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Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change

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Draft conclusion proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) took note of the joint meeting, held in Bonn, Germany, from 1 to 4 April 2014, on best practices and available tools for the use of indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices, best practices and needs of local and indigenous communities and the application of gender-sensitive approaches and tools for understanding and assessing impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, which was organized by the Adaptation Committee in conjunction with the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change with a view to developing recommendations for practitioners.
2. The SBSTA invited the Adaptation Committee, in accordance with its mandate and functions, to consider providing further recommendations for activities to be undertaken under the Nairobi work programme in relation to the joint meeting referred to in paragraph 1 above.
3. The SBSTA welcomed the following documents prepared for the session:
 - (a) The report on the meeting on available tools for the use of indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation, needs of local and indigenous communities and the application of gender-sensitive approaches and tools for adaptation;¹
 - (b) The report on progress made in implementing activities under the Nairobi work programme.²
4. The SBSTA expressed its appreciation to the Governments of Canada and Switzerland for providing financial support for the organization of the meeting referred to in paragraph 1 above and to the Government of Spain for its financial support for the implementation of activities under the Nairobi work programme.

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2014/INF.11.

² FCCC/SBSTA/2014/INF.7.

5. As requested,³ the SBSTA considered ways to enhance the effectiveness of the modalities of the Nairobi work programme and concluded that the following actions, inter alia, would be carried out under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA and with the support of the secretariat:

(a) Enhancing collaboration with global and regional knowledge networks and Nairobi work programme partner organizations in order to strengthen the production and dissemination of knowledge on adaptation;

(b) Inviting regional centres and networks to serve as regional knowledge platforms for the implementation of the activities under the Nairobi work programme;

(c) Considering web-based activities that would engage a broader range of stakeholders, and electronic means of dissemination of knowledge products of the Nairobi work programme, as appropriate;

(d) Further considering improved approaches to engaging and collaborating with Nairobi work programme partner organizations, such as through the enhanced use and better alignment of calls for action and Action Pledges, when the SBSTA takes stock of progress at SBSTA 44 (May 2016).

6. The SBSTA concluded that the activities described in paragraphs 7–14 below would be undertaken in order to collect, analyse and disseminate information and knowledge to inform adaptation planning and actions at the regional, national and subnational levels, particularly in relation to, inter alia, ecosystems, human settlements, water resources and health.

7. The SBSTA invited Parties and Nairobi work programme partner organizations, including regional centres and networks, to include information on the following, as appropriate, in their submissions requested by the SBSTA at its thirty-ninth session:⁴

(a) Available and implemented tools and methods for adaptation planning processes addressing the four issues of ecosystems, human settlements, water resources and health;

(b) Good practices and lessons learned in relation to adaptation planning processes, including on monitoring and evaluation, addressing the four issues of ecosystems, human settlements, water resources and health;

(c) Good practices and lessons learned related to processes and structures for linking national and local adaptation planning.

8. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report based on the information submitted in response to paragraph 7 above for consideration at SBSTA 41 (December 2014).

9. The SBSTA invited the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) to consider the synthesis report referred to in paragraph 8 above when conducting their work on adaptation planning.

10. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA and in collaboration with Parties and relevant Nairobi work programme partner organizations, to present the findings from the submissions referred to in paragraph 7 above at the Nairobi work programme Focal Point Forum held in conjunction with SBSTA 41.

11. The SBSTA also requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA, in collaboration with the Adaptation Committee and the LEG and with

³ Decision 17/CP.19, paragraph 4.

⁴ FCCC/SBSTA/2013/5, paragraph 13(b).

contributions from relevant Nairobi work programme partner organizations, including regional centres and networks, to develop case studies, as appropriate, that highlight good practices and lessons learned as referred to in paragraph 7 above for consideration at SBSTA 43 (November–December 2015).

12. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to invite, by SBSTA 41, and engage regional centres and networks with the capacity to do so, including those identified through the Adaptation Committee's work on regional centres and networks,⁵ and in collaboration with relevant Nairobi work programme partner organizations, with a view to these regional centres and networks using knowledge sharing modalities, as appropriate and subject to the availability of financial resources, to produce information, by SBSTA 43, on:

(a) Tools and methods that are available and implemented for adaptation planning addressing the four issues of ecosystems, human settlements, water resources and health;

(b) Good practices and lessons learned in relation to adaptation planning, including monitoring and evaluation, addressing the four issues of ecosystems, human settlements, water resources and health;

(c) Good practices and lessons learned related to processes and structures for linking national and local adaptation planning.

13. The SBSTA also requested the secretariat to invite and engage the relevant regional centres and networks by SBSTA 44 to report on the outcomes of the regional activities referred to in paragraph 12 above.

14. The SBSTA further requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA, to prepare and communicate knowledge products, as appropriate, based on the outcomes from the activities referred to in paragraphs 7–13 above by SBSTA 45.

15. The SBSTA took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 5, 8 and 10–14 above. It requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

⁵ An information paper prepared by the Adaptation Committee on strengthening the understanding of the roles of regional institutions and United Nations agencies in supporting enhanced adaptation actions in developing countries is available at http://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/cancun_adaptation_framework/adaptation_committee/application/pdf/ac5_un_and_regional_support_for_adaptation_27feb.pdf.