

## **VIII. Capacity-building under the Convention**

(Agenda item 8)

84. The SBI reiterated the importance of capacity-building for developing countries as a critical element in the implementation of the Convention.

85. The SBI welcomed and considered the report of the GEF (FCCC/CP/2005/3 and Corr.1), specifically the sections on capacity-building, and acknowledged the compilation and synthesis of initial national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (FCCC/SBI/2005/18 and Add.1–6 and Add.3/Corr.1).

86. The SBI reiterated the following requests to the secretariat:

- (a) To provide reports to the COP, at each of its sessions, on activities to implement the framework for capacity-building as set out in decision 2/CP.7, paragraph 9
- (b) To disseminate, in cooperation with the GEF and its implementing agencies, an information document on best practices and lessons learned in capacity-building projects and programmes, and to facilitate its publication through the UNFCCC web site, consistent with decision 2/CP.10
- (c) To report on the progress of the GEF in developing capacity-building performance indicators, consistent with decision 4/CP.9.

87. The SBI reiterated that capacity-building activities undertaken by the GEF should be guided by decisions 2/CP.7 and 2/CP.10 and emphasized that the response of the GEF to the framework for capacity-building as set out in decision 2/CP.7 should be provided in a timely manner. The SBI noted with appreciation that 153 countries were engaged in the national capacity self-assessments (NCSAs) as at September 2005, but noted that some countries were not yet engaged in this process and encouraged the GEF to continue to provide the required financial resources to ensure that the remaining eligible developing countries are engaged in the NCSAs by SBI 24 (May 2006).

88. The SBI welcomed the GEF country programme for the least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS) and agreed that it should be guided by decision 2/CP.7, annex, paragraph 15. The SBI noted that each country programme will be a medium-sized project at the national level following small grants procedures to expedite the implementation of capacity-building activities in LDCs and SIDS.

89. The SBI concluded that these conclusions and the submissions by the Parties in accordance with decision 2/CP.10, which may include views on relevant approaches and strategic issues, will be considered in the future monitoring and review of the framework for capacity-building.