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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) recognized the role of the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change (NWP) in closing knowledge gaps in order to facilitate the scaling up of adaptation action in countries with a view to facilitating achievement of the goals of the Paris Agreement.
2. The SBSTA welcomed the progress under the NWP in addressing knowledge gaps and scaling up adaptation action.
3. The SBSTA also welcomed the following documents prepared for the session:
 - (a) Report on progress in implementing activities under the NWP;¹
 - (b) Synthesis report on outcomes of the work under the NWP;²
 - (c) Synthesis report on the effectiveness of the NWP in addressing knowledge needs relevant to implementing the Paris Agreement.³
4. The SBSTA further welcomed the submissions from Parties, NWP partners and UNFCCC constituted bodies of views on the performance and effectiveness of the NWP in addressing knowledge needs relevant to implementing the Paris Agreement.⁴
5. The SBSTA welcomed the annual workplan of the NWP for 2022–2023.⁵
6. The SBSTA also welcomed the following modalities of the NWP, which play an important role in closing knowledge gaps related to adaptation in countries:
 - (a) Building a large, diverse global network of expertise and experience and establishing institutional linkages under the NWP;

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2022/2.

² FCCC/SBSTA/2022/4.

³ FCCC/SBSTA/2022/5.

⁴ Available at <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx> (in the search field, type “NWP”).

⁵ Contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2022/2.



(b) Collaborating with experts, networks and Parties at the subregional level under the Lima Adaptation Knowledge Initiative (LAKI);⁶

(c) Collaborating with partner organizations and experts within the NWP thematic expert groups⁷ as well as with partner organizations of LAKI and the UN Climate Change and Universities Partnership Programme⁸ on new and existing adaptation initiatives;

(d) Pursuing long-term strategic engagement with the constituted bodies to support implementation of their workplans and adaptation-related mandates, including in the context of the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans.

7. The SBSTA concluded its stocktake of the operational and institutional modalities of the NWP⁹ and agreed, on the basis of the outcomes of the stocktake, to strengthen the role of the NWP by implementing the following actions in the context of its modalities, with a view to enhancing its performance and effectiveness in addressing the knowledge needs of all Parties, in particular developing countries, including the least developed countries and small island developing States, relevant to implementing the Paris Agreement:¹⁰

(a) Enhancing country- and region-specific actions by strengthening the implementation of the modalities of the NWP referred to in paragraph 6 above, including by scaling up LAKI in all regions, including additional subregions, ensuring regional balance, with a view to identifying and closing knowledge gaps in partnership with subregional partners and networks;

(b) Enhancing the provision of practical and relevant knowledge on specific adaptation practices to respond to Parties' needs, including by:

(i) Providing relevant knowledge and expertise to constituted bodies upon request to support them in undertaking their work related to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans including in relation to finance, capacity-building and technology transfer at the subnational and national level;

(ii) Considering new linkages with processes under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, such as the Glasgow–Sharm el-Sheikh work programme on the global goal on adaptation and the global stocktake, as appropriate, focusing on the provision of relevant knowledge or inputs to support work under these processes;

(iii) Enhancing the provision of information and knowledge products that are relevant, tailored and accessible to those responsible for implementing adaptation action at the subnational, national and regional level, ensuring that these are available in the relevant formats and languages, to the extent possible;

(iv) Strengthening the involvement of Parties, including through UNFCCC national focal points and/or relevant adaptation contact points, in identifying knowledge gaps and adapting and disseminating relevant knowledge products;

(c) Strengthening ties among communities of practice in order to enhance adaptation action through knowledge, including by:

(i) Strengthening long-term collaboration among NWP thematic expert groups, including by focusing the groups' work on addressing knowledge gaps and providing information relevant to Parties' needs, including for the preparation of proposals in relation to accessing the finance needed to implement adaptation action, as well as by ensuring that the members of these groups represent all regions and indigenous peoples and local communities;

(ii) Identifying opportunities for financial, technology transfer and capacity-building resources and support, including by curating practical and relevant knowledge to inform adaptation action;

⁶ See <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NWPStaging/Pages/laki.aspx>.

⁷ See <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NWPStaging/Pages/Thematic-areas.aspx>.

⁸ See <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NWPStaging/Pages/university-partnerships.aspx>.

⁹ As per document FCCC/SBSTA/2018/4, para. 28.

¹⁰ As per document FCCC/SBSTA/2021/3, para. 29.

- (iii) Organizing regional events or regional focal point forums in conjunction with relevant regional events to disseminate relevant information to regional and global networks and strengthen the exchange of information among communities of practice, ensuring regional balance;
- (d) Strengthening the monitoring and evaluation of work under the NWP with the aim of enhancing and facilitating the dissemination of knowledge products to, and uptake of these products by, knowledge users at the community, subnational and national level, including by:
- (i) Strengthening the content, applicability and accessibility of the adaptation knowledge portal with a view to sharing relevant and specific adaptation practices with Parties and those responsible for implementing adaptation action at the subnational and national level;
- (ii) Obtaining user feedback through modalities such as targeted surveys, annual focal point forums and regional events and taking into account experience and lessons learned in the implementation of such modalities, as appropriate.
8. The SBSTA welcomed the work undertaken by the secretariat on the thematic areas to date¹¹ and requested it to continue its work in this regard, taking into account the following topics:
- (a) Desertification in the context of drought, water scarcity and land degradation neutrality;
- (b) Cattle farming in the context of agriculture and food security;
- (c) Fisheries and aquaculture in the context of livelihood and socioeconomic dimensions in relevant sectors such as tourism;
- (d) Climate risk management in the context of extreme weather events such as heatwaves, flash floods, sand and dust storms, cyclones and heavy precipitation, taking into account actual and projected climate risks and impacts;
- (e) Human settlements, climate-resilient infrastructure, hot spot mapping in vulnerable cities and other areas, climate-resilient spatial planning, green urban economy and livelihood strategies and the strengthening of adaptive capacities and policies in the context of cities and urban systems;
- (f) Climate risk management in the context of slow onset events.
9. The SBSTA concluded that additional thematic areas under the NWP should focus on:
- (a) Mountains;
- (b) Circular economy/circularity in the context of adaptation action;
- (c) Adaptation possibilities in high-latitude areas and the cryosphere.
10. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the financial support for work undertaken under the NWP provided by Belgium, the European Commission, Germany, Japan and the Republic of Korea.
11. The SBSTA invited Parties, NWP partner organizations and other relevant organizations to provide financial and in-kind support, as appropriate, for the implementation of activities under the NWP.
12. The SBSTA took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 7–9 above.
13. The SBSTA requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

¹¹ Ten thematic areas are listed in document FCCC/SBSTA/2018/4, para. 21, and five priority thematic areas in document FCCC/SBSTA/2019/2, para. 18.