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

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#### **Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) welcomed 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> especially progress in relation to the following four issues: ecosystems, water resources, human settlements and health.
2. The SBSTA expressed its appreciation to Japan for providing financial support for the implementation of activities under the NWP.
3. The SBSTA also expressed its appreciation to the International Development Research Centre and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for providing support for the participation of relevant experts, including experts from developing countries, in the 11<sup>th</sup> NWP Focal Point Forum.
4. The SBSTA welcomed the opportunities presented to the NWP to contribute to the work of other constituted bodies under the Convention, in particular the Adaptation Committee (AC) and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG),<sup>2</sup> including:
  - (a) The preparation of an overview of the landscape of existing platforms providing technical support to developing country Parties on adaptation;<sup>3</sup>
  - (b) The preparation of an information paper on considerations regarding vulnerable communities, groups and ecosystems in the context of the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans (NAPs).<sup>4</sup>
5. The SBSTA noted that the opportunities referred to in paragraph 4 above have strengthened the role of the NWP in providing knowledge support to the work of the AC and the LEG through innovative partnership arrangements.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2017/INF.6.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2016/4, paragraph 16.

<sup>3</sup> FCCC/SB/2017/2, paragraphs 53–56. The overview of the landscape is available at [http://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/groups\\_committees/adaptation\\_committee/application/pdf/ac12\\_7c\\_1\\_landscape.pdf](http://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/groups_committees/adaptation_committee/application/pdf/ac12_7c_1_landscape.pdf).

<sup>4</sup> FCCC/SBI/2017/14, paragraphs 44 and 69.

<sup>5</sup> The innovative partnership arrangements refer to the systematic approach that the secretariat has



6. The SBSTA welcomed the recommendations of the AC<sup>6</sup> and the LEG<sup>7</sup> and requested that the activities referred to therein be undertaken under the NWP by the secretariat, with NWP partner organizations, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA.

7. The SBSTA acknowledged the submissions from Parties, NWP partner organizations and other relevant organizations on their recent work in the areas of human settlements and adaptation, indicators of adaptation and resilience at the national and/or local level or for specific sectors, and adaptation actions and plans that could enhance economic diversification and produce mitigation co-benefits.<sup>8</sup>

8. The SBSTA welcomed the outcomes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Focal Point Forum on human settlements and adaptation, which was held under the overall guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA in conjunction with SBSTA 47.<sup>9</sup> The SBSTA also welcomed the technical dialogue with human settlements experts that was co-organized with NWP partner organizations prior to the twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties to complement the Focal Point Forum in response to the mandate from SBSTA 46.<sup>10</sup> The SBSTA noted that the 11<sup>th</sup> Focal Point Forum and the technical dialogue resulted in:

(a) Enhancing the engagement of experts and expert organizations, including those from developing countries;

(b) Providing an interactive space for information-sharing and the informal exchange of views among Parties, NWP partner organizations, experts and other relevant organizations;

(c) Facilitating collaboration and partnerships among NWP partner organizations, Parties and other relevant organizations.

9. The SBSTA also noted that the Focal Point Forum participants identified follow-up collaborative activities that could contribute to translating the key findings and gaps identified in the activities undertaken under the NWP into concrete adaptation actions. The SBSTA encouraged the secretariat to replicate the modalities referred to in paragraph 8 above to continue enhancing the effectiveness of the Focal Point Forum in the future.<sup>11</sup>

10. The SBSTA welcomed the priority-setting workshops for six subregions<sup>12</sup> under the Lima Adaptation Knowledge Initiative (LAKI). They were organized by the secretariat in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme and other partner organizations as a joint action pledge under the NWP.<sup>13</sup> The SBSTA also welcomed the significant efforts made under the pilot phase of LAKI and supported the enhancement of communication in the next phase of LAKI to further raise awareness.

11. The SBSTA encouraged Parties to enhance the engagement of their UNFCCC national focal points in NWP activities with a view to strengthening partnerships with NWP partner organizations.

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undertaken with its growing network of partner organizations in strengthening the role of the NWP as a knowledge hub; see document FCCC/SBSTA/2017/INF.6, paragraphs 11, 20–26 and 40–42.

<sup>6</sup> FCCC/SB/2017/2, paragraph 56.

<sup>7</sup> FCCC/SBI/2017/14, paragraph 44.

<sup>8</sup> The submissions from Parties are available at

<http://www4.unfccc.int/submissions/SitePages/sessions.aspx?showOnlyCurrentCalls=1&populateData=1&expectedsubmissionfrom=Parties&focalBodies=SBSTA> and the submissions from observer organizations and other stakeholders are available at <http://unfccc.int/7482>.

<sup>9</sup> Further details on the 11<sup>th</sup> Focal Point Forum are available at <http://unfccc.int/10447>.

<sup>10</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2017/4, paragraph 23.

<sup>11</sup> The objectives of enhancing the effectiveness of the Focal Point Forum are contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2017/4, paragraph 21.

<sup>12</sup> Two of the priority-setting workshops focused on the least developed countries, three on African States and one on small island developing States.

<sup>13</sup> The action pledge is available at

<http://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NWP/Pages/Item.aspx?ListItemId=23181&ListUrl=/sites/nwp/Lists/MainDB>.

12. The SBSTA requested Parties to consider the following areas in improving the relevance and effectiveness of the NWP:

(a) How to enhance the engagement of partner organizations with the aim of improving the linkages of their workplans to the themes addressed under the NWP;

(b) How to ensure that the NWP has delivered on its mandate, on the basis of Parties' submissions<sup>14</sup> and experience;

(c) How to enhance the role of the NWP to be more relevant to the work of the AC and the LEG as well as other constituted bodies and relevant workstreams in the light of the Paris Agreement.

13. The SBSTA agreed to extend the deadline for the submission of views<sup>15</sup> on further improving the relevance and effectiveness of the NWP from 12 January 2018 to 30 March 2018. The SBSTA invited Parties,<sup>16</sup> NWP partner organizations and other relevant organizations to also submit their views on the areas referred to in paragraph 12 above. The SBSTA noted that those submissions will inform the review of the NWP at SBSTA 48 (April–May 2018).<sup>17</sup>

14. The SBSTA also noted the potential role that webinars, webcasts and expert meetings on the margins of the NAP Expo could play in informing the submissions referred to in paragraph 13 above. The SBSTA invited the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA, to consider this matter.

15. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA, to prepare a synthesis report summarizing the outcomes of the work undertaken under the NWP since SBSTA 44, to serve as input to the review of the NWP at SBSTA 48.

16. The SBSTA took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 9, 10 and 14 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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<sup>14</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2017/4, paragraph 27.

<sup>15</sup> As footnote 14 above.

<sup>16</sup> See document FCCC/SBSTA/2017/4, paragraph 27, for the original invitation for submissions.

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