

Submission by Grenada on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States

Further views on forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures at the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions of the subsidiary bodies, with the objective of developing a work programme under the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to address these impacts, with a view to adopting, at the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties, modalities for the operationalisation of the work programme and a possible forum on response measures

Grenada welcomes the opportunity to present the views of the 43 members of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), in response to the invitation to Parties to submit to the Secretariat, by 19 September 2011, further views on this matter in the Information note by the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies at the thirty-fourth session of these bodies.

12. With respect to the content of and modalities for the work programme to address the impact of the implementation of response measures:
 - a) The objective and scope of the work programme would be to help better the understanding of both positive and negative impacts of response measures and to provide a more structured, coherent and efficient way in which to discuss both the positive and negative impacts of the implementation of response measures.
 - b) The work programme should encompass the following:
 - Assessment of the specific impacts of already implemented and planned response measures on the economies of SIDS and LDCs, taking fully into account their unique circumstances and constraints;
 - Assessment of social, environmental and economic impact of “cleaner” fossil fuel technologies such as carbon capture and storage, especially when implemented in developing countries;
 - Exploration of the potential positive impacts of response measures (Para 92 of the Cancun Agreements), in order to maximise them in the context of sustainable development and economic diversification, taking into account the growing literature on green growth;
 - Enhancing capacity and support at national and regional level for developing countries, in particular SIDS and LDCs, to better assess, model and monitor actual and potential social, environmental and economic impact of response measures.

- c) With respect to modalities, the work programme would invite inputs from Parties, relevant international organisations, CSOs, including private sector and NGOs in work programme activities
 - d) The schedule for review of the work programme should be decided by all Parties.
 - e) The information provided in national communications on both the positive and negative impacts of response measures could provide valuable input to the work programme. In addition to further inputs from parties, relevant international organisations, CSOs, including private sector and NGOs
13. With respect to the content of and modalities for a possible forum on response measures:
- a) The role of a possible forum on response measures would be to:
 - Provide the central and unique space for discussing impacts of the implementation of response measures in this process
 - Provide the space for all Parties to share information and lessons learned about the impacts of the implementation of response measures;
 - Facilitate technical collaboration among Parties and experts on tools, including modelling and methodologies to evaluate the potential and actual positive and negative impact of the implementation of response measures;
 - Implement the work programme discussed above.
 - b) A possible forum could meet twice per year in conjunction with the SBs. It could report to the COP on activities and progress of its work, including on availability to developing countries of means for assessment and monitoring of impacts of response measures. Any possible forum would be open to all Parties; relevant international organisations, CSOs, including the private sector and NGOs would be allowed to participate in accordance with UNFCCC guidelines and practices.
 - c) Any possible forum could make recommendations to the COP on further work needed to continue assessing the impacts of current and enhanced response measures in the context of deeper emission reduction targets.
 - d) Any possible forum should encourage relevant international organisations (e.g. IMO and ICAO) to continue to undertake relevant studies and to provide timely updates of their progress at appropriate junctures, including the reports and findings from such studies.