

## **D. Good practice guidance and other information on land use, land-use change and forestry**

(Agenda item 4 (d))

### **1. Proceedings**

22. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and 5th meetings, on 2 and 9 December, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/INF.11 and reports prepared by the IPCC entitled: *Good Practice Guidance for Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry* and *Definitions and Methodological Options to Inventory Emissions from Direct Human-Induced Degradation of Forests and Devegetation of Other Vegetation Types*.<sup>7</sup> Statements were made by representatives of eight Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and of Hungary, Lithuania, Malta and Poland, one on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and one on behalf of AOSIS.

Representatives of the IPCC and the Global Environment Centre (GEC) also made statements.

23. At its 2nd meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this sub-item in a contact group co-chaired by Ms. Margaret Mukahanana-Sangarve (Zimbabwe) and Mr. Audun Rosland (Norway). At the 5th meeting, Ms. Mukahanana-Sangarve reported on the contact group's consultations.

### **2. Conclusions**

24. At its 5th meeting, on 9 December, having considered a proposal by the Chair, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBSTA welcomed the report of the IPCC entitled *Good Practice Guidance for Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry* (IPCC good practice guidance for LULUCF), prepared in response to a request by the COP by its decision 11/CP.7. The IPCC good practice guidance for LULUCF is intended to assist Parties in preparing higher-quality GHG inventories in which uncertainties are reduced as far as is practicable. The IPCC good practice guidance for LULUCF is also intended to support the development of inventories that are transparent, consistent, complete, comparable and accurate;

(b) The SBSTA took note of the information contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/INF.11 on a draft common reporting format (CRF) for LULUCF;

(c) The SBSTA decided to recommend a draft decision relating to the use of the IPCC good practice guidance for LULUCF in the preparation of national GHG inventories under the Convention (FCCC/SBSTA/2003/L.22/Add.1) for adoption by the COP at its ninth session;

(d) The SBSTA decided to consider, at its twentieth session, tables of the CRF for LULUCF activities under the Kyoto Protocol and related reporting requirements, based on the IPCC

good practice guidance for LULUCF, with a view to recommending a draft decision on good practice guidance for LULUCF under the Kyoto Protocol for adoption by the COP at its tenth session;

(e) The SBSTA invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 15 February 2004, their

views on the draft tables of the CRF for LULUCF activities under the Kyoto Protocol contained in

document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/INF.11 and on requirements for reporting annual GHG inventory

information on LULUCF activities under the Kyoto Protocol. It requested the secretariat to update the draft tables of the CRF for LULUCF activities under the Kyoto Protocol, taking into account

submissions by Parties, to facilitate the further consideration of this topic by the SBSTA at its twentieth session;

(f) The SBSTA welcomed the report by the IPCC entitled *Definitions and Methodological*

*Options to Inventory Emissions from Direct Human-Induced Degradation of Forests and Devegetation of Other Vegetation Types*. It decided to further consider the information contained in this report at its twentieth session in accordance with paragraph 2 (a) of decision 11/CP.7;

(g) The SBSTA invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 15 March 2004, their initial

views on the report referred to in paragraph 24 (f) above, including on possible definitions to account for anthropogenic GHG emissions resulting from direct human-induced degradation and devegetation activities, which could be used in the context of the Kyoto Protocol;

(h) The SBSTA took note of the report of the IPCC expert meeting on current scientific understanding of the processes affecting terrestrial carbon stocks and human influences upon them,

which was submitted by the IPCC to the SBSTA as a response to the invitation contained in paragraph 3 (d) of decision 11/CP.7

(i) The SBSTA noted an aim to address the issues referred to in paragraph 1 (h) of draft

decision -/CMP.1 (*Land use, land-use change and forestry*), and the need to discuss the issues referred to in paragraph 3 (d) of decision 11/CP.7;

(j) The SBSTA invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 15 April 2004, their views on the issues referred to in paragraph 24 (i) above, and other related LULUCF issues<sup>9</sup>;

For the text as adopted, see document FCCC/CP/2003/6/Add.1, decision 13/CP.9.10. The IPCC Meeting Report on *Current Scientific Understanding of the Processes Affecting Terrestrial Carbon Stocks and Human Influences upon Them* is available from the IPCC and at its web site ([www.ipcc.ch/pub/carbon.pdf](http://www.ipcc.ch/pub/carbon.pdf)).

(k) The SBSTA decided to discuss, at its twentieth session, the issues referred to in paragraph 24 (i) above, the submissions referred to in paragraph 24 (j) above and other relevant information, and to consider next steps as appropriate.

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<sup>9</sup>For the text as adopted, see document FCCC/CP/2003/6/Add.1, decision 13/CP.9.