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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) welcomed the following documents prepared for the session:

(a) A report on the progress made in implementing activities under the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change;¹

(b) A compilation of further views and information on the effectiveness of the Nairobi work programme in fulfilling its objective, expected outcome, scope of work and modalities.²

2. The SBSTA also welcomed the direct engagement of, and the contributions provided by, Parties and a wide range of organizations³ in the implementation of the Nairobi work programme.

3. The SBSTA encouraged further efforts, including through action pledges by organizations 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.

4. The SBSTA noted the development of new outputs and products, including those facilitated by the secretariat and those contributed by partner organizations.⁴

5. In line with decision 2/CP.11, paragraph 6(e), the SBSTA undertook a review of the Nairobi work programme. The review took into account the outcome of the informal meeting of representatives of Parties and organizations and experts to consider the

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2011/INF.2.

² FCCC/SBSTA/2011/MISC.3.

³ There were 211 Nairobi work programme partner organizations as at 11 June 2011.

⁴ Nairobi work programme knowledge products are available online at <<http://unfccc.int/4628>>.

outcomes of completed activities under the Nairobi work programme,⁵ the summary report on the implementation of the second phase of the work programme⁶ and the views of Parties and relevant organizations.⁷

6. The SBSTA recognized the need for the Nairobi work programme to further support work carried out under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and, as appropriate, possible future work of the Adaptation Committee through the provision of scientific and technical information on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change. It recalled the relevant information and advice that was provided to the SBI by the SBSTA at its twenty-ninth session.

7. The SBSTA recalled that it may provide 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 SBI, following consideration by the SBSTA of outputs from preceding activities. This consideration would be undertaken at the joint SBSTA/SBI workshop to be held at its thirty-fifth session referred to in paragraph 8(d) below.

8. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to undertake the following interim activities under the Nairobi work programme, subject to the availability of resources, until SBSTA 35:

(a) Conduct a survey of national focal points to identify priority needs for the dissemination of products related to impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change under the Nairobi work programme;

(b) Compile information on ecosystem-based approaches to adaptation;

(c) Prepare a technical paper on water and climate change impacts and adaptation strategies;

(d) Organize a joint SBSTA/SBI in-session workshop to consider the outcomes of the Nairobi work programme to highlight the scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change most relevant to the SBI.

9. The SBSTA agreed to consider, at its thirty-fifth session, possible areas of further work on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change under the Nairobi work programme, including, inter alia, consideration of potential activities as outlined in the annex, with a view to defining the duration and activities for its next phase.

10. The SBSTA invited Parties and relevant organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 19 September 2011, their proposals for upcoming activities under the Nairobi work programme, taking into consideration the information included in the annex. It requested the secretariat to compile these submissions into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the SBSTA at its thirty-fifth session.

⁵ FCCC/SBSTA/2010/12.

⁶ FCCC/SBSTA/2010/10.

⁷ FCCC/SBSTA/2010/MISC.8 and Add.1 and FCCC/SBSTA/2011/MISC.3.

Annex

Potential activities under the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change

1. Taking into account the objective of the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change as contained in decision 2/CP.11, and outputs of activities undertaken to date under the Nairobi work programme and noting decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 12, which affirms that enhanced action on adaptation should be undertaken in accordance with the Convention, should follow a country-driven, gender-sensitive, participatory and fully transparent approach, taking into consideration vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems, and should be based on and guided by the best available science and, as appropriate, traditional and indigenous knowledge, with a view to integrating adaptation into relevant social, economic and environmental policies and actions, where appropriate, the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) discussed the following potential activities under the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change:

(a) Enhancing the use of indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation and the application of gender-sensitive approaches and tools for understanding and assessing impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change.

(b) Improving the dissemination of information and knowledge products developed under the Nairobi work programme through, inter alia: translation of these products into other official United Nations languages and calls for action on the training of national focal points on communication skills and strategies.

(c) Strengthening sector-specific and cross-sectoral activities to address impacts, vulnerability and adaptation issues relating to, inter alia:

(i) Water (including drought, floods and glacial melt);

(ii) Food security (including agriculture and subsistence livelihoods);

(iii) Ecosystems (including mountain ecosystems and coastal and marine ecosystems);

(iv) Infrastructure and human settlements.

(d) Facilitating the development of, and access to, climate data and scenarios appropriate for adaptation planning, through, inter alia, catalysing actions by partner organizations and regional centres.

(e) Further developing targeted knowledge products to engage stakeholders and decision makers, including, inter alia, lessons learned with respect to adaptation at different governance levels and in different sectors, based on knowledge generated under the Nairobi work programme, and syntheses of information generated under the Nairobi work programme into knowledge products targeted at users in specific sectors or other thematic areas.

(f) Enhancing knowledge on the economic aspects of adaptation through, inter alia, pilot projects on applying different methods and tools for assessing the costs and benefits of adaptation (and the documentation and sharing of lessons learned from these projects), calls for action and further activities on reducing reliance on vulnerable economic sectors, including through economic diversification.

(g) Building capacity through, inter alia, the provision of 'train the trainer' activities, for example on the use of methods and tools, calls for action and collaboration with, inter alia, the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from

Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and partner organizations.

2. Activities under the Nairobi work programme should be consistent with the mandate of the SBSTA.
