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**Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability
and adaptation to climate change**

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) welcomed the annual report on progress in implementing activities under the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change (NWP), prepared by the secretariat under the guidance of the SBSTA Chair.¹
2. The SBSTA appreciated the reader-friendly format of the annual report and encouraged the secretariat to adopt a similar approach in future reports.
3. The SBSTA welcomed the NWP workplan for 2019–2020, contained in the annual report, noting that the workplan is indicative and flexible.
4. The SBSTA also welcomed the report on the 12th NWP Focal Point Forum,² on economic diversification, which was held under the overall guidance of the SBSTA Chair in conjunction with SBSTA 49.³
5. With a view to supporting the delivery of the mandated activities under the NWP, the SBSTA requested the secretariat to include in future NWP annual reports information on the lessons learned and challenges encountered in implementing the NWP workplans as well as on the experience of knowledge users in accessing and utilizing knowledge products developed under the NWP.⁴
6. The SBSTA also requested the secretariat to solicit feedback from knowledge users, including national focal points, on the accessibility, applicability and clarity of NWP knowledge products.

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2019/INF.1.

² Available at https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Proceedings_2019.02.12_FPF%20summary_FINAL2.pdf.

³ Further details on the 12th Focal Point Forum are available at <https://unfccc.int/event/12th-focal-point-forum-of-the-nairobi-work-programme>.

⁴ As described in document FCCC/SBSTA/2019/INF.1, paras. 12 and 13.



7. The SBSTA further requested that future NWP annual reports provide an overview of progress tracked against the NWP annual workplan using the NWP knowledge-to-action methodology.

8. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prioritize the following NWP thematic areas mandated at SBSTA 48:⁵

(a) Extreme weather events such as heatwaves, flash floods, sand and dust storms, cyclones and heavy precipitation;

(b) Drought, water scarcity and land degradation neutrality;

(c) Forests and grassland;

(d) Oceans, coastal areas and ecosystems, including mega deltas, coral reefs and mangroves;

(e) Agriculture and food security.

9. The SBSTA invited NWP partner organizations to disseminate information and knowledge to inform adaptation planning and action at the regional, national and subnational level, particularly in relation to the thematic areas highlighted in paragraph 8 above.

10. The SBSTA requested that cross-cutting issues be considered in relation to the activities under the NWP.

11. The SBSTA welcomed the contributions of the NWP and its partner organizations to the work of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG). It invited the secretariat, in collaboration with NWP partner organizations, to continue contributing to the efforts of the LEG to provide technical guidance and advice in the context of national adaptation plans in line with the NWP indicative workplan.

12. The SBSTA welcomed the advice provided by the Adaptation Committee (AC)⁶ on the delivery of NWP mandates that relate to the work programmes of the constituted bodies and on opportunities to align efforts with relevant bodies, workstreams and institutional arrangements,⁷ and requested the secretariat to implement that advice.

13. Further to the advice of the AC referred to in paragraph 12 above, the SBSTA also requested the secretariat to collaborate with NWP partner organizations in contributing to the work mandated to the AC by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement⁸ as well as to the adaptation knowledge related activities set out in the AC three-year workplan,⁹ including:

(a) Developing and updating an inventory of methodologies for assessing adaptation needs;

(b) Sharing experience and lessons learned from developing and implementing monitoring and evaluation systems.

14. The SBSTA invited the AC to consider, as appropriate, the work of the NWP when implementing its mandates related to the adaptation communication and the global stocktake.

15. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the SBSTA Chair, to communicate information on the work and mandates of the NWP to the relevant constituted bodies and institutional arrangements and to invite them to consider collaborating with the NWP, as appropriate.

16. The SBSTA welcomed the collaboration of NWP partner organizations and relevant organizations on bridging priority knowledge gaps in the context of the Lima Adaptation Knowledge Initiative¹⁰ and welcomed the continued partnerships, including the collaboration

⁵ FCCC/SBSTA/2018/4, para. 21.

⁶ As invited in document FCCC/SBSTA/2018/4, para. 19.

⁷ See https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/20190411_ac15_letter%20NWP%20advice.pdf.

⁸ See AC document AC/2019/2, available at <https://unfccc.int/node/193710>.

⁹ Available at <https://unfccc.int/process/bodies/constituted-bodies/adaptation-committee-ac/workplan>.

¹⁰ See https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NWPStaging/Documents/LAKI_e-pub_2018.pdf.

of universities around the world with governments and communities on the ground to help validate information and communicate knowledge gaps in locally relevant ways.

17. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to collaborate with partners and relevant organizations in the thematic area of oceans, including on organizing the 13th NWP Focal Point Forum, on the topic of oceans, in conjunction with SBSTA 51 (December 2019).

18. The SBSTA also requested the secretariat to invite the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to share the findings contained in its forthcoming Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate at the 13th NWP Focal Point Forum.

19. The SBSTA further requested the secretariat to explore ways of scheduling the NWP Focal Point Forums to enable the participation of Parties and NWP partner organizations.

20. The SBSTA invited all Parties, NWP partners and other relevant organizations to provide support to enable the participation of relevant experts, including from developing countries, in the NWP Focal Point Forums.

21. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to strengthen existing modalities for and explore new ways of disseminating and communicating existing and new knowledge products, including tools and methodologies.

22. The SBSTA expressed its appreciation to the European Union and Japan for providing financial support for the implementation of activities under the NWP.

23. The SBSTA invited Parties, NWP partners and other relevant organizations to continue providing financial and in-kind support, as appropriate, for the implementation of activities under the NWP.

24. The SBSTA took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 3, 11, 12, 16, 17 and 21 above and requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.
