

## **Informal discussion on developments in research activities relevant to the needs of the Convention**

### **Summary report by the SBSTA Chair**

As mandated at the twenty-sixth session of the SBSTA, we held an informal discussion on developments in research activities relevant to the needs of the Convention last Thursday, 5 June. We benefited from the active participation and presentations from representatives of the IPCC and of the following regional and international global change research programmes and organizations:

- o the Earth System Science Partnership (ESSP)
- o the World Climate Research Programme (WCRP)
- o the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP)
- o the International Human Dimensions Programme (IHDP)
- o DIVERSITAS
- o the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI) and
- o the Asia Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN)

This informal discussion took place as part of the research dialogue between Parties and research programmes and organizations in the context of decision 9/CP.11. During the meeting, representatives of the research programmes and organizations and the IPCC reported on a number of on-going research activities. These presentations, which have been posted on the UNFCCC website, were followed by discussion with Party representatives.

The meeting provided an excellent opportunity to hear from the research programmes and organizations on a number of developments in research activities that the SBSTA had identified and invited the research community to regularly provide information.

This meeting has demonstrated its usefulness in facilitating dialogue between the research community and the SBSTA, which all participants wish to see continued in the future.

Finally, I would like to thank all Parties that participated at this informal dialogue meeting and express our appreciation to the representatives of the research programmes and organizations and the IPCC for their active participation and excellent contributions.