



SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE

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Agenda Item 8

**ARTICLE 6 OF THE CONVENTION: EDUCATION, TRAINING AND PUBLIC
AWARENESS**

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chairman

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) took note of document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/6 and Add.1. It reaffirmed the importance of work in the area of education, training and public awareness, and its funding, *inter alia*, by the Global Environment Facility (GEF). It drew the attention of the Parties to the fact that no resources were provided in the programme budget for 2002-2003 for work in this area, and invited Parties, particularly those included in Annex I to the Convention, to contribute generously for this purpose.
2. The SBSTA took note of the report of the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE) on national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (FCCC/SBI/2001/15), in particular the sections relating to education, training and public awareness, and noted the importance of implementing country-driven strategies.
3. As a first step, the SBSTA encouraged the secretariat, in cooperation with relevant organizations, to facilitate cost-effective dissemination of lessons learned, best practices and other information products.
4. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, resources permitting, and building on the technology information system TT:CLEAR described in document FCCCC/TP/2001/2, Vols. 1 and 2, to develop a new, broader website which could serve as a clearing house and a resource centre for Parties in the implementation of Article 6.
5. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, resources permitting, to organize a workshop to develop a work programme on Article 6 activities with regionally balanced categories of participants. These participants should include government representatives involved in the climate change process and experts in education, communications or training from governments, intergovernmental, non-governmental or other organizations, and the business sector. The draft terms of reference of the workshop are set out in the annex below. Parties are invited to provide comments on it to the secretariat by 31 December 2001. The SBSTA also requested the

secretariat to prepare a report on the results of the workshop for consideration at its sixteenth session.

6. The SBSTA noted that, after its sixteenth session, regional and subregional workshops could be a means of further developing and implementing the SBSTA work programme on Article 6.

7. The SBSTA recognized the need to disseminate the results of the IPCC Third Assessment Report, *inter alia*, to policy makers and the public, using a variety of mechanisms such as regional and subregional workshops, and to prepare and disseminate popularized versions intended for the general public. It welcomed efforts being made in this regard by relevant United Nations bodies such as UNEP, UNDP, WMO and UNITAR, as well as the UNFCCC secretariat, and encouraged further efforts in this area with scientific and technical advice from the IPCC. It also requested the secretariat to make use of and disseminate relevant IPCC and UNFCCC information, such as reports from regional workshops, at all workshops organized by the secretariat.

8. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to report on the implementation of Article 6 as part of the compilation and synthesis of national communications from Annex I Parties for consideration by the SBSTA at its seventeenth session.

9. The SBSTA noted the important role a United Nations Climate Change Day could play in raising awareness at the national, regional and international levels and requested the secretariat to provide more information to the SBSTA on the procedures for designating such a day and the resource requirements for its implementation. The SBSTA also requested the secretariat to explore with the organizations responsible the feasibility of making climate change the theme of internationally designated days. In this context, the SBSTA expressed its appreciation of the offer by UNEP to explore the possibility that climate change be made the theme of World Environment Day in 2003, and requested UNEP to confirm this offer prior to the sixteenth session of the SBSTA.

10. The SBSTA invited the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, while considering the report of the GEF, to take note of the financial requirements of the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention, and to urge the GEF to make financial resources available for this purpose.

Annex:

**Draft terms of reference of the workshop for the development of a
work programme on Article 6 of the Convention**

Duration: Four days.

Place: To be determined.

Objectives:

1. To define and prioritize the elements of a SBSTA work programme on Article 6.
2. To identify how United Nations organizations and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations could support Parties, particularly non-Annex I Parties and Parties with economies in transition, in implementing such a programme at the national level.

Activities

1. To review the needs identified in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/6 and Add.1, and to identify elements for inclusion in a possible SBSTA work programme, including the establishment of such priorities.
2. To consider the needs and recommendations in document FCCC/SBI/2001/15 concerning education, training and public awareness and to suggest how relevant aspects might be integrated in a SBSTA work programme.
3. To consider information received from United Nations organizations and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on their activities relating to Article 6 and to identify ways in which Parties might use this existing knowledge and capacity in the implementation of Article 6 at the national level.
4. To identify elements of good practice, information products and mechanisms for information exchange.
