

# DRAFT TEXT

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## SBSTA 44 agenda item 6 (b)

### Matters relating to science and review Advice on how the assessments of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change can inform the global stocktake Version of 21 May 2016 at 11:45 hrs

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#### Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. [The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), in response to the mandate from the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its twenty-first session,<sup>1</sup> launched its consideration of advice on how the assessments of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) can inform the global stocktake of the implementation of the Paris Agreement pursuant to its Article 14.

2. The SBSTA welcomed the in-session SBSTA–IPCC special event on advice on how the assessments of the IPCC can inform the global stocktake. It acknowledged the rich exchange of information that took place and looks forward to the SBSTA Chair’s summary report on the event. [The SBSTA [also welcomed][noted] the information note<sup>2</sup> prepared by the SBSTA Chair on that special event.]

2bis [The SBSTA requested its Chair to continue discussions with the IPCC Bureau inter-sessionally, with a view to producing a technical paper on how the assessments of the IPCC can inform the global stocktake.]

3. The SBSTA welcomed with appreciation that the IPCC, in response to an invitation from the COP,<sup>3</sup> will produce a special report in 2018 on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas (GHG) emission pathways[, to be prepared in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty]. It also welcomed the decision of the IPCC to produce two other special reports: one on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security and GHG fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems; and the other on climate change and oceans and the cryosphere;<sup>4</sup> as well as the decision of the IPCC on the update of methodologies on national GHG inventories.<sup>5</sup> [Placeholder for text to be proposed by Brazil]

4. [The SBSTA acknowledged the importance of the outputs of [the sixth] IPCC assessment cycle[s] for the global stocktake, which will contribute to the scientific integrity of the global stocktake. It noted the importance of the effective communication of the results of the work of the IPCC to the UNFCCC[ and of coordination between the work of the IPCC and the UNFCCC], bearing in mind that the scope of the IPCC reports is decided by the IPCC. It welcomed the decision of the IPCC to take the outcomes of COP 21 into

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 100.

<sup>2</sup> “Information on the SBSTA and the IPCC special event on IPCC assessments and the global stocktake”. Available at <[http://unfccc.int/files/science/workstreams/application/pdf/sbsta\\_chair\\_information\\_note\\_sbsta\\_ipcc\\_special\\_event.pdf](http://unfccc.int/files/science/workstreams/application/pdf/sbsta_chair_information_note_sbsta_ipcc_special_event.pdf)>.

<sup>3</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 21.

<sup>4</sup> Decision IPCC/XLIII-5. Available at <[http://ipcc.ch/meetings/session43/p43\\_decisions.pdf](http://ipcc.ch/meetings/session43/p43_decisions.pdf)>.

<sup>5</sup> Decision IPCC/XLIII-8. Available at <[http://ipcc.ch/meetings/session43/p43\\_decisions.pdf](http://ipcc.ch/meetings/session43/p43_decisions.pdf)>.

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account when determining the IPCC programme of work and products for the sixth IPCC assessment cycle.<sup>6]</sup>

[4bis The SBSTA recalled decision 10/CP.21, which encouraged the scientific community to address information and research gaps identified during the structured expert dialogue (SED), including scenarios that limit warming to below 1.5 °C relative to pre-industrial levels by 2100 and the range of impacts at the regional and local scales associated with those scenarios.]

5. The SBSTA noted that, in relation to[ the modalities of] how the IPCC assessments can inform the global stocktake, lessons can be learned from past experience, including from the 2013–2015 review and the SED. It invited [Parties that participated in the SED [and the former co-facilitators of the SED] to share such lessons with Parties at SBSTA 45 (November 2016)][the SBSTA Chair to include information on the lessons learned from the SED, taking into account the views of the former co-facilitators of the SED, in an annex to the summary report referred to in paragraph 2 above]. [Placeholder for text to be proposed by Brazil]

6. The SBSTA invited Parties and observer organizations, taking relevant experience into account, including the 2013–2015 review, to submit, by [25 July][29 August] 2016, their views on [what advice could be provided on][the modalities of] how the assessments of the IPCC can inform the global stocktake, bearing in mind the time frame of the sixth IPCC assessment cycle.<sup>7</sup>

7. [It requested the secretariat to compile [the submissions referred to in paragraph 6 above into a miscellaneous document for consideration at SBSTA 45][and synthesize the views referred to in paragraph 6 above in a document to be made available prior to SBSTA 45].]

8. [The SBSTA discussed the possible need for a [technical paper][document] on modalities for considering IPCC input to the global stocktake and agreed to consider this further at SBSTA 45.] (proposal could be replaced by 2bis)

9. The SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration of this matter at SBSTA 45, bearing in mind the relevant work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement on the global stocktake.

10. [Placeholder for possible financial implications.]]

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<sup>6</sup> Decision IPCC/XLIII-5. Available at <[http://ipcc.ch/meetings/session43/p43\\_decisions.pdf](http://ipcc.ch/meetings/session43/p43_decisions.pdf)>.

<sup>7</sup> Parties should submit their views via the submissions portal at <<http://www.unfccc.int/5900>>. Observer organizations should e-mail their submissions to <[secretariat@unfccc.int](mailto:secretariat@unfccc.int)>.