

IV. Development and transfer of technologies (Agenda item 4)

25. The SBSTA welcomed the report of the EGTT for 2008,¹⁴ which includes the findings of its consultations with relevant international organizations on their abilities to support the specific activities listed in decision 3/CP.13, annex I. It noted the oral report by the Chair of the EGTT on the outcomes of the group's meetings held on 28–29 August 2008 in Accra, Ghana, and on 21–23 October 2008 in Dublin, Ireland.

26. The SBSTA also noted the progress made in the work of the EGTT and the interim reports by the Chair of the EGTT on performance indicators,¹⁵ financing options¹⁶ and a long-term strategy¹⁷ to facilitate the development, deployment, diffusion and transfer of technologies under the Convention. It expressed its appreciation to Mr. Jukka Uosukainen (Finland), the Chair of the EGTT, and Mr. Arthur Rolle (Bahamas), the Vice-Chair, for their contributions in leading the EGTT to advance its work programme for 2008–2009.

27. The SBSTA requested the EGTT to take into consideration the deliberations among Parties at this session when preparing its final versions of the reports referred to in paragraph 26 above. It looks forward to receiving the advanced reports, to be made available by 23 March 2009 as input to the fifth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA).

28. The SBSTA reaffirmed that the overall objective of the work on performance indicators is to develop and test a balanced and robust set of performance indicators for each theme of the framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 5, of the Convention (the technology transfer framework). The SBSTA recognized the contribution that the work of the EGTT on the development of performance indicators could make to work under the SBI on the review and assessment of the effectiveness of the implementation of Article 4, paragraphs 1(c) and 5, of the Convention and to work under the AWG-LCA, in particular to deliberations on the concept of “measurable, reportable and verifiable” in relation to technology as referred to in paragraph 1 (b) (ii) of the Bali Action Plan (decision 1/CP.13).

29. The SBSTA noted that, in response to the request of the Conference of the Parties (COP)¹⁸ at its thirteenth session, the training of trainers workshop on preparing technology transfer projects for financing¹⁹ was organized by the secretariat in collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Climate Technology Initiative from 29 September to 1 October 2008 in Vienna, Austria. The SBSTA looks forward to the forthcoming regional workshops on preparing technology transfer projects for financing that are to be organized in 2009 for Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean and encouraged participants to disseminate the lessons learned.

¹⁴ FCCC/SB/2008/INF.5.

¹⁵ FCCC/SB/2008/INF.6.

¹⁶ FCCC/SB/2008/INF.7.

¹⁷ FCCC/SB/2008/INF.8.

¹⁸ FCCC/CP/2007/6, paragraph 79 (a).

¹⁹ FCCC/SB/2008/INF.5.

30. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the financial support provided by the Governments of Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Norway, the Netherlands, Romania and Slovakia for the implementation of the work programme of the EGTT for 2008–2009.