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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) welcomed the report on progress made in implementing activities under the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change (NWP).¹
2. The SBSTA expressed its appreciation for the contributions of NWP partner organizations and other relevant organizations to the activities undertaken under the NWP referred to in paragraph 1 above.
3. The SBSTA acknowledged the submissions from Parties, NWP partner organizations and other relevant organizations on their recent work in the area of climate impacts on human health and noted that they provided a useful basis for the organization of the 10th Focal Point Forum.²
4. The SBSTA welcomed the rich and constructive interactive dialogue among Parties, NWP partner organizations, other relevant organizations and health experts on climate impacts on human health that took place during the 10th Focal Point Forum, which was held under the overall guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA in conjunction with SBSTA 45.³ The SBSTA noted with appreciation the extensive work that is being undertaken by Parties and organizations in response to the current and future impacts of climate change on health, and welcomed the dialogue on innovative actions to address such impacts.

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2016/INF.10.

² The submissions from Parties are available at <http://www4.unfccc.int/submissions/SitePages/sessions.aspx?showOnlyCurrentCalls=1&populateData=1&expectedsubmissionfrom=Parties&focalBodies=SBSTA> and the submissions from NWP partner organizations and other relevant organizations at unfccc.int/7482.

³ See unfccc.int/9926.



5. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare, in consultation with Focal Point Forum participants, a synthesis paper, based on the information provided by Parties and partner organizations in the submissions referred to in paragraph 3 above and during the 10th Focal Point Forum, for consideration at SBSTA 46 (May 2017). The SBSTA agreed to consider, at the same session, ways to improve the effectiveness of the Focal Point Forum.

6. The SBSTA welcomed the following activities undertaken by the secretariat in collaboration with NWP partner organizations and other relevant organizations in response to recommendations made by the Adaptation Committee (AC) and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) and acknowledged that the activities have strengthened the role of the NWP in providing knowledge support to the work of the AC and the LEG:

(a) Joint organization of a technical session with the LEG in collaboration with relevant NWP partner organizations, held at the 2016 NAP Expo, to discuss how vulnerable communities, groups and ecosystems can best be considered in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans (NAPs);⁴

(b) Organization of a networking session with NWP partner organizations and relevant organizations, held at the 2016 NAP Expo, to facilitate dialogue on opportunities for inputs to and collaboration on activities under the NWP, in particular activities to support the process to formulate and implement NAPs;⁵

(c) Supporting the AC side event on establishing a partnership platform with regional centres to provide technical support to developing country Parties for adaptation, held at the forty-fourth sessions of the subsidiary bodies;⁶

(d) Preparation of an inventory of ongoing monitoring and evaluation work⁷ and a background paper⁸ thereon for the 10th meeting of the AC, with a view to the AC agreeing on additional work on monitoring and evaluation systems and impact evaluation.

7. The SBSTA also welcomed the recommendations of the AC and the LEG on the following activities to be undertaken under the NWP and requested the secretariat to undertake these activities under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA:

(a) Preparation of an overview of the landscape of existing platforms, including gaps, in collaboration with the Climate Technology Centre and Network, with a view to reporting back to the AC at its 12th meeting on progress made;⁹

(b) Engagement of NWP partner organizations in supporting various activities of the LEG in providing overall technical support to the least developed countries, including the convening of regional NAP Expos; the organization of training on NAPs; the development of Open NAP case studies; and the preparation of an information paper on considerations regarding vulnerable communities, groups and ecosystems in the context of the process to formulate and implement NAPs.¹⁰

8. The SBSTA further welcomed the organization of priority-setting workshops for five subregions under the Lima Adaptation Knowledge Initiative, with two focusing on the least developed countries, two on Africa and one on small island developing States, and in

⁴ See <<http://napexpo.org/2016/sessions/parallel-special-events/>>.

⁵ See document FCCC/SBSTA/2016/INF.10, paragraph 45.

⁶ See <unfccc.int/9576>.

⁷ Available at

<http://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/groups_committees/adaptation_committee/application/msexcel/ac10_5b_inventory_m_and_e.xls>.

⁸ Document AC/2016/16, available at <unfccc.int/9653>.

⁹ FCCC/SB/2016/2, paragraph 60.

¹⁰ FCCC/SBI/2016/18, paragraphs 31, 41, 46, 57 and 61.

particular two recent workshops for the Hindu Kush Himalayan region and Indian Ocean island countries in collaboration with the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development and the International Water Management Institute, respectively. In addition, it welcomed the commitment of the United Nations Environment Programme, through its Global Adaptation Network, to engage with partners in order to scale up the Lima Adaptation Knowledge Initiative in other subregions with a view to removing knowledge gaps, which are barriers to adaptation action.¹¹

9. The SBSTA concluded that the activities under the NWP, in accordance with the conclusions of SBSTA 44,¹² including the recommendations made by the LEG and the AC, should be implemented in a way that enhances the role of the NWP as a knowledge hub that supports enhanced action on adaptation.

10. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, in implementing the activities referred to in paragraph 9 above, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA, to explore opportunities to strengthen the partnerships with regional centres and networks, local and municipal government, the private sector, scientific organizations, academia, organizations representing indigenous and traditional communities, spiritual and religious groups, gender constituencies, youth organizations and the mass media, and the linkages with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, as appropriate.

¹¹ See <https://www3.unfccc.int/pls/apex/f?p=333:31:3398643959867755::NO::P31_ID:461>.

¹² FCCC/SBSTA/2016/2, paragraphs 15–20.