

III. Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change (Agenda item 3)

13. The SBSTA welcomed the progress made up to its twenty-eighth session in the implementation of the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, and took note of the report on the workshop on climate modelling, scenarios and downscaling,⁶ two technical papers⁷ and the progress report for the period between its twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth sessions.⁸

14. The SBSTA recognized the catalytic role of the Nairobi work programme and expressed its appreciation to the organizations that have undertaken, or have stated their intention to undertake, actions in support of the objective of the Nairobi work programme. It encouraged these organizations to further enhance their efforts towards this end, including through the submission of action pledges. The SBSTA noted that the activities undertaken by these organizations have furthered the understanding of scientific and technical knowledge under the nine areas of work of the Nairobi work programme.

15. The SBSTA highlighted the importance of, and further potential for, partnerships and dialogue between users and providers of information relevant to adaptation in order to advance understanding of measures that can be easily and effectively utilized by decision makers.

16. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the second forum of focal points of organizations and institutions engaged in the implementation of the Nairobi work programme, convened by the Chair of the SBSTA at the present session.

17. The SBSTA considered the possible need for a group of experts and the role that this group could play in the implementation and further development of the Nairobi work programme. It recognized that the UNFCCC roster of experts and the focal points of the organizations and institutions engaged in the implementation of the Nairobi work programme provide valuable sources of expertise. It invited Parties to expand the roster of experts to ensure that all areas of expertise relevant to the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change are represented, including those which adequately reflect regional and local issues. The SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration of this matter at its thirty-second session.

18. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the summary of the results of the implementation of the Nairobi work programme for the period up to its twenty-eighth session (hereinafter referred to as the summary report).⁹ Having considered the current status, gaps, needs and recommendations detailed in the summary report, the SBSTA noted that gaps and needs remain in all nine areas of work.

19. The SBSTA recalled that the outcomes of activities completed up to its twenty-eighth session may contain useful information for Parties in the consideration of

⁶ FCCC/SBSTA/2008/9.

⁷ FCCC/TP/2008/3 and FCCC/TP/2008/4.

⁸ FCCC/SBSTA/2008/INF.5.

⁹ FCCC/SBSTA/2008/12.

relevant agenda items under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI).¹⁰ It therefore provided the SBI, for its possible consideration as appropriate, with relevant information and advice emerging from the implementation of the first phase of the Nairobi work programme, as contained in annex I.

20. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA, to consider the relevant information contained in the summary report when implementing the mandated activities of the Nairobi work programme during its second phase. It also requested its Chair to facilitate the consideration of this information in the work of the SBSTA under other relevant agenda items, as appropriate, at its future sessions.

21. The SBSTA invited Parties, relevant organizations and other stakeholders, including those participating in the implementation of the Nairobi work programme and other related activities, to consider the relevant information contained in the summary and underlying reports¹¹ in their activities, and to share the outcomes of these activities with the SBSTA.

¹⁰ FCCC/SBSTA/2008/6, paragraph 21.

¹¹ Underlying reports refer to the documents used in the preparation of the summary report, as indicated in that report.