The SBSTA and the SBI will need to undertake some joint activities, such as the Forum and work programme on the impact of the implementation of response measures and technology development and transfer. Both issues also made significant progress in Durban and it is essential to ensure the momentum of the work on these two important activities of the subsidiary bodies.

I met with various SBSTA support teams from the secretariat yesterday to discuss and plan our work for the forthcoming sessions in May. We further pinpointed the challenges and issues that require collaboration and consultation with the Chair of the SBI in order to ensure a coherent approach on cross-cutting and joint issues. I am also looking forward to a close collaboration with the Chairs of the ad-hoc working groups in order to avoid any overlaps and to ensure a smooth transition of activities being referred from one body to another.

Without going into further details, I would like to ensure you, Madame President, and our colleagues from the incoming Presidency team from Qatar that the SBSTA will continue to work at full speed to ensure the delivery of all mandated activities to support the effective implementation of the Cancun Agreements and the Durban Agreed Outcomes and for a successful outcome of our COP 18 in Doha.

I am looking forward to an exciting year ahead and working with all of you.
