



Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

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Agenda item 6(a)

Matters relating to science and review

Research and systematic observation

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) noted with appreciation the statements delivered by the representatives of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the World Meteorological Organization and UN-Oceans. It noted the importance of the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) for the UNFCCC process and welcomed the outreach efforts made by the IPCC to disseminate its findings.

2. The SBSTA took note of the information submitted by Parties¹ and by the regional and international research programmes and organizations active in climate change research (hereinafter referred to as the research programmes and organizations)² for the seventh meeting of the research dialogue,³ held on 4 June 2015. The information note on that meeting prepared by the Chair of the SBSTA was welcomed by Parties.⁴

3. The SBSTA welcomed the research dialogue and expressed its appreciation to Parties for sharing information and for their views on: addressing data and information gaps; and lessons learned and good practices in relation to knowledge and research capacity-building, in particular in developing countries. The SBSTA also expressed its appreciation to the IPCC and to the research programmes and organizations for their contributions to the research dialogue.

4. The SBSTA thanked the secretariat for the summary report,⁵ requested at SBSTA 40,⁶ on the progress made in further enhancing the availability and visibility of scientific information relevant to the Convention on the UNFCCC website. The SBSTA requested

¹ The submissions from Parties to the SBSTA are available at <<http://unfccc.int/5900.php>>.

² The submissions from observer organizations to the SBSTA are available at <<http://unfccc.int/7482.php>>.

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

⁴ Available at <http://unfccc.int/files/science/workstreams/research/application/pdf/rd7_infnote.pdf>.

⁵ FCCC/SBSTA/2015/INF.1.

⁶ FCCC/SBSTA/2014/2, paragraph 67.

the secretariat to continue its efforts to enhance the availability and visibility of such scientific information, including in order to disseminate the findings of the AR5, and to report on progress made at a future session of the SBSTA, as appropriate.

5. The SBSTA encouraged the scientific community to address information and research gaps identified during the research dialogue, including scenarios that limit warming in 2100 to below 1.5 °C relative to pre-industrial levels, and the range of impacts at the regional and local levels associated with these scenarios.

6. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit their views on possible topics for consideration at the research dialogue to be held at SBSTA 44 (May 2016) and beyond, taking into account the information note referred to in paragraph 2 above, via the submissions portal⁷ by 9 March 2016.

7. The SBSTA also invited Parties to submit their views on themes for a possible research workshop in conjunction with SBSTA 46 (May 2017) via the submissions portal by 9 March 2016 for consideration at SBSTA 44.

⁷ <<http://www.unfccc.int/5900>>.