

**Summary report on the Informal meeting on how to further enhance dialogue between Parties and the regional and international climate change research programmes and organizations**

**- Report by the SBSTA Chair in the closing plenary -**

As mandated at the twenty-fourth session of the SBSTA, the secretariat organized a meeting for an informal discussion among Parties to explore how the SBSTA might facilitate a more effective dialogue between Parties and regional and international climate change research programmes and organizations in the context of decision 9/CP.11. This meeting was held last Tuesday, 8 May, from 1.30 to 4.30 pm. I had the pleasure of chairing this meeting, which benefited from the active participation of representatives from the IPCC and from the following regional and international climate change research programmes:

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

The meeting provided an opportunity for Parties to discuss informally with the representatives of these research programmes and organizations how the dialogue between Parties and the research community could be further enhanced. Parties outlined their views expressed in their submissions, followed by presentations from the regional and international climate change research programmes and organizations on how they could contribute to such enhanced dialogue. Participants discussed the benefits of a regular and long-term dialogue between SBSTA and the research community and various approaches that could be used for this purpose.

The meeting provided a very useful platform for a two-way communication between Parties and research programmes and organizations. It also provided good input for the discussions that followed in the contact group meeting on this issue.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the Parties that participated at this meeting as well as the representatives from the IPCC and from the research programmes and organizations for their active participation and useful contributions to this meeting.