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## Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

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Agenda item 6

**Research and systematic observation**

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#### Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) took note of the information submitted by Parties<sup>1</sup> and by the regional and international research programmes and organizations active in climate change research (hereinafter referred to as the research programmes and organizations)<sup>2</sup> for the research dialogue<sup>3</sup> held at this session of the SBSTA.
2. The SBSTA welcomed the research dialogue referred to in paragraph 1 above, and expressed its appreciation to Parties for sharing information and for their views on research needs and priorities. The SBSTA also expressed its appreciation to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and to the research programmes and organizations for their contributions to the research dialogue.
3. The SBSTA invited Parties and the research programmes and organizations to provide information, by 25 March 2015, on lessons learned and good practices for knowledge and research capacity-building, in particular in developing countries, considering information presented at past research dialogues and workshops, and the findings of the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (AR5).<sup>4</sup> The SBSTA requested the secretariat to make this information available on the UNFCCC website. This information would be considered as a topic for the next research dialogue also taking into account the submissions received in accordance with paragraph 4 below. SBSTA 42 (June 2015) will consider the need for a workshop in regard to the themes from the research dialogue.
4. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 25 March 2015, their views on possible topics for consideration as part of the research dialogue to be held during

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<sup>1</sup> Parties' submissions to SBSTA are available at <<http://unfccc.int/5901.php>>.

<sup>2</sup> The submissions of observer organizations are available at <<http://unfccc.int/7482.php>>.

<sup>3</sup> The agenda, presentations and other relevant information on the research dialogue are available at <<http://unfccc.int/6793.php>>.

<sup>4</sup> Parties are encouraged to make a consolidated submission containing their views on information referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4.

SBSTA 42 and beyond, taking into account the findings of the AR5, and requested the secretariat to make them available on the UNFCCC website.

5. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the release by the IPCC of the contributions of Working Groups II<sup>5</sup> and III<sup>6</sup> to its AR5, and the statements delivered by the representatives of the IPCC and the World Meteorological Organization at SBSTA 40. The SBSTA noted the importance of the AR5 for the UNFCCC process.

6. The SBSTA noted that, as requested at SBSTA 37,<sup>7</sup> the secretariat organized a workshop 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, in October 2013.<sup>8</sup> The SBSTA expressed its appreciation to the Governments of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for providing financial resources for this workshop.

7. The SBSTA took note of the report on the workshop<sup>9</sup> referred to in paragraph 6 above and of the methodological report adopted by the IPCC in 2013 on Wetlands.<sup>10</sup>

8. The SBSTA noted that the outcomes of the workshop referred to in paragraph 6 above may be relevant to the work of Parties on both mitigation and adaptation within other processes under the Convention, such as the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, and the Climate Technology Centre and Network.

9. The SBSTA encouraged the research programmes and organizations to continue sharing experiences, knowledge and views, inter alia, on ecosystems with high-carbon reservoirs, including on capacity-building elements, as appropriate, in particular in developing countries.

10. The SBSTA also encouraged efforts to pursue dialogue between Parties and the research programmes and organizations, inter alia, in relation to paragraphs 6–9 above.

11. The SBSTA invited the IPCC to take note of the work of the SBSTA on research and systematic observation in matters related to ecosystems with high-carbon reservoirs in the consideration, by the IPCC, of future work.

12. The SBSTA noted that, as requested at SBSTA 37,<sup>11</sup> the secretariat prepared a summary report on the enhanced availability and visibility of scientific information relevant to the Convention on the UNFCCC website.<sup>12</sup> The SBSTA considered the information contained in that report and requested the secretariat to further enhance the availability and visibility of scientific information, including through social media, the UNFCCC E-Newsletter and the climate-science calendar, and by integrating scientific information available on the Internet from the IPCC and other relevant stakeholders. The SBSTA invited the secretariat to report on progress made in that regard to SBSTA 42.

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<sup>5</sup> *Climate Change 2014: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability*. Available at <<http://ipcc-wg2.gov/AR5>>.

<sup>6</sup> *Climate Change 2014: Mitigation of Climate Change*. Available at <<http://mitigation2014.org>>.

<sup>7</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2012/5, paragraph 50.

<sup>8</sup> Information on the workshop, including submissions received and presentations made, is available at <<http://unfccc.int/7797.php>>.

<sup>9</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2014/INF.1.

<sup>10</sup> *2013 Supplement to the 2006 Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories: Wetlands*. Available at <<http://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/public/wetlands/index.html>>.

<sup>11</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2013/3, paragraph 69.

<sup>12</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2014/INF.5.

13. The SBSTA took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 12 above. It requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

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