

VIII. Capacity-building under the Convention

(Agenda item 8)

79. The SBI welcomed the information⁴⁰ from Parties, submitted in accordance with conclusions of the COP at its thirteenth session, contained in document FCCC/CP/2007/6, paragraph 87, on their experiences with monitoring and evaluation of capacity-building at the national level.

80. The SBI also welcomed the information⁴¹ from Parties on the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries (the capacity-building framework), submitted in accordance with decision 4/CP.12, and reiterated its invitation to Parties to make annual submissions to enable more comprehensive monitoring of the implementation of the capacity-building framework and the sharing of experiences with capacity-building activities.

81. The SBI also welcomed the report of the expert meeting on experiences in using performance indicators for the monitoring and evaluation of capacity-building at the national level contained in document FCCC/SBI/2008/15. The SBI thanked the Government of Brazil for hosting the expert meeting and the Governments of Austria, Norway and Romania for providing financial support.

82. The SBI took note of the synthesis report on the implementation of the capacity-building framework,⁴² and noted the concern expressed by some Parties regarding lack of progress in implementation of the framework.

83. The SBI also took note of the technical paper containing approaches to the monitoring and evaluation of capacity-building at different levels.⁴³

84. The SBI further took note of the report⁴⁴ of the GEF and the support that the GEF has provided for capacity-building activities. The SBI recommended that the COP reiterate its request to the GEF to make continued efforts to provide adequate financial resources to support the implementation of capacity-building activities consistent with decision 2/CP.7.

85. The SBI recalled that the second comprehensive review of the capacity-building framework should take into account, inter alia, recommendations to be made by the SBI at its thirtieth session on further steps to regularly monitor and evaluate capacity-building activities undertaken pursuant to decisions 2/CP.7 and 4/CP.12, with a view to recommending a draft decision for adoption by the COP at its fifteenth session.

86. The SBI reiterated its invitation to Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 13 February 2009, any additional or updated information and views that may be relevant to the completion of the second comprehensive review.⁴⁵

⁴⁰ FCCC/SBI/2008/MISC.6.

⁴¹ FCCC/SBI/2008/MISC.5.

⁴² FCCC/SBI/2008/11.

⁴³ FCCC/TP/2008/5.

⁴⁴ FCCC/CP/2008/2/Rev.1.

⁴⁵ FCCC/SBI/2008/8, paragraph 72.

87. The SBI noted that substantial expertise exists globally in monitoring and evaluating capacity-building within, inter alia, governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and intergovernmental organizations (IGOs), and that Parties can benefit from this expertise. The SBI also noted that information gaps remain in the monitoring and evaluation of capacity-building at the national and global levels.

88. The SBI invited Parties, IGOs and NGOs to submit to the secretariat, by 16 February 2009, information on their experiences and lessons learned on, in particular, the use of performance indicators for monitoring and evaluating capacity-building at the national and global levels.

89. The SBI recalled the draft decision that it recommended at its twenty-eighth session⁴⁶ on capacity-building for developing countries under the Convention for adoption by the COP at its fourteenth session.⁴⁷

90. The SBI, after considering the submissions from Parties, the technical paper, the reports of the expert meetings on experiences in using performance indicators for the monitoring and evaluation of capacity-building at the national level, and the submissions referred to in paragraph 88 above, requested the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report to advance the monitoring and evaluation of capacity-building at various levels, consistent with decision 2/CP.7 and including the possible use of performance indicators, for consideration at its thirtieth session.

⁴⁶ FCCC/SBI/2008/8, paragraph 75.

⁴⁷ For the text as adopted, see document FCCC/CP/2008/7/Add.1, decision 6/CP.14.