

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

12. The SBSTA took note of the progress report⁴ by the Chair of the SBSTA and the secretariat on the implementation of the Nairobi work programme and welcomed the progress made to date.

13. The SBSTA expressed its appreciation to the Governments of Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America for their contributions towards the implementation of the Nairobi work programme, as well as to the Government of Egypt and the FAO for hosting the workshops on climate-related risks and extreme events and on adaptation planning and practices organized in Cairo, Egypt, from 18 to 20 June 2007 and in Rome, Italy, from 10 to 12 September 2007, respectively.

14. The SBSTA welcomed the statements by the Chairs of the CGE, the EGTT and the LEG, as well as statements from FAO, the WMO, the IPCC, the RIOCC and the Munich Climate Insurance Initiative on their activities towards the implementation of the Nairobi work programme.

15. The SBSTA welcomed the progress made by the Nairobi work programme in catalysing actions by organizations and expressed its appreciation to the organizations that have undertaken, or stated their intention to undertake, innovative actions in support of the objective of the Nairobi work programme. It encouraged organizations to enhance their efforts towards this end.

16. The SBSTA noted the efforts of the secretariat under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA to engage Parties, organizations, experts and communities in the implementation of the Nairobi work programme. It requested the secretariat to continue this effort and to include information on the results of these activities in its future progress reports.

17. The SBSTA noted the findings on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change of the Fourth Assessment Report (AR4) of the IPCC. It further noted that in accordance with decision 2/CP.11, paragraph 6 (d), and in response to the conclusions of the SBSTA contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2006/11, paragraph 22, these findings will be considered in identifying further activities that will assist all Parties, in particular developing countries, including least developed countries and small island developing States, in accordance with the objective of the Nairobi work programme.

18. The SBSTA welcomed the outputs of the initial activities of the Nairobi work programme up to its twenty-seventh session and noted that these may contain useful information for Parties in the consideration of relevant agenda items under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the SBSTA. In accordance with decision 2/CP.11, paragraph 6 (c), and taking into account document FCCC/SBSTA/2006/11,

⁴ <<http://unfccc.int/3633.php>>.

paragraph 25, the SBSTA will consider the outputs from these and other completed activities at its twenty-eighth session.

19. The SBSTA highlighted the need to ensure appropriate expert input in the implementation of the Nairobi work programme, as well as in the synthesis and analysis of its deliverables, including in the summary report which will consolidate the results of the implementation of the Nairobi work programme for the period up to its twenty-eighth session.⁵ To this end, the SBSTA requested the secretariat to strive to engage experts and representatives of relevant organizations in the informal meeting of representatives from Parties to consider the outcomes of the activities completed prior to this meeting.⁶

20. In an effort to engage a wider range of expertise in the implementation of the Nairobi work programme, the SBSTA agreed to invite Parties to update the UNFCCC roster of experts⁷ to ensure that all areas of expertise relevant to impacts, vulnerability and adaptation are represented in the roster.

21. 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, and noted the views by Parties included in document FCCC/SBSTA/2007/MISC.25. It requested the secretariat to prepare a report on lessons learned in involving experts in the implementation of the Nairobi work programme for consideration at its twenty-ninth session. It agreed to include consideration of the possible need for a group of experts at its twenty-ninth session, taking into account the outcome of its consideration of the activities completed by its twenty-eighth session, the future activities to be identified at its twenty-eighth session and the summary report to be prepared by its twenty-ninth session.

⁵ FCCC/SBSTA/2006/11, paragraph 23.

⁶ FCCC/SBSTA/2006/11, paragraph 20.

⁷ <<http://unfccc.int/534.php>>.