



Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

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Agenda item 7

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) noted with appreciation the statement delivered by the representative of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). It also took note of the information submitted by Parties¹ and by regional and international research programmes and organizations active in climate change research² (hereinafter referred to as research programmes and organizations) in preparation for the research dialogue during SBSTA 38.

2. The SBSTA welcomed the research dialogue³ referred to in paragraph 1 above, and expressed its appreciation to the research programmes and organizations and to the IPCC for their contributions to the research dialogue. The SBSTA also expressed its appreciation to Parties for sharing information and for their views on research needs and priorities in the context of the research dialogue.

3. The SBSTA noted the advances made in research presented by research programmes and organizations and welcomed the progress made in broadening participation at the regional level in these research activities. The SBSTA stressed the important role of capacity-building activities in developing countries, and encouraged that increased efforts be made towards a higher level of participation by scientists from developing countries in climate change research and dissemination of climate science information. The SBSTA also took note of the need for detailed climate data and information at the local and regional levels, in particular in developing countries, in support of understanding climate change and of the practical implementation of adaptation and mitigation efforts.

4. The SBSTA noted that by SBSTA 40 (June 2014) the IPCC will have released the contributions of Working Groups I, II and III to the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report and that these could contribute relevant information to the research dialogue to be held during SBSTA 40.

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2013/MISC.4.

² FCCC/SBSTA/2013/MISC.5 and Add.1.

³ The agenda, presentations and information on the research programmes and organizations that contributed to the research dialogue are available at <<http://unfccc.int/7663.php>>.

5. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 26 March 2014, their views on possible topics for consideration as part of the research dialogue to be held during SBSTA 40, and requested the secretariat to make them available on the UNFCCC website.

6. The SBSTA recalled its conclusions from SBSTA 32, 34 and 35⁴ and noted that the availability and visibility of scientific information relevant to the Convention on the UNFCCC website has been enhanced. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to provide a summary report on this work and to make it available for consideration at SBSTA 40.

7. The SBSTA recalled its conclusions from SBSTA 37 regarding the organization of a workshop, subject to the availability of financial resources, to be held by SBSTA 39, to consider information on the technical and scientific aspects of ecosystems with high-carbon reservoirs not covered by other agenda items under the Convention, such as coastal marine ecosystems, in the context of wider mitigation and adaptation efforts.⁵ The SBSTA took note of the views of Parties on the content of the workshop⁶ and requested the secretariat, in organizing the workshop, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA, to take these views into account. It further requested the secretariat to prepare a report on the workshop, to be made available before SBSTA 40.

⁴ FCCC/SBSTA/2010/6, paragraph 49(b), FCCC/SBSTA/2011/2, paragraph 55(b), and FCCC/SBSTA/2011/5, paragraph 42.

⁵ FCCC/SBSTA/2012/5, paragraph 50.

⁶ FCCC/SBSTA/2013/MISC.6 and Add.1 and 2.