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**Market and non-market mechanisms under the Convention
Framework for various approaches**

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) initiated the work programme to elaborate a framework for various approaches (FVA) in accordance with decision 1/CP.18, paragraphs 41–46.
2. Drawing on the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on this matter, including the relevant workshop reports and technical paper, experience of existing mechanisms and submissions of views by Parties and admitted observer organizations,¹ the SBSTA considered:
 - (a) The role of the FVA, including its linkages with other relevant matters under the Convention and its instruments;
 - (b) The technical design of the FVA, including how its elements, including those set out in decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 46, may be elaborated;
 - (c) Further steps in the work programme on this agenda item.
3. The SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration of this matter at SBSTA 39 (November 2013), with a view to fulfilling its mandate as set out in decision 1/CP.18, paragraphs 44–46.
4. To further conduct its work programme as referred to in paragraph 1 above, the SBSTA:
 - (a) Invited Parties and admitted observer organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 2 September 2013, their views on, inter alia, the following questions, and requested the secretariat to make these submissions available on the UNFCCC website:
 - (i) On the role of the FVA:

¹ FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/INF.4, FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/INF.9, FCCC/TP/2012/4, FCCC/SBSTA/2013/MISC.11 and Add.1, and FCCC/SBSTA/2013/MISC.16.

- a. What is the purpose and scope of the FVA, including its role in ensuring environmental integrity?
- b. What are the possible links between the FVA and other relevant matters under the Convention and its instruments?
- c. Should the elements of the FVA operate under the principles, provisions and commitments of the Convention, and if so how?
 - (ii) On the technical design of the FVA:
 - a. How may the elements listed in decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 46, be elaborated given the options for the purpose and scope of the FVA expressed by Parties?
 - b. Which experiences from the Kyoto Protocol flexible mechanisms, domestic and regional schemes, existing institutional arrangements and infrastructure are relevant to the elaboration of the FVA and how can they be applied to the FVA?
 - c. Should the FVA assess the institutional arrangements of various approaches, and if so, how?
 - d. What could be the role of a share of proceeds for the approaches under the FVA?
 - e. What common accounting rules, standards, criteria and/or procedures, if any, could be established under the Convention, taking into account internationally agreed common accounting rules, to ensure the environmental integrity of the approaches under the FVA, and avoiding all types of double counting, including mitigation outcomes and support?
 - (b) Requested the secretariat to prepare a technical synthesis of materials, including those referred to in paragraph 2 above, the discussions of Parties at SBSTA 38 and the submissions referred to in paragraph 4(a) above, and to make it available for the workshop referred to in paragraph 4(c) below and for consideration at SBSTA 39;
 - (c) Requested the secretariat to organize a workshop, prior to SBSTA 39, while ensuring broad participation of developing and developed countries, on the questions referred to in, inter alia, paragraph 4(a) above with the aim of advancing the work of the SBSTA towards fulfilling the mandate provided in decision 1/CP.18, paragraphs 44–46, and to prepare a report on the workshop and make it available for consideration at SBSTA 39.
5. The SBSTA took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat as referred to in paragraph 4(b) and 4(c) above. The SBSTA requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.