

IX. Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (Agenda item 9)

83. The SBSTA took note of the report on the workshop on the Fourth Assessment Report (AR4) of the IPCC, held during the twenty-eighth session of the SBSTA under the guidance of its Chair.⁵² It expressed its appreciation to representatives and experts from the IPCC for their participation in the workshop, which provided the opportunity for a direct exchange of information and views among Parties on the findings of the AR4 in relation to the science of climate change, mitigation and adaptation, and other relevant information. The SBSTA also took note of the views from Parties on the AR4.⁵³

84. Recalling decision 5/CP.13 and the conclusions from its twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sessions,⁵⁴ the SBSTA emphasized that it is important for Parties to be kept informed about findings from the AR4 that relate to their current work under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, including under the AWG-LCA and the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol.

85. The SBSTA took note of a statement by a representative of the IPCC on the AR4 and on the plans of the IPCC for the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5), which contained an invitation to Parties to inform the IPCC about scientific and technical questions and information that they wish to be considered in the AR5 process in order to support deliberations under the UNFCCC process. The SBSTA noted that Parties may provide this information through their IPCC focal points for introduction into the AR5 process as appropriate.

86. The SBSTA agreed that this concludes its consideration of this agenda item.

⁵³ FCCC/SBSTA/2008/MISC.2.

⁵⁴ FCCC/SBSTA/2007/16, paragraph 49 and FCCC/SBSTA/2008/6, paragraph 140.