

SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE  
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Agenda item 8 (d)

## **METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES**

### **METHODS AND TOOLS TO EVALUATE IMPACTS AND ADAPTATION**

#### Draft conclusions by the Chairman

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) took note of the information provided by the secretariat on the progress made in collecting and disseminating information on the methods and tools to assess climate change impacts and adaptation (FCCC/SBSTA/2000/INF.4). It encouraged the secretariat to continue its work, and noted that further action is needed to improve the quality of information, and to enhance the capability of developing country Parties to make the best use of available methods and tools.

2. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, in coordination with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), to organize a meeting of experts to explore:

(1) Options to improve the compilation and review, and to facilitate the dissemination, of information on methodologies, including development of an extended compendium of methods and tools;

(2) The feasibility of a joint workshop on impacts and adaptation methodologies after the Working Group II Third Assessment Report of IPCC is approved/accepted.

The SBSTA invited the secretariat to provide information on the results of such an expert meeting, if possible, at its thirteenth session.

3. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare a report for its fourteenth session on methodological issues regarding climate change impacts and adaptation as related to the UNFCCC, taking into consideration information provided in the IPCC Third Assessment Report.

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4. The SBSTA noted that exchange of information and the ability to apply impact and adaptation methods is linked to the issue of capacity-building in vulnerability and adaptation assessment. The SBSTA invited Parties to consider needs and options related to capacity-building in the area of methodologies for impacts and adaptation, as an element of a draft framework for capacity-building activities, in accordance with decisions 10/CP.5 and 11/CP.5.

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