

Informal discussion on developments in research activities relevant to the needs of
the Convention

SBSTA 28

Time: Thursday, 5 June 2008 from 11:30 - 14:00

Venue: Salle Liszt (Hotel Maritim)

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

- Opening and Introduction - Ms. Helen Plume, Chair of the SBSTA
- Presentations by regional and international climate change research programmes and organizations and the IPCC on developments in research activities relevant to the needs of the Convention (also refer to annex)¹
 - **Earth System Science Partnership (ESSP)**² - Rik Leemans, Chair of the ESSP Scientific Committee
 - **Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI)** - Gerhard Breulmann, IAI Scientific Officer
 - **Asia Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN)** - Andrew Matthews, Co-chair, APN Scientific Planning Group
 - **Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change (IPCC)** - Leo Meyer, Head Technical Support Unit Working Group 3 IPCC
- Questions and discussion
- Concluding remarks by the Chair

¹ Information provided by regional and international climate change research programmes and organizations in response to the invitation by the SBSTA at its 26th session can also be found in FCCC/SBSTA/2008/MISC.8 and Add.1.

² On behalf of ESSP and its member programmes: World Climate Research Programme (WCRP), International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP), International Human Dimensions Programme (IHDP) and DIVERSITAS, and START (Global Change System for Analysis Research and Training).

Annex

Excerpt from the conclusions of the 26th session of the SBSTA (FCCC/SBSTA/2007/4, para. 47):

The SBSTA invited relevant research programmes and organizations to regularly inform the SBSTA of developments in research activities relevant to the needs of the Convention, including:

- (a) Emerging scientific findings;
- (b) Research planning activities, including those undertaken in response to key uncertainties and research needs identified by the IPCC or raised by Parties;
- (c) Research priorities, and gaps in the implementation of these priorities;
- (d) Research capacity-building activities, particularly in developing countries;
- (e) Regional climate change research networks;
- (f) Relevant communication issues.
