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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) The synthesis report on methods and tools for, and good practices and lessons learned relating to, adaptation planning processes addressing ecosystems, human settlements, water resources and health, and good practices and lessons learned related to processes and structures for linking national and local adaptation planning,¹ based on submissions from Parties and submissions from partner organizations of the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change;²

(b) The miscellaneous document on the submissions referred to in paragraph 1(a) above;³

(c) The report on progress made in implementing activities under the Nairobi work programme.⁴

2. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the valuable information on a diverse range of adaptation practices shared by Parties and Nairobi work programme partner organizations in their submissions referred to in paragraph 1(a) and (b) above.

3. The SBSTA also noted with appreciation the ongoing efforts of the secretariat in engaging and collaborating with partner organizations, including regional centres and networks, in implementing activities under the Nairobi work programme.

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2014/4.

² The submissions from Parties are available at <<http://www4.unfccc.int/submissions/SitePages/sessions.aspx>>, while the submissions from the Nairobi work programme partner organizations are available at <<http://unfccc.int/7482>>.

³ FCCC/SBSTA/2014/MISC.8.

⁴ FCCC/SBSTA/2014/INF.15.

4. The SBSTA further noted the valuable information exchange among Parties and partner organizations during the eighth Focal Point Forum organized in conjunction with the session, and encouraged the secretariat to continue to explore ways to further enhance the organization of the Focal Point Forum. It further noted the importance of scheduling the Forum in such a way as to maximize the participation of Parties and partner organizations alike.

5. The SBSTA discussed further issues for consideration under the Nairobi work programme and concluded not to include any additional issues at this session.

6. The SBSTA recognized the role of the Nairobi work programme in addressing knowledge needs arising from the implementation of the Cancun Adaptation Framework pursuant to decision 17/CP.19.

7. The SBSTA concluded that the following activities should be undertaken by the secretariat, building on related previous work and in line with the scope of the Nairobi work programme, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA and in collaboration with relevant Nairobi work programme partner organizations, in response to the recommendations of the Adaptation Committee:⁵

(a) Support the expert meeting of the Adaptation Committee on promoting livelihoods and economic diversification to build resilience in the context of planning, prioritizing and implementing adaptation actions during the third quarter of 2015, building on the relevant work undertaken under the Nairobi work programme on this matter;

(b) Disseminate existing and future relevant knowledge products produced by the Adaptation Committee in order to inform adaptation planning and actions at all levels.

8. The SBSTA decided to consider and elaborate, at SBSTA 44 (May 2016), relevant activities under the Nairobi work programme that support the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans.

9. The SBSTA considered the recommendations of the Adaptation Committee⁶ in relation to the joint meeting on best practices and available tools for the use of indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices, best practices and needs of local and indigenous communities and the application of gender-sensitive approaches and tools for understanding and assessing impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, and concluded that the following activities would be undertaken by the secretariat under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA, in collaboration with the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, and with contributions from relevant Nairobi work programme partner organizations:

(a) Make publicly available a compilation of good practices and tools and available data collection initiatives for the use of local, indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation, for consideration at SBSTA 44, building on existing knowledge-sharing platforms, including the database on best practices and available tools for the use of indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation;⁷

(b) Engage relevant Nairobi Work Programme partner organizations, including regional centres and networks, in strengthening communities of practice and networks at different levels, as well as in sharing good practices and tools at key meetings and events, as appropriate;

⁵ FCCC/SB/2014/2, paragraph 81.

⁶ FCCC/SB/2014/2, paragraph 82.

⁷ The database is available at <unfccc.int/7769>.

(c) Consider, in relevant knowledge products under the Nairobi work programme, the importance of integrating gender-sensitive approaches and tools, and local, indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices into national adaptation plans, including by involving holders of local, indigenous and traditional knowledge, as appropriate.

10. The SBSTA welcomed the adaptation knowledge initiative and its Andean subregional pilot, launched by the United Nations Environment Programme as its action pledge⁸ under the Nairobi work programme, for prioritizing and catalysing responses to subregion- and theme-specific adaptation knowledge needs, and encouraged the replication of this initiative in other subregions, particularly in vulnerable developing countries such as the least developed countries, small island developing States and in Africa.

11. The SBSTA took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 7 and 9 above. It requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

⁸ Details of the action pledge are available at
<https://www3.unfccc.int/pls/apex/f?p=333:31:3398643959867755::NO::P31_ID:461>.