



In-session workshop on the current state of scientific knowledge on how to enhance the adaptation of agriculture to climate change impacts while promoting rural development, sustainable development and productivity of agricultural systems and food security in all countries, particularly in developing countries

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Mandate

The SBSTA¹ invited Parties and admitted observer organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 2 September 2013, their views on the current state of scientific knowledge on how to enhance the adaptation of agriculture to climate change impacts while promoting rural development, sustainable development and productivity of agricultural systems and food security in all countries, particularly in developing countries. This should take into account the diversity of the agricultural systems and the differences in scale as well as possible adaptation co-benefits.

The SBSTA also requested the secretariat to organize an in-session workshop at SBSTA 39 on the issues mentioned in the paragraph above². It further requested the secretariat to prepare a report on the workshop for consideration at SBSTA 40 (June 2014).

Background

- COP 17 (December 2011), by decision 2/CP.17, paragraphs 75 - 77, requested the SBSTA to consider issues related to agriculture, with the aim of exchanging views. COP17 also invited Parties and admitted observer organizations to submit to the secretariat their views on these issues. Views of Parties are contained in documents FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.6 and Add.1, Add.2 and Add.3.³
- SBSTA 36-38 continued exchange of views on this matter. In particular, it invited Parties and admitted observer organizations to submit their views on the current state of scientific knowledge on how to enhance the adaptation of agriculture to climate change impacts while promoting rural development, sustainable development and productivity of agricultural systems and food security in all countries, particularly in developing countries. This should take into account the diversity of the agricultural systems and the differences in

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2013/3, paragraphs 81 – 83.

² FCCC/SBSTA/2013/3, paragraph 83.

³ Submissions from intergovernmental organizations are available on the UNFCCC website at <<http://unfccc.int/3714>>. Submissions from non-governmental organizations are available on the UNFCCC website at <<http://unfccc.int/3689>>.

scale as well as possible adaptation co-benefits. Views of Parties are contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2013/MISC.17 and relevant Addenda.⁴

- SBSTA 38 agreed that it will consider, at SBSTA 39 (November 2013), the submissions mentioned above and requested the secretariat to organize an in-session workshop on the issues mentioned above at SBSTA 39.

Objectives of the in-session workshop

The workshop is expected to allow Parties:

- To further elaborate on their views on issues referred to in paragraph 81 of the report of SBSTA 38, June 2013 (FCCC/SBSTA/2013/3).
- To enhance understanding of each other's views through open discussions in a less formalized setting.
- To identify, explore and discuss more in-depth issues of mutual interest.

Questions

Questions to guide the statements and facilitate discussions:

- What are climate change impacts on agriculture observed in your country?
- What experience does your country have with practices and approaches for dealing with adaptation of agriculture to climate change impacts?
- What experience does your country have with the application of scientific knowledge for enhancing the adaptation in agriculture while promoting productivity and taking into account co-benefits?

Approach and format: Expert and Party presentations and general exchange of views (3 hours)

The workshop will consist of three parts.

The **first part** will be structured around introductory presentations by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). The presentations by IPCC and FAO will focus on the scientific aspects of adaptation and adaptation co-benefits in the global perspective, and the challenges, opportunities and success stories with regards to practical implementation of adaptation and identification of adaptation co-benefits in agriculture.

The **second part** will be a panel discussion structured around a set of guiding questions. These questions will provide a framework to allow Parties invited to the panel to share

⁴ Submissions from admitted observer organizations are available on the UNFCCC website <<http://unfccc.int/7482>>.

their experiences on the impact of climate change on agriculture and the role of scientific knowledge for enhancing adaptation in agriculture while promoting productivity and taking into account co-benefits. The panel discussion will be followed by question and answer sessions with the panel.

The **third part** will give Parties the opportunity for a general exchange of views, building on the presentations and guiding questions.

The workshop will conclude with a brief oral summary by the co-chairs.

The working language of the workshop will be English.

The workshop is open to all Parties and admitted observer organizations attending the SBSTA 39 session.