

VII. Article 6 of the Convention (Agenda item 7)

60. The SBI, at its twenty-sixth session, considered the compilation of views from Parties on the implementation of the New Delhi work programme on Article 6 of the Convention and on a possible future strategic approach (FCCC/SBI/2007/MISC.3 and Add.1). The SBI noted that Parties were of the view that the New Delhi work programme is a useful tool in guiding the implementation of Article 6.

61. The SBI recognized that the implementation of Article 6 is a long-term process, and that a framework supporting its further realization is needed to sustain and promote national efforts. The SBI acknowledged that the New Delhi work programme should be extended and adapted to address gaps and needs identified by Parties in reviewing the work programme. Parties agreed that an extended New Delhi work programme should:

- (a) Have a defined time frame and milestones;
- (b) Continue to be country-driven and cost-effective and to acknowledge the diversity of national circumstances;
- (c) Foster national efforts and strengthen regional and subregional efforts;
- (d) Articulate objectives, roles and responsibilities, to allow for more efficient implementation and monitoring;
- (e) Provide additional focus on mentoring and exchange of materials;
- (f) Facilitate provision of technical and financial support.

62. The SBI recalled its previous conclusions on this matter (FCCC/SBI/2006/28, para. 61) and for consideration at its twenty-seventh session:

- (a) Requested the secretariat to prepare a report on the extent of implementation of the New Delhi work programme, including consideration of the usefulness of regional workshops, taking into account the views from Parties contained in documents FCCC/SBI/2007/MISC.3 and Add.1 and drawing on information contained in national communications, document FCCC/SBI/2006/17, the report of the planned workshop for small island developing States and other relevant reports that may be collated by the secretariat;
- (b) Invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 17 August 2007, their views on an extended work programme, reflecting, inter alia, the elements reported in paragraph 60 above, for compilation into a miscellaneous document;
- (c) Requested the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report of these views that could form the basis of a draft future work programme, taking into account the proposed strategic approach outlined in document FCCC/SBI/2006/17.

63. The SBI requested the secretariat to continue its work on the information network clearing house (CC:iNet) and invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 17 August 2007, their views on issues relating to this work. Parties, when preparing their submissions, may wish to reflect on, inter alia:

- (a) Impact – the relevance and usefulness of such an information tool;
- (b) Content – relevance and usefulness of existing and possible additional information products;
- (c) Process – relevance of existing information sources and/or the need for additional sources, including options to source and update information in a proactive manner;
- (d) Structure – organization and presentation of information in the clearing house;
- (e) Accessibility – ease of access and promotion of the clearing house;
- (f) Aesthetic issues – such as navigation, appearance and name.

64. The SBI requested the secretariat to compile these views into a miscellaneous document and, if necessary, to undertake a survey of registered and other users of CC:iNet, which will focus, and further elaborate, on the key issues raised by Parties. The SBI also requested the secretariat to prepare, for consideration at its twenty-seventh session, an evaluation report that will draw on Parties' views, the results of the survey, if applicable, and usage and content rating statistics, and that will present recommendations on how to improve the clearing house and move towards its full-scale implementation.

65. The SBI observed that this year, the following theme days observed annually within the United Nations system are raising awareness about climate change issues:

- (a) World Meteorological Day, 23 March 2007: Polar meteorology – Understanding global impacts;
- (b) World Migratory Bird Day, 12 and 13 May: Migratory birds in a changing climate;¹⁸
- (c) International Day for Biological Diversity, 22 May: Biodiversity and climate change;¹⁹
- (d) World Environment Day, 5 June: Melting Ice – a hot topic?;²⁰
- (e) World Day to Combat Desertification, 17 June: Desertification and climate change – one global challenge.

¹⁸ <<http://www.worldmigratorybirdday.org>>.

¹⁹ <<http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/outreach/awareness/biodiv-day-2007.shtml>>.

²⁰ <<http://www.unep.org/wed/2007/english/>>.

66. The SBI invited the secretariat to seek the views of the organizing secretariats as well as other organizations on the success of these days in raising awareness about climate change issues, and to report back to the SBI at its twenty-seventh session.