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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) welcomed the report on the progress made in implementing activities under the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change since its thirty-first session.¹
2. The SBSTA noted the following documents prepared in advance of the present session:
 - (a) A report on the technical workshop on advancing the integration of approaches to adaptation planning;²
 - (b) A synthesis report on efforts undertaken to assess the costs and benefits of adaptation options, and views on lessons learned, good practices, gaps and needs;³
 - (c) A synthesis report on efforts undertaken to monitor and evaluate the implementation of adaptation projects, policies and programmes and the costs and effectiveness of completed projects, policies and programmes, and views on lessons learned, good practices, gaps and needs.⁴
3. The SBSTA welcomed the development by the secretariat, in collaboration with relevant organizations, of a user-friendly version of the UNFCCC “Compendium on methods and tools to evaluate the impacts of, and vulnerability and adaptation to, climate change”.⁵ It noted the work of the secretariat in disseminating the outcomes of the Nairobi work programme to relevant stakeholders. The SBSTA

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2010/INF.2.

² FCCC/SBSTA/2010/2.

³ FCCC/SBSTA/2010/3.

⁴ FCCC/SBSTA/2010/5.

⁵ Available at <<http://www.unfccc.int/5457>>.

also noted the importance of developing targeted information and other products to disseminate information on practical tools in countries where web access is limited.

4. The SBSTA also welcomed the direct engagement of, and the contributions provided by, a wide range of organizations⁶ in the implementation of the Nairobi work programme. It encouraged these organizations to further enhance their efforts, including through actions pledges⁷ and the provision of information to the SBSTA on the implementation of these pledges, to assist Parties in improving their understanding and assessment of the impacts of and their vulnerability to climate change, and in making informed decisions on practical adaptation actions and measures.

5. It noted with appreciation the third forum of representatives of Parties and focal points of organizations and institutions engaged in the implementation of the Nairobi work programme, convened by the Chair of the SBSTA at the present session.

6. The SBSTA recognized the work under the Nairobi work programme in advancing scientific and technical knowledge on adaptation, impacts and vulnerability; engaging stakeholders; catalysing actions; and disseminating relevant information and knowledge. It noted the importance of the continuity of such activities as the Nairobi work programme is reviewed and its future considered.

7. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA, to ensure equitable representation of Parties at the informal meeting of representatives from Parties and organizations and experts participating in the Nairobi work programme, including those with expertise at the local level and with indigenous knowledge, to consider outcomes of activities completed prior to this meeting, to be organized before the thirty-third session of the SBSTA.⁸ It further requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA, to prepare inputs and develop an agenda to facilitate discussions to review the effectiveness of the Nairobi work programme in fulfilling its objective, expected outcome, scope of work and modalities, as stated in decision 2/CP.11.

8. The SBSTA considered the possible role that a group of experts could play in the implementation of the work programme, bearing in mind that the effectiveness of the Nairobi work programme is to be reviewed at the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties.

9. The SBSTA recalled its conclusions at its twenty-eighth session⁹ that it is expected to provide at its thirty-third session relevant information and advice on the scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change arising from the implementation of the Nairobi work programme, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation.

10. The SBSTA invited Parties and relevant organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 16 August 2010, views and information on the effectiveness of the Nairobi work programme in fulfilling its objective, expected outcome, scope of work and modalities as stated in decision 2/CP.11. It requested the secretariat to compile these submissions into a miscellaneous document to inform discussions at the informal meeting mentioned in paragraph 7 above.

⁶ There were 181 Nairobi work programme partner organizations as at 7 June 2010.

⁷ One hundred action pledges had been submitted by Nairobi work programme partner organizations as at 7 June 2010.

⁸ FCCC/SBSTA/2008/6, paragraph 24.

⁹ FCCC/SBSTA/2008/6, paragraph 22.