

# UNFCCC side event: Funding for climate observations

## INTRODUCTION

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**Parties shall:**

- **“Support and further develop... international and intergovernmental programmes and networks or organizations aimed at defining, conducting, assessing and financing research, data collection and systematic observation,...;”**
- **“Support international and intergovernmental efforts to strengthen systematic observation and national scientific and technical research capacities and capabilities, particularly in developing countries, and to promote access to, and the exchange of, data and analyses thereof...;”**
- **“Take into account particular concerns and needs of developing countries and cooperate in improving their endogenous capacities and capabilities to participate in the efforts referred to in subparagraphs above”.**



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# CLIMATE OBSERVATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE UNFCCC

REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SBSTA by major global observing programmes and initiatives, including:

- Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) (e.g. GCOS Implementation Plan)
- Global Terrestrial Observing System (GTOS)
- Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) and
- Committee of Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS)
- others*



## SBSTA 30

SBSTA noted that an **updated GCOS implementation plan that takes into account emerging priorities, such as the need for data for adaptation, may assist in continuing progress with GCOS implementation.**

**It invited the GCOS secretariat to include in this update a breakdown of costs involved, broken down by region, observing system and between developed and developing countries.**

## Decision 9/CP.15 on Systematic climate observations

Invitation to the **GCOS** to provide **updated Implementation Plan for the Global Observing System for Climate in Support of the UNFCCC** taking into account **emerging needs** in climate observation, in particular those relating to **adaptation activities.**



## SBSTA 33

- Urged Parties to work towards **full implementation of the updated GCOS implementation plan**
- Urged Parties in a position to do so to **provide support needed to strengthen observation networks and capabilities in developing countries**, and invited SBI to consider these **funding needs at SBI 34**

## SBI 34

- Emphasized the importance of **taking into account additional funding needs for observations in the future financial architecture of the Convention**, recognizing that their **funding is also being processed through multiple existing channels**
- Invited **GEF** to clarify in its annual report to COP 17 whether the activities in decision 5/CP.7, paragraph 7(a)(iv), fall within its mandate
- SBI34 : consideration on information on support provided to developing countries and activities to strengthen networks

