

## **CHAIR'S SUMMARY OF IN-SESSION WORKSHOP ON ADAPTATION**

The in-session workshop on adaptation was held on Saturday 21 May. The purpose of the workshop was to facilitate the development of the structured five-year SBSTA programme of work on adaptation requested by decision 1/CP.10.

I invited the co-chairs of the contact group on adaptation at SBSTA 21, Mr. Philip Gwage from Uganda and Mr. David Warrilow from the United Kingdom to assist me and facilitate the discussion. Mr. Ian Burton, Professor Emeritus from the University of Toronto, provided a useful introductory presentation.

Fourteen Parties made presentations at the workshop. Their presentations are available on the UNFCCC website. The entire workshop was web casted and this web cast can still be viewed on the web. Seventeen Parties took part in the discussion which followed the presentations.

I noted strong interest in completing the development of the programme of work this year and to present it to COP 11 for adoption.

I will not attempt to provide a summary here of the presentations or the discussion. I will rather identify possible elements of this programme of work, which emerged from the in-session workshop and are consistent with the request by COP 10 and with the terms of reference of the SBSTA as referred to in Article 9 of the Convention.

### **Possible elements of the programme of work**

#### **1. Objective**

- To provide the scientific and technical basis for assessing vulnerability and facilitating the development of effective adaptation strategies in the context of regional, national and local sustainable development objectives
- To contribute to decision-making by Parties on the issues relating to impacts, vulnerability and adaptation, including the provision of scientific and technical information for SBI's consideration of needs for capacity building and financial assistance
- To promote international cooperation on the scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of adaptation and increase coherence among the contributions of international organisations to this effort

#### **2. Scope**

- The programme of work will focus on the scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change in the context of the terms of reference of the SBSTA

### 3. Structure

The following approach for structuring the programme of work was discussed at the workshop:

- Focus on key priority sectors
- For each sector address issues identified in decision 1/CP.10, namely:
  - A. Methodologies, data and modelling
  - B. Vulnerability assessments
  - C. Adaptation planning, measures and actions
  - D. Integration into sustainable development
- For each of these issues, taken in a sectoral context, clearly defined deliverables would be identified, the actors specified and modalities selected. Initial deliverables would be identified before the adoption of the programme of work, while additional deliverables would be identified during the five-year period
- The identification of deliverables would be based on: stock-taking; identification of the problems, needs, opportunities and options for solutions and identification of actors and delivery mechanisms
- Some examples of deliverables were presented during the workshop. These suggestions could be considered as potential initial deliverables

### 4. Modalities

- Synthesis of information, including from previous in-session workshops; assessments by the IPCC and the evolving state of scientific knowledge, and information from Parties, relevant international and other organizations
- Workshops, expert meetings, ad hoc expert groups and working groups
- Involvement of experts and institutions from relevant communities, including sectoral and disaster management communities
- Building on existing activities on adaptation undertaken by related international organisations, UN organisations and bodies

### 5. Review

A review of this programme of work would be undertaken on the basis of the findings in the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report, which will be available in 2007.

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