

Oral Statement by the secretariat

Agenda item 4(b)

Reporting from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention Financial and Technical Support

1. Parties would recall that at its forty-second session, the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) noted the requests from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) for further technical support aimed at improving their domestic capacity to facilitate continuity in meeting reporting requirements through, among others, training on the use of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, and the building of sustainable national GHG inventory management systems.
2. In response to that request from SBI 42, the secretariat planned three regional training workshops for 2017. However, the financial resources currently available can support the costs of two workshops only.
3. The first of the five-day regional workshops was organized by the secretariat and the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, in collaboration with, the Technical Support Unit of the IPCC Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, in Swakopmund, Namibia from 24 to 28 April 2017 for the Africa region. A total of 47 national experts from 42 Parties in the region participated in the training workshop. The secretariat extended its appreciation to the Government of Namibia for hosting the workshop. Participants provided feedback that the workshop met their expectations and helped enhance their technical capacity to further strengthen their institutional arrangements, and also prepare and submit their national GHG inventories.
4. The second workshop, for the Latin America and Caribbean region, is planned for June 2017.