

## **Informal discussion on a more effective dialogue between Parties and climate change research programmes**

### **SBSTA 26**

**8 May 2007  
1:30 – 4:30 pm**

### **Hotel Maritim - Room Liszt**

#### **Background and mandate**

At its 24<sup>th</sup> session, the SBSTA noted the need for enhancing two-way communication and cooperation between Parties and regional and international climate change research programmes to meet the research needs of the Convention. It agreed to explore how it might facilitate a more effective dialogue between Parties and those research programmes, in the context of decision 9/CP.11. To further facilitate the development of the dialogue, it asked the secretariat to organize, at the 26<sup>th</sup> session of the SBSTA, a meeting for an informal discussion among Parties, and to invite representatives of regional and international climate change research programmes and the IPCC to participate.

#### **Participants**

Representatives of Parties, the IPCC, as well as representatives on behalf of the following regional and international climate change research programmes and organizations:

- Earth System Science Partnership (ESSP)
- World Climate Research Programme (WCRP)
- International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP)
- International Human Dimensions Programme (IHDP)
- Global Change System for Analysis Research and Training (START)
- Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI)
- Asia Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN)

#### **Chair**

Mr. Kishan Kumarsingh, Chair of the SBSTA

#### **Agenda**

- Opening and Introduction - Mr. Kishan Kumarsingh, Chair of the SBSTA (*10 min*)
- Overview of views expressed by Parties in their submissions<sup>1</sup> - Party representatives (*40 min*)
- Overview of views expressed by regional and international climate change research programmes and organizations<sup>2</sup> (*20 min*)
  - ESSP - Dr John Church, Chair of the WCRP Scientific Committee
  - IAI - Ms Ione Anderson, Program Manager

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<sup>1</sup> Views expressed by Parties on this subject in response to the invitation by the SBSTA at its 24<sup>th</sup> session are contained in FCCC/SBSTA/2007/MISC.7.

<sup>2</sup> Views expressed by regional and international climate change research programmes on this subject in response to the invitation by the SBSTA at its 24<sup>th</sup> session are contained in FCCC/SBSTA/2007/MISC.8.

- APN - Ms Liana Liana Bratasida, Member of APN's Steering Committee
- Questions and answers
- Exchange of views on how the dialogue between Parties and the research community could be enhanced further
- Concluding remarks by the Chair

### **Relevant documents**

FCCC/SBSTA/2006/MISC. 15: *Summary reports drawing on the special side event on research needs relating to the Convention held during the twenty-fourth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice. Submissions from regional and international climate change research programmes*

FCCC/SBSTA/2007/MIS.7 : *Views on how the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice might facilitate a more effective dialogue between Parties and regional and international climate change research programmes in the context of decision 9/CP.11. Submissions from Parties*

FCCC/SBSTA/2007/MISC.8 : *Views on how the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice might facilitate a more effective dialogue between Parties and regional and international climate change research programmes in the context of decision 9/CP.11. Submissions from regional and international climate change research programmes*

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