

Joint SBI/SBSTA forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures to be held at the thirty-fourth sessions of the subsidiary bodies

Information note by the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies

Mandate

1. By its decision 1/CP.16, the Conference of the Parties (COP) decided that Parties should cooperate fully to enhance understanding of the economic and social consequences of response measures, taking into account the need for information from those affected, and evidence of actual impacts, and of both positive and negative effects. The COP further decided to consider how existing channels, such as national communications, including the possible submission of supplementary information, as considered by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), could be improved and built upon.
2. The COP also decided to provide a forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures, and to that end requested the Chairs of the SBI and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) to convene such a forum at the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions of these bodies, with the objective of developing a work programme under the subsidiary bodies to address this impact, with a view to adopting, at the seventeenth session of the COP, modalities for the operationalization of the work programme and a possible forum on response measures.
3. The COP invited Parties and relevant intergovernmental organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 28 March 2011, their views on the issues referred to in paragraph 2 above for consideration by the SBI and the SBSTA at their thirty-fourth sessions. These submissions are contained in document FCCC/SB/2011/MISC.2. Submissions from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) can be found at http://unfccc.int/parties_observers/ngo/submissions/items/3689.php.

General objectives and approach to the Joint SBI/SBSTA forum

4. The objectives of the Joint SBI/SBSTA forum are to:
 - (a) Deepen the understanding among Parties of issues related to the economic and social consequences of response measures;
 - (b) Explore the ways and means of operationalizing the work programme on response measures, including a possible forum; and
 - (c) Further clarify any other issues to facilitate the establishment of a fully operational and effective work programme, to be adopted by the COP, at its seventeenth session.
5. The forum will open with presentations by Parties and international organizations, and it is expected that substantive discussions, in dialogue with experts and relevant organizations, will use these presentations as the point of departure. A moderated interactive panel session will follow in the afternoon. When considering elements of the work programme, Parties may wish to focus on those elements that may require further clarification and elaboration.
6. All Parties are invited to contribute to an interactive exchange during the forum. Participants, in particular those making presentations or specific interventions, are invited to consider the suggested questions contained in paragraphs 12–13 below.

Organization of work and expected outcome

7. The draft agenda for the Joint SBI/SBSTA forum is presented in the annex. The agenda has been structured around relevant issues which have been raised during deliberations, in decision 1/CP.16 and in subsequent submissions.

8. Following the Joint SBI/SBSTA forum, the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies will provide a summary note outlining key issues that may need to be addressed to enable the COP to take a decision at its seventeenth session on the work programme and a possible forum, as well as suggested next steps.

9. Parties who may be considering making presentations during the Joint SBI/SBSTA forum are invited to make either brief and focused presentations (no more than 10 minutes) or short interventions (no more than three minutes). Parties intending to make presentations are invited to inform the secretariat (secretariat@unfccc.int) by 3 June so that the presentations on related topics may be grouped together.

10. Presentations will be posted under <www.unfccc.int/4908.php> as soon as they will become available but not later than 10 June 2011.

Date and venue

11. The thirty-fourth sessions of the SBSTA and the SBI will be held from 6 to 16 June 2011 at the Maritim Hotel in Bonn. The Joint SBI/SBSTA forum will be held on Monday, 13 June 2011, from 10.00 to 18.00.

Suggested questions for discussion

12. With respect to the content of and modalities for the work programme to address the impact of the implementation of response measures:

- (a) What should the objective and scope of the work programme be?
- (b) How should the work programme be structured? What activities and milestones should it generate?
- (c) How should the work programme be managed (i.e. including how stakeholder engagement should be addressed)?
- (d) When should the work programme be reviewed? When should possible further activities be discussed?
- (e) What links to the existing processes (e.g. national communications, a possible forum) should be established and examined?

13. With respect to the content of and modalities for a possible forum on response measures:

- (a) What could the role, form, scope and functions of a possible forum be? How should it relate to the work programme?
- (b) How should a possible forum be organized, including its duration and participation?
- (c) What relationship should exist with the COP and/or the subsidiary bodies, including reporting?
- (d) How should a possible forum build on existing channels or institutions, and link to relevant existing expert groups?

Annex

***Draft agenda of the Joint SBI/SBSTA forum
to be held at the thirty-fourth sessions of the subsidiary bodies***

Monday, 13 June 2011, Maritim Hotel, Bonn, 10.00–18.00

10.00–10.15 Welcoming remarks and introduction by the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies

10.15–12.15 Session 1: Possible elements of a work programme¹

- Views and proposals; presentations by Parties;
- General comments and discussion;
- Oral summary of findings;

12.15–13.00 Session 2: Elements of a possible forum²

- Views and proposals; presentations by Parties;
- General comments and discussion;
- Oral summary of findings;

13:00–15:00 Lunch break

15.00– 16.15 Session 2: Elements of a possible forum (continued)

16.15–17.30 Session 3: Presentations³ by technical experts

- Response measures and the IPCC;
- Modelling, analytical and methodological tools;
- Economic diversification;
- Just transition of the workforce and economies;
- Interactive Q&A panel.

17.30–18.00 Summary and final remarks by the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies

¹ See suggested questions for discussion.

² See suggested questions for discussion.

³ Other possible discussion topics mentioned in recent submissions include: disaster management; environmental and energy efficiency relating to fossil fuels; food security; human rights; insurance and financial risk management; systematic observations; technology development and transfer; and trade.