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**Scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of impacts of, and vulnerability and adaptation to, climate change**

**Draft conclusions proposed by the co-chairs of the contact group  
on agenda item 7**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) took note of the submissions from Parties contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2004/MISC.6 and Add.1.
2. The SBSTA welcomed the exchange of views among Parties, experts and representatives of non-governmental organizations, businesses, and international and other relevant organizations during the in-session workshop on the scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of impacts of, and vulnerability and adaptation to, climate change, in the context of the themes of sustainable development, opportunities and solutions, and vulnerability and risk. It expressed appreciation to the speakers representing a broad range of expertise who participated in the workshop. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to post the text of the Chair's oral report from the workshop on the UNFCCC web site.
3. The SBSTA agreed to continue focusing its work on exchanging information and sharing experiences and views among Parties on practical opportunities and solutions to facilitate the implementation of the Convention, as mandated by the Conference of the Parties by its decision 10/CP.9.
4. As a next step, the SBSTA agreed that, at its twenty-first session, it will focus on the exchange of information and sharing of experiences and views, and lessons learned, taking into account different national circumstances, on the following topics:
  - (a) Application of methods and tools, including regional models, for assessing impacts and vulnerability and adaptation
  - (b) Linkages between adaptation and sustainable development.
5. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA, to organize a workshop during its twenty-first session allowing for in-depth discussion to exchange information and share experiences and views on the topics referred to in paragraph 4 above.

6. To facilitate the discussion at the workshop, the SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare a background paper on the application of methods and tools, including regional models, for assessing impacts and vulnerability and developing adaptation responses, inter alia, drawing on the practices of the relevant expert communities, including those responsible for dealing with natural disasters. It also requested the secretariat to make available through the UNFCCC web site published papers relating to the linkages between adaptation and sustainable development.
7. To facilitate the discussion at the workshop, the SBSTA invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 31 August 2004, their views on the topics referred to in paragraph 4 above, and on the workshop referred to in paragraph 5 above, for compilation into a miscellaneous document.
8. The SBSTA requested its Chair to prepare a summary of the workshop referred to in paragraph 5 above, and requested the secretariat to make this summary, and the workshop presentations and abstracts, available on the UNFCCC web site as soon as possible after the workshop.
9. The SBSTA agreed to determine next steps on this agenda item at its twenty-first session.
10. In accordance with decision 16/CP.9, the SBSTA noted that there are costs associated with implementing these conclusions, and that their implementation is subject to the availability of supplementary funds.

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