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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) recognized the role of the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change (NWP) in closing knowledge gaps and engaging with experts in order to facilitate the co-production of knowledge-based outputs and the scaling up of action related to adaptation, in particular in developing countries, including the least developed countries and small island developing States.
2. The SBSTA also recognized that the work under the NWP, in line with the knowledge-to-action methodology, is crucial to facilitating achievement of the goals of the Convention and the Paris Agreement in terms of supporting the delivery and enhancement of adaptation knowledge and action, in particular in developing countries, including the least developed countries and small island developing States.
3. The SBSTA welcomed the report on progress in implementing activities under the NWP, prepared by the secretariat under the guidance of the SBSTA Chair, and the information provided therein on next steps, new activities and the workplan for 2023.¹
4. The SBSTA noted that the work under the NWP should include addressing knowledge gaps identified by Parties in developing adaptation-related policies and processes, and preparing and implementing actions identified in relevant documents, including national adaptation plans, nationally determined contributions, adaptation communications, national communications and biennial transparency reports, as appropriate.
5. The SBSTA welcomed the work and progress of the secretariat in implementing activities under the NWP in 2022–2023. It requested the secretariat to continue to implement activities under the NWP, in particular in developing countries, including the least developed countries and small island developing States, in line with the workplan referred to in paragraph 3 above.
6. The SBSTA also requested the secretariat to:
 - (a) Scale up the Lima Adaptation Knowledge Initiative around the globe, striving for a regional balance when organizing activities and workshops with regional partners

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2023/2.



thereunder, with a view to addressing knowledge gaps and enhancing adaptation action in developing countries;

(b) Strengthen the UN Climate Change and Universities Partnership Programme and continue to build partnerships, striving for a regional balance, for addressing adaptation knowledge gaps, particularly in developing countries;

(c) Enhance, in collaboration with NWP partners, the provision of useable, useful and innovative knowledge on specific adaptation practices, including cross-cutting practices, in order to respond to Parties' needs, including those identified in the current and future work of relevant constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement;

(d) Continue to enhance understanding of and disseminate scientific knowledge and, in collaboration with the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, enhance understanding and application of local knowledge and Indigenous science, values and knowledge systems with a view to addressing current and future knowledge gaps, and enhance the availability of and access to related knowledge products, translating them into United Nations official languages, as appropriate;

(e) Strengthen modalities for disseminating and communicating NWP knowledge products, including at regional climate weeks and NAP Expos, by updating and enhancing the user-friendliness and accessibility of the adaptation knowledge portal,² and by increasing the provision of knowledge products in different United Nations official languages, as appropriate;

(f) Continue its work with the secretariats of the other Rio Conventions with regard to adaptation-related issues;

(g) Prepare a concise report on activities, by region, undertaken under the NWP in the last five years for consideration at SBSTA 60 (June 2024), with the aim of closing knowledge gaps that may affect future activities, increasing cooperation and creating synergies at the interregional level, and facilitating the scaling up of adaptation action;

(h) Organize an event on monitoring, evaluation and learning systems for all adaptation actions and support, including transformational adaptation;

(i) Organize the 16th Focal Point Forum, in conjunction with COP 28 (November–December 2023), on addressing adaptation knowledge gaps in mountains, high-latitude areas and the cryosphere.

7. The SBSTA recognized the importance of the NWP in relation to brokering and delivering knowledge and expertise to constituted bodies and for processes of relevance under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, as well as the ability to actively respond under the NWP to the adaptation knowledge gaps identified within those bodies and processes.

8. The SBSTA invited Parties, NWP partners and other relevant organizations, as appropriate, to provide financial and in-kind support for the implementation of activities, striving for a regional balance, under the NWP.

9. The SBSTA took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 6 above.

10. It requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

² <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/nwpstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.