



Fact sheet:

The Bonn Climate Change Talks, 2-13 June 2008

The next round of United Nations climate change negotiations are taking place in Bonn from 2-13 June. A central part of the Bonn talks is work on a strengthened and effective international climate change deal, to be clinched in Copenhagen by the end of next year.

On the one hand, the Bonn talks are taking forward the negotiation process on strengthened international action against climate change, as agreed in Bali last December. This stream of negotiations in Bonn includes special focus on adaptation, finance and technology. On the other hand, talks on further commitments for Parties to the Kyoto Protocol include consideration of the possible tools available to industrialized countries to achieve future emission reductions.

Long-term cooperation

The Ad hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action (AWG-LCA) convenes for the second time, following its inaugural meeting at the Climate Change Talks in Bangkok in April. It is undertaking substantive work on the main elements to enable the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention through long-term cooperative action, now, up to and beyond 2012, including:

- A shared vision for long-term cooperative action
- Enhanced action on mitigation of climate change
- Enhanced action on adaptation
- Enhanced action on technology development and transfer
- Enhanced action on the provision of financial resources and investment

Furthermore, the group is holding three focused workshops on:

- Advancing adaptation through finance and technology, including national adaptation programmes of action
- Effective mechanisms and enhanced means for the removal of obstacles to, and provision of financial and other incentives for, scaling up the development and transfer of technology to developing country Parties in order to promote access to affordable environmentally sound technologies; and ways to accelerate deployment, diffusion and transfer of affordable environmentally sound technologies
- Investment and financial flows to address climate change



The aim of the workshops is to deepen understanding of the main elements that could form part of an agreed outcome in Copenhagen in 2009.

The Kyoto Protocol

The session of the Ad hoc Working Group on further commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) resumes its fifth session. Work continues on the analysis of means that may be available to Annex I Parties to reach their emission reduction targets and the identification of ways to enhance their effectiveness and contribution to sustainable development. These means include:

- Emissions trading and the project-based mechanisms
- Land use, land-use change and forestry
- Greenhouse gases sectors and source categories
- Possible approaches targeting sectoral emissions

A round table on the means is being held in Bonn. The group is also looking at methodologies for estimating emissions and global warming potentials of greenhouse gases, and a workshop on these matters is taking place. The working group is expected to conclude its discussion on the means and methodological issues at its next session, which will take place in Accra, Ghana, from 21-27 August.

Ongoing work

The Bonn Climate Change Talks are furthermore advancing ongoing work on key issues such as:

- Technology
- Adaptation
- Finance
- Reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries (REDD)
- Capacity building

This work is being carried out in the meetings of the subsidiary bodies under the UNFCCC. These are the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI).

On technology, one of the agenda items is the endorsement of the work programme of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer (EGTT) for 2008-2009. Some of these activities are linked to the working group on long-term cooperative action. One such activity is the development of performance indicators to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation of the



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technology transfer framework. Another activity is the preparation of a report on future financing options to enhance technology transfer under the Convention. Parties agreed in Bali to extend the EGTT for a further five years.

On adaptation, a point of focus is the five-year Nairobi work programme (NWP) on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change. Adopted in 2005, the NWP focuses on the scientific and technical aspects of adaptation, and aims to assist Parties in making informed decisions on practical adaptation actions. With the first phase of the programme now completed, the Bonn session is exploring activities to be undertaken in the second phase. An in-session workshop is being held on climate modelling, scenarios and downscaling under the NWP. Discussions are also taking place on follow-up action on the Buenos Aires programme of work on adaptation and response measures. Adopted in 2004, it helps to identify adaptation needs and concerns.

On deforestation, talks begin on outstanding methodological issues related to a range of policy approaches and positive incentives for reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries. This was agreed by Parties in Bali. Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation is an important issue in the discussions on an international climate change deal.

On capacity building, the second comprehensive review of the implementation of the capacity building framework in developing countries is being launched in Bonn.