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## Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

Second part of the forty-eighth session

Bangkok, 4–9 September 2018

Item 2 of the agenda

**Organizational matters**

### Agenda and annotations

#### Note by the Executive Secretary

#### I. Agenda

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) adopted the agenda for its forty-eighth session at its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 30 April 2018.<sup>1</sup> At its 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, following the determination in accordance with decision 1/CP.23<sup>2</sup> that an additional negotiating session was needed to facilitate the timely completion of the Paris Agreement work programme (PAWP), SBSTA 48 was suspended. Parties were informed that the session would be resumed in Bangkok to address matters relating to the PAWP in accordance with annex I to decision 1/CP.23.<sup>3</sup>

2. The agenda for SBSTA 48.2 (the resumed session), as adopted at SBSTA 48.1, is as shown below. At SBSTA 48.2, substantive work will be limited to PAWP-related agenda items, indicated in boldface below. The annotations that follow therefore refer to those items.

1. **Opening of the session.**
2. **Organizational matters:**
  - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
  - (b) **Organization of the work of the session;**
  - (c) Election of officers other than the Chair;
  - (d) Mandated events.
3. Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change.

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2018/3, paragraph 4.

<sup>2</sup> Decision 1/CP.23, paragraphs 5–9.

<sup>3</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2018/3, paragraph 121.



4. **Report of the Adaptation Committee.**<sup>4</sup>
5. **Development and transfer of technologies: technology framework under Article 10, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement.**
6. Research and systematic observation.
7. Local communities and indigenous peoples platform.
8. Koronivia joint work on agriculture.
9. **Impact of the implementation of response measures:**
  - (a) Improved forum and work programme;
  - (b) **Modalities, work programme and functions under the Paris Agreement of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures;**
  - (c) Matters relating to Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol.
10. Methodological issues under the Convention:
  - (a) Revision of the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual inventories for Parties included in Annex I to the Convention;
  - (b) Guidelines for the technical review of information reported under the Convention related to greenhouse gas inventories, biennial reports and national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention;
  - (c) Emissions from fuel used for international aviation and maritime transport.
11. Methodological issues under the Kyoto Protocol: land use, land-use change and forestry under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Kyoto Protocol and under the clean development mechanism.
12. **Matters relating to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement:**
  - (a) **Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement;**
  - (b) **Rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement;**
  - (c) **Work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement.**
13. **Modalities for the accounting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 7, of the Paris Agreement.**
14. Cooperation with other international organizations.
15. Other matters.
16. **Closure of and report on the session.**

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<sup>4</sup> Matters referred to in paragraphs 41, 42 and 45 of decision 1/CP.21.

## II. Annotations to the agenda

### 1. Opening of the session

3. SBSTA 48.2 will be opened by the Chair, Mr. Paul Watkinson (France), on Tuesday, 4 September 2018.

### 2. Organizational matters

#### (a) Organization of the work of the session

4. SBSTA 48.2 will be held in conjunction with the resumed sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA) to address matters relating to the PAWP in accordance with annex I to decision 1/CP.23.

5. Detailed information on the work of the session will be posted on the SBSTA 48.2 web page.<sup>5</sup> Delegates are invited to refer to the overview schedule and the in-session Daily Programme<sup>6</sup> and to regularly consult the closed-circuit television screens for an up-to-date schedule of the work of the SBSTA. In order to maximize negotiation time and ensure timely closure of the session, the presiding officers of the SBSTA, the SBI and the APA will propose, in consultation with Parties and in a transparent manner, time-saving approaches to the organization and scheduling of meetings during the session, taking into account previous relevant SBI conclusions.<sup>7</sup> Further information on such proposals will be outlined in the joint reflections note to be made available on the UNFCCC web site to be issued by mid-August.

### 4. Report of the Adaptation Committee

6. *Background:* SBSTA 47 and SBI 47 noted that the Adaptation Committee had completed its work on the recommendations to the CMA in response to decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 42, as well as its work, together with the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, on their joint recommendations to the CMA in response to decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 41 and 45.<sup>8</sup>

7. At the first part of their forty-eighth sessions, the SBSTA and the SBI continued their consideration of these recommendations and welcomed the progress made in advancing the deliberations on these matters as captured in the revised informal notes<sup>9</sup> by the co-facilitators. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to continue their consideration of these matters on the basis of the revised informal notes referred to above at the second part of their forty-eighth sessions.<sup>10</sup>

8. *Action:* In accordance with annex I to decision 1/CP.23, the SBSTA and the SBI will be invited to advance their work on these matters with a view to forwarding recommendations to the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its twenty-fourth session for consideration and adoption at CMA 1.

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<sup>5</sup> <http://unfccc.int/event/sbsta-48-2>.

<sup>6</sup> Available at <https://unfccc.int/DP-SB48-2>

<sup>7</sup> FCCC/SBI/2014/8, paragraphs 218–221.

<sup>8</sup> FCCC/SBI/2017/19, paragraph 78

<sup>9</sup> Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/77091> and <https://unfccc.int/documents/64379>.

<sup>10</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2018/3, paragraph 32.

## 5. Development and transfer of technologies: technology framework under Article 10, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement

9. *Background:* COP 21 requested<sup>11</sup> SBSTA 44 to initiate the elaboration of the technology framework established under Article 10, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement and to report on its findings to the COP with a view to the COP making a recommendation on the framework for consideration and adoption at CMA 1. The matter was considered at SBSTA 44 and subsequently at SBSTA 45, 46, 47 and 48.

10. SBSTA 48.1 considered the initial draft of the technology framework<sup>12</sup> prepared by the SBSTA Chair as requested at SBSTA 47 and agreed that elaboration of the technology framework, including its structure, would continue at SBSTA 48.2 using the updated draft of the technology framework.<sup>13</sup>

11. *Action:* In accordance with annex I to decision 1/CP.23, the SBSTA will be invited to advance its work on this matter with a view to forwarding a recommendation to COP 24 for consideration and adoption at CMA 1.

## 9. Impact of the implementation of response measures

### (b) Modalities, work programme and functions under the Paris Agreement of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures

12. *Background:* COP 21 decided that the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures under the subsidiary bodies shall continue and shall serve the Paris Agreement.<sup>14</sup> It also decided that the SBI and the SBSTA shall recommend, for consideration and adoption at CMA 1, the modalities, work programme and functions of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures to address the effects of the implementation of response measures under the Paris Agreement.<sup>15</sup>

13. At the first part of their forty-eighth sessions, the SBSTA and the SBI agreed to continue work on this matter at the second part of their forty-eighth sessions on the basis of the revised version of the SBSTA and SBI Chairs' informal document as prepared by the co-chairs of the contact group on the agenda sub-items at the first part of those sessions.<sup>16</sup> The SBSTA and the SBI noted that the content of the revised SBSTA and SBI Chairs' informal document does not represent consensus among Parties.

14. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed that the recommendation being prepared under this agenda sub-item for consideration and adoption at CMA 1 will include language for the CMA to take the necessary procedural steps to enable the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures to serve the Paris Agreement as per decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 33 and 34.

15. *Action:* In accordance with annex I to decision 1/CP.23, the SBSTA and the SBI will be invited to advance their work on this matter to make recommendations for consideration and adoption at CMA 1.

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<sup>11</sup> Decision 1/CP.21 para 67.

<sup>12</sup> Available at <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2018/sbsta/eng/sbsta48.informal.1.pdf>.

<sup>13</sup> <https://unfccc.int/documents/78024>.

<sup>14</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 33.

<sup>15</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 34.

<sup>16</sup> The original version of the Chair's informal document (SB48.Informal.1) is available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/75392> and the revised version (SB48.IN.SBI\_i17b-SBSTA\_i9b) at <https://unfccc.int/documents/65148>.

## 12. Matters relating to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement

### (a) Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement

16. *Background:* COP 21 requested the SBSTA to develop and recommend the guidance referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement for consideration and adoption at CMA 1, including guidance to ensure that double counting is avoided on the basis of a corresponding adjustment by Parties for both anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks covered by their nationally determined contributions under the Paris Agreement.<sup>17</sup>

17. SBSTA 48.1 took note of the informal document containing draft elements of the guidance on cooperative approaches prepared by the SBSTA Chair<sup>18</sup> in response to the request at SBSTA 47.<sup>19</sup> The SBSTA also took note of the revised informal note prepared by the co-chairs of the contact group on this agenda sub-item<sup>20</sup> and agreed to continue the discussions at SBSTA 48.2 on the basis of the aforementioned revised informal note, noting that this note does not represent a consensus or reflect all the views of Parties.

18. *Action:* The SBSTA will be invited to advance its consideration of this matter in order to recommend a draft decision for consideration and adoption at CMA 1.

### (b) Rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement

19. *Background:* COP 21 requested the SBSTA to develop and recommend rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement for consideration and adoption at CMA 1.<sup>21</sup>

20. SBSTA 48.1 took note of the informal document containing draft elements of the rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism prepared by the SBSTA Chair<sup>22,23</sup> in response to the request at SBSTA 47.<sup>24</sup> The SBSTA also took note of the revised informal note prepared by the co-chairs of the contact group on this agenda sub-item<sup>25</sup> and agreed to continue the discussions at SBSTA 48.2 on the basis of the aforementioned revised informal note, noting that this note does not represent a consensus or reflect all the views of Parties.

21. *Action:* The SBSTA will be invited to advance its consideration of this matter in order to recommend a draft decision for consideration and adoption at CMA 1.

### (c) Work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement

22. *Background:* COP 21 requested the SBSTA to undertake a work programme under the framework for non-market approaches to sustainable development referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement, with the objective of considering how to enhance linkages and create synergy between, inter alia, mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology transfer and capacity-building and how to facilitate the implementation and coordination of non-market approaches. The COP also requested the SBSTA to recommend

<sup>17</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 36.

<sup>18</sup> SBSTA48.Informal.2.

<sup>19</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2017/7, paragraph 91.

<sup>20</sup> SBSTA48.Informal.5.v2ed. Available at <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/conferences/bonn-climate-change-conference-april-2018/sessions/sbsta-48#eq-23>.

<sup>21</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 38.

<sup>22</sup> SBSTA48.Informal.3.

<sup>23</sup> SBSTA48.Informal.3.

<sup>24</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2017/7, paragraph 97.

<sup>25</sup> SBSTA48.Informal.6.v2ed. Available at <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/conferences/bonn-climate-change-conference-april-2018/sessions/sbsta-48#eq-24>.

a draft decision on the work programme, taking into account the views of Parties, for consideration and adoption at CMA 1.<sup>26</sup>

23. SBSTA 48.1 took note of the informal document containing draft elements of the draft decision on the work programme prepared by the SBSTA Chair<sup>27</sup> in response to the request at SBSTA 47.<sup>28</sup> The SBSTA also took note of the revised informal note prepared by the co-chairs of the contact group on this agenda sub-item<sup>29</sup> and agreed to continue the discussions at SBSTA 48.2 on the basis of the aforementioned revised informal note, noting that this note does not represent a consensus or reflect all the views of Parties.

24. *Action:* The SBSTA will be invited to advance its consideration of this matter in order to recommend a draft decision for consideration and adoption at CMA 1.

### **13. Modalities for the accounting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 7, of the Paris Agreement**

25. *Background:* SBSTA 47 welcomed the progress in the work on the accounting modalities for the accounting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 7, of the Paris Agreement<sup>30</sup> as reflected in the informal note by the co-chairs of the contact group of this agenda item.<sup>31</sup>

26. SBSTA48.1 welcomed the work on the modalities for the accounting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 7, of the Paris Agreement as reflected in the informal note by the co-chairs of the contact group on this matter.<sup>32</sup> The SBSTA agreed to continue its work on this matter at SBSTA 48.2, building on, but not limited to, the aforementioned informal note, views and submissions made,<sup>33</sup> and to forward the outcomes to COP 24 with a view to the COP making a recommendation for consideration and adoption at CMA 1.

27. The SBSTA requested its Chair to continue consultations with the Co-Chairs of the APA with a view to avoiding overlap and duplication and ensuring the timely incorporation of the modalities for the accounting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions developed by the SBSTA into the modalities, procedures and guidelines to be developed by the APA under its agenda item 5, “Modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement”.<sup>34</sup>

28. *Action:* In accordance with annex I to decision 1/CP.23, the SBSTA will be invited to advance its work on this matter with a view to forwarding a recommendation to COP 24 for consideration and adoption at CMA 1.

### **16. Closure of and report on the session**

29. After the draft report on the session has been presented to the SBSTA for consideration and adoption, the Chair will declare the session closed.

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<sup>26</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 39 and 40.

<sup>27</sup> SBSTA48.Informal.4.

<sup>28</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2017/7, paragraph 103.

<sup>29</sup> SBSTA48.Informal.7.v2ed. Available at <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/conferences/bonn-climate-change-conference-april-2018/sessions/sbsta-48#eq-25>.

<sup>30</sup> Decision 1/CP.21

<sup>31</sup> Available at <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/conferences/un-climate-change-conference-november-2017/sessions-of-negotiating-bodies/sbsta-47#eq-24>.

<sup>32</sup> Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/80105>.

<sup>33</sup> The submissions are available at [https://unfccc.int/submissions\\_and\\_statements](https://unfccc.int/submissions_and_statements).

<sup>34</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2018/3, paragraph 110.