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## **Record of the facilitative sharing of views during the forty-fourth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation: Namibia**

**Note by the secretariat**

### **I. Background and mandate**

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP) decided, by decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 63, to conduct under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) international consultation and analysis (ICA) of biennial update reports (BURs) from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) in a manner that is non-intrusive, non-punitive and respectful of national sovereignty. This process aims to increase the transparency of the mitigation actions and their effects reported by non-Annex I Parties.
2. The COP, by decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 56, adopted the modalities and guidelines for international consultation and analysis, contained in annex IV to the same decision (hereinafter referred to as the ICA modalities and guidelines). The COP decided that the first round of ICA would be conducted for developing country Parties commencing within six months of the submission of the first round of BURs by developing country Parties.<sup>1</sup>
3. According to the ICA modalities and guidelines, the ICA process consists of two steps: a technical analysis of the BURs of non-Annex I Parties by a team of technical experts, resulting in a summary report for each Party; and a facilitative sharing of views, with the BURs and summary reports serving as input.
4. Pursuant to the ICA modalities and guidelines, the SBI convened on 20 and 21 May 2016 in Bonn, Germany, at SBI 44 the first workshop for the facilitative exchange of views, open to all Parties, for the 13 non-Annex I Parties, including Namibia, for which there was a BUR and a final summary report by 29 February 2016.<sup>2</sup> Interested Parties were able to submit written questions in advance. As a result, Namibia received seven written questions in advance from European Union, Japan and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
5. The first workshop, chaired by the SBI Chair, Mr. Tomasz Chruszczow, comprised three three-hour sessions. Each three-hour session covered five Parties in alphabetical order.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 58(a).

<sup>2</sup> The BURs and summary reports are available at <<http://unfccc.int/8722.php>>.

6. This record of the facilitative sharing of views for Namibia summarizes the proceedings and, together with the summary report on the technical analysis of its BUR,<sup>3</sup> constitutes the outcome of the first round of ICA for Namibia.

## II. Summary of proceedings

7. During the workshop, Namibia made a brief presentation on its BUR. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

8. In its presentation Namibia provided an overview of the processes and institutional arrangements in place for the preparation of its national communications and BURs, and lessons learned and challenges faced in undergoing the ICA process. It explained how its national greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory working groups on IPCC sectors succeeded in collecting data. Namibia indicated that it has a national inventory improvement plan, which is envisaged to help overcome previously encountered challenges in the preparation of its second BUR and fourth national communication. It is of the view that funding should focus on enhancing data quality. Namibia plans to continue its GHG inventory working groups as they supported the timely collection of data, as well as setting a plan to mainstream them through academic institutions. Namibia presented its capacity-building needs as well as suggestions for improving the overall ICA process.

9. Namibia indicated that its responses to the written questions submitted to it in advance by Parties were sent through the secretariat to the respective Parties.

10. Following the presentation, the following Parties made interventions commending Namibia for its efforts and asked for further clarification: European Union and United States of America. The questions were mainly focused on the following areas: lessons learned in putting in place the institutional arrangements and focus areas for improving capacity in relation to the GHG inventory; and experience and any technical challenges faced in using 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

11. The full details of the presentation and of the subsequent interventions are available in the webcast of the workshop.<sup>4</sup>

12. In closing the workshop, the SBI Chair congratulated Namibia for a successful facilitative sharing of views and completing the first round of the ICA process. He thanked Namibia and all other Parties for engaging in the workshop in a truly facilitative manner. He also thanked the secretariat for its support.

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<sup>3</sup> FCCE/SBI/ICA/2015/TASR.1/NAM.

<sup>4</sup> Available at <[http://unfccc6.meta-fusion.com/bonn\\_may\\_2016/events/2016-05-20-15-00-facilitative-sharing-of-views-day-1/namibia-1](http://unfccc6.meta-fusion.com/bonn_may_2016/events/2016-05-20-15-00-facilitative-sharing-of-views-day-1/namibia-1)>.