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adaptation to climate change**

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) welcomed the progress made in implementing activities under the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change (NWP).
2. The SBSTA also welcomed the following documents prepared by the secretariat in collaboration with NWP partner organizations and other relevant organizations, while noting that these collaborative activities have enhanced the role of the NWP as a knowledge hub that supports enhanced action on adaptation:
 - (a) A synthesis report on human health and adaptation with regard to understanding climate impacts on health and opportunities for action, prepared in consultation with participants of the 10th Focal Point Forum, in particular Parties, NWP partner organizations, including the World Health Organization, and other relevant expert organizations, and based on the information provided by Parties, NWP partner organizations and other relevant organizations in their submissions;¹
 - (b) A synthesis report on adaptation planning, implementation and evaluation addressing ecosystems and areas such as water resources, prepared in collaboration with members of Friends of Ecosystem-based Adaptation, based on the information provided by Parties, NWP partner organizations and other relevant organizations in their submissions;²
 - (c) A summary report on initiatives in the area of human settlements and adaptation, prepared with inputs from the United Nations Human Settlements Programme,

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2017/2.

² FCCC/SBSTA/2017/3.



ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability and the Urban Climate Change Research Network;³

(d) A report on the progress made in implementing activities under the NWP.⁴

3. The SBSTA expressed its appreciation to Japan for providing financial support for the implementation of activities under the NWP.

4. The SBSTA also expressed its appreciation to Parties, NWP partner organizations and other expert organizations for their inputs and collaboration in the implementation of activities 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, as referred to in paragraph 2 above.

5. The SBSTA noted that these activities have helped strengthen partnerships with and among Parties through their national focal points, and also noted their potential contributions to the advancement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as set out in the documents listed in paragraph 2 above. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to continue exploring opportunities to develop linkages with the SDGs and encouraged the secretariat, in the context of its current mandates,⁵ to implement further outreach activities, with a view to understanding which of the activities undertaken and information produced under the NWP have proved most useful to those implementing adaptation activities, as well as how they have served in practice.

6. The SBSTA recognized that the documents referred to in paragraph 2 above could inform the work of Parties to address impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change.

7. The SBSTA invited NWP partner organizations and other relevant organizations to implement relevant collaborative actions to address impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, taking into consideration, as appropriate, the documents referred to in paragraph 2 above. The SBSTA also invited NWP partner organizations and other relevant organizations to review, update and renew their action pledges and to provide periodic updates of such action pledges, with a view to strengthening the role of the NWP as a knowledge hub that supports enhanced action on adaptation.

8. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to continue to explore ways to further disseminate the outcomes of the activities undertaken under the NWP to facilitate the transfer of knowledge to constituted bodies, Parties and other relevant entities.

9. The SBSTA welcomed the constructive exchange of views among Parties and NWP partner organizations on ways to improve the effectiveness of the Focal Point Forum,⁶ and agreed that the Focal Point Forum should be improved with a view to:

(a) Enhancing the engagement of experts and expert organizations, including those from developing countries and those working on national adaptation plans;

(b) Providing an interactive space for information-sharing and the informal exchange of views among NWP partner organizations, Parties and other relevant organizations, bearing in mind that NWP partner organizations should be given sufficient opportunities to share their views during the Focal Point Forum;

³ FCCC/SBSTA/2017/INF.3.

⁴ FCCC/SBSTA/2017/INF.1.

⁵ FCCC/SBSTA/2014/2, FCCC/SBSTA/2014/5, FCCC/SBSTA/2015/5, FCCC/SBSTA/2016/2 and FCCC/SBSTA/2016/4.

⁶ FCCC/SBSTA/2016/4, paragraph 14.

(c) Facilitating collaboration and partnerships among NWP partner organizations, Parties and other relevant organizations, which could contribute to translating the key findings and gaps identified in the activities undertaken under the NWP into concrete adaptation actions;

(d) Informing future activities to be undertaken under the NWP, in a way that supports the potential role of the NWP in the implementation of the Paris Agreement, particularly on issues related to adaptation;

(e) Taking stock of the practical ways in which knowledge shared through the NWP has been used in the past and using this to set out ideas for future work.

10. The SBSTA noted that the future topics to be discussed at the Focal Point Forum could be selected on the basis of proposals made by Parties, NWP partner organizations and other relevant organizations.

11. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, within the framework of its current mandates,⁷ to consider opportunities for engaging with Parties, NWP partner organizations and other relevant organizations to co-organize events that would complement the Focal Point Forum and contribute effectively to the objectives referred to in paragraph 9 above. Such events could be held in conjunction with workshops or technical meetings organized in various regions, or take the form of side events at SBSTA sessions.

12. The SBSTA invited all Parties, NWP partner organizations and other relevant organizations to provide support to enable the participation of relevant experts, including experts from developing countries, in the Focal Point Forum and other events under the NWP as referred to in paragraph 11 above.

13. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to put emphasis on rural and coastal settlements, including remote settlements, during the 11th Focal Point Forum on human settlements and adaptation.

14. The SBSTA also requested the secretariat to share information in advance on the Focal Point Forum and on other events as referred to in paragraph 11 above so as to facilitate the involvement of experts.

15. The SBSTA invited Parties, NWP partner organizations and other relevant organizations to submit, by 12 January 2018, their views on further improving the relevance and effectiveness of the NWP in the light of the Paris Agreement for consideration at SBSTA 48 (April–May 2018).⁸ The SBSTA noted that those submissions will inform the review of the NWP at SBSTA 48.⁹

⁷ As footnote 5 above.

⁸ Parties should submit their views via the submission portal at <http://unfccc.int/5900>. NWP partner organizations and other relevant organizations should e-mail their submissions to secretariat@unfccc.int.

⁹ Decision 17/CP.19, paragraph 13(c).