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**Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and  
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### **Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) welcomed the following documents prepared for the session:

(a) The report on progress made in implementing activities under the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change (NWP);<sup>1</sup>

(b) The information note on activities undertaken by regional centres and networks on adaptation planning processes and processes and structures for linking national and local adaptation planning.<sup>2</sup>

2. The SBSTA also welcomed the compilation of good practices, tools and data collection initiatives in relation to the use of local, indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation, undertaken in collaboration with the Adaptation Committee (AC) and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG).<sup>3</sup>

3. The SBSTA acknowledged the contributions of regional centres and networks, international institutions and NWP partner organizations in undertaking and reporting activities on adaptation planning and processes and producing information on the outcomes of their regional activities<sup>4</sup> referred to in paragraph 1(b) above. It also acknowledged the inputs of NWP partner organizations, experts and other relevant organizations to the compilation referred to in paragraph 2 above.

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2016/INF.4.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2016/INF.1.

<sup>3</sup> Available at <<http://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NWP/Pages/LITKP-page.aspx>>.

<sup>4</sup> Reports on the regional activities are available at <<http://unfccc.int/9557.php>>.



4. It expressed its appreciation to Japan for providing financial support for the implementation of activities under the NWP.

5. In accordance with the mandate in decision 17/CP.19,<sup>5</sup> the SBSTA took stock of progress in the implementation of the NWP and acknowledged the achievements and progress made under the NWP to date. The SBSTA welcomed the efforts of the secretariat in implementing activities under the NWP under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA.

6. The SBSTA recognized the role of the NWP in providing support in the areas of adaptation knowledge and related stakeholder engagement to other workstreams and constituted bodies under the Convention and noted the potential role it can play in new processes under the Paris Agreement and decision 1/CP.21. In this regard, the SBSTA invited the AC, the LEG and other relevant bodies, in accordance with their mandates and functions, to consider providing recommendations for activities to be undertaken under the NWP in supporting these processes.

7. The SBSTA concluded that activities under the NWP should integrate the consideration of vulnerable communities in addition to gender issues, traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems, and the role of and impacts on ecosystems, where appropriate.

8. The SBSTA also concluded that the following activities would be undertaken 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:

(a) On health:

(i) The SBSTA invited Parties, NWP partner organizations and other relevant organizations to submit, by 29 August 2016, information on: their recent work in the area of climate impacts on human health, including changes in the geographical distribution of diseases; new and emerging health issues, including tropical diseases and their impacts on social and economic structures, as well as the issues of malnutrition, waterborne diseases, vector-borne diseases and disaster impacts; and the effects of climate change on health and productivity in the workplace, with implications for occupational health, safety and social protection;<sup>6</sup>

(ii) The SBSTA requested the secretariat to utilize the submissions referred to in paragraph 8(a)(i) above to inform the 10<sup>th</sup> Focal Point Forum, to be held in conjunction with SBSTA 45 (November 2016);

(iii) The SBSTA also requested the secretariat to organize the 10<sup>th</sup> Focal Point Forum on the topic of health and adaptation, featuring speakers from Parties and relevant organizations;

(iv) The SBSTA further requested the secretariat to prepare a report synthesizing the submissions referred to in paragraph 8(a)(i) above and the topics discussed at the 10<sup>th</sup> Focal Point Forum for consideration at SBSTA 46 (May 2017);

(b) On human settlements:

(i) The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare a document concisely summarizing initiatives in the area of human settlements within the context of the mandate of the NWP for consideration at SBSTA 46;

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<sup>5</sup> Decision 17/CP.19, paragraph 13(b).

<sup>6</sup> Parties should submit their views via the submissions portal at <<http://www.unfccc.int/5900>>. Organizations should e-mail their submissions to <[secretariat@unfccc.int](mailto:secretariat@unfccc.int)>.

(ii) The SBSTA invited Parties, NWP partner organizations and other relevant organizations to submit, by 20 September 2017, information on topics such as good practices, lessons learned and available tools and methods, based on their recent work in the area of human settlements and adaptation, including on assessing sensitivity and vulnerability to climate change, integrating both short- and long-term climate considerations (including both extreme and slow onset events) into planning, the role of national governments in supporting adaptation at the local level and city-to-city partnerships on climate change, bearing in mind the unique challenges and scale differences in urban, rural and remote settlements, in particular in small island developing States and the least developed countries; cross-cutting issues and linkages to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans (NAPs) should also be considered;<sup>7</sup>

(iii) The SBSTA requested the secretariat to utilize the submissions referred to in paragraph 8(b)(ii) above to inform the 11<sup>th</sup> Focal Point Forum, to be held in conjunction with SBSTA 47 (November 2017);

(iv) The SBSTA also requested the secretariat to organize the 11<sup>th</sup> Focal Point Forum around the topic of human settlements and adaptation, featuring speakers from local and municipal governments and Parties and relevant organizations;

(v) The SBSTA further requested the secretariat to prepare a report synthesizing the submissions referred to in paragraph 8(b)(ii) above and the topics discussed at the 11<sup>th</sup> Focal Point Forum for consideration at SBSTA 48 (April–May 2018);

(c) On ecosystems and water resources:

(i) The SBSTA invited Parties, NWP partner organizations and other relevant organizations to submit, by 25 January 2017, information on: lessons learned and good practices in relation to adaptation planning processes that address ecosystems and interrelated areas such as water resources; lessons learned and good practices in monitoring and evaluating the implementation of ecosystem-based adaptation; and tools for assessing the benefits of mitigation and adaptation to enhancing resilience and emission reductions that ecosystem-based adaptation provides;<sup>8</sup>

(ii) The SBSTA requested the secretariat, in collaboration with relevant NWP partner organizations, to prepare a report synthesizing the submissions referred to in paragraph 8(c)(i) above for consideration at SBSTA 46;

(d) On economic diversification:

(i) The SBSTA invited Parties and NWP partner organizations and other relevant organizations to submit, by 20 September 2017, information on lessons learned and good practices in relation to adaptation actions and plans that could enhance economic diversification and have mitigation co-benefits;<sup>9</sup>

(ii) The SBSTA requested the secretariat to compile all submissions referred to in paragraph 8(d)(i) above into a miscellaneous document for consideration at SBSTA 47.

9. The SBSTA welcomed the activities recommended by the AC and the LEG to be undertaken under the NWP, in response to an invitation from the Chair of the SBSTA,<sup>10</sup> and requested the secretariat to undertake those activities under the guidance of the Chair of the

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<sup>7</sup> As footnote 6 above.

<sup>8</sup> As footnote 6 above.

<sup>9</sup> As footnote 6 above.

<sup>10</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2016/INF.4, paragraphs 30–34.

SBSTA. It noted that the activities will strengthen the role of the NWP in providing knowledge support to the work of the AC and the LEG.

10. The SBSTA also noted that the activities referred to in paragraph 9 above will strengthen the role of the NWP in supporting the process to formulate and implement NAPs.

11. The SBSTA invited NWP partner organizations and other relevant organizations, including the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), to submit to the secretariat, by 20 September 2017, information on indicators of adaptation and resilience at the national and/or local level or for specific sectors.<sup>11</sup> The SBSTA requested the secretariat to utilize those submissions to inform the meeting that the AC agreed to convene in 2018 for exchanging views on national adaptation goals and indicators and how they relate to goals and indicators for sustainable development and disaster risk reduction in the context of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030.<sup>12</sup> The SBSTA invited the AC and the LEG to consider the submissions so as to inform their work on reviewing the effectiveness and adequacy of adaptation.

12. The SBSTA recognized that there is a role for the NWP in addressing knowledge gaps that are barriers to adaptation actions at the national and subnational levels. It requested the secretariat to foster collaboration among, inter alia, policymakers, research and scientific communities, including the IPCC, practitioners and financial institutions so as to contribute to closing adaptation knowledge gaps at the national and subnational levels.

13. The SBSTA considered ways to enhance the effectiveness of the modalities of the NWP, including ways to enhance the dissemination of knowledge generated under the NWP and improve learning to scale up adaptation actions at all levels. It concluded that the following actions, among others, would be carried out under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA and with the support of the secretariat:

(a) Strengthening the engagement of existing NWP partner organizations and developing new partnerships, including with local and municipal governments, the private sector, scientific organizations, academia, organizations representing indigenous and traditional communities, spiritual and religious groups, gender constituencies, youth organizations and mass media;

(b) Improving access to and usability of knowledge for end users, including through the adaptation knowledge portal, for example by linking the adaptation knowledge portal with other knowledge platforms, as appropriate;

(c) Enhancing the participation of the UNFCCC national focal points in meetings, workshops and other relevant activities under the NWP, and their role in the dissemination of knowledge outputs generated under the NWP to countries, including through the adaptation knowledge portal;

(d) Engaging regional centres and networks in undertaking knowledge-sharing and training activities and disseminating the outcomes at the regional, national and subnational levels, including the outcomes of the activities referred to in paragraphs 8 and 9 above;

(e) Communicating (e.g. via webinar, as appropriate) with NWP partner organizations and other relevant organizations on the process to formulate and implement NAPs in collaboration with the AC and the LEG;

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<sup>11</sup> As footnote 6 above.

<sup>12</sup> See the annex to document FCCC/SB/2015/2.

(f) Improving the consideration of gender issues and the inclusion of traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems in tools and methods for adaptation planning processes.

14. The SBSTA took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13 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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