

Update on Adaptation under the UNFCCC : Montreal and beyond

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Outline

- Introduction. Adaptation- evolving focus
- Montreal and beyond
 - Developing technical guidance -SBSTA programme of work
 - Advancing funding arrangements
 - Other related developments



Adaptation- evolving focus

- Nine areas of consideration under UNFCCC
- 2001:
 - IPCC TAR
 - COP 7 Marrakech accords:
 - 3 new funds
 - Decision 5/CP.7 identifies 18 areas of assistance on adaptation
 - Process of development NAPAs in LDCs
- 2002: Delhi Ministerial Declaration
- 2003: SBSTA work on scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects on adaptation
- 2004: Decision 1/CP.10 Buenos Aires Programme of Work on Adaptation and Response Measures
- **2005 Montreal:**
 - SBSTA five-year programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change
 - Advancing funding arrangements



Developing technical guidance: **SBSTA 5 year programme of work on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation – 2/CP.11**

- **Objective**

- to assist all Parties... to improve their understanding and assessment of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation, and to make informed decisions on practical adaptation actions

- **Expected outcomes**

- Enhanced capacity, cooperation and integration at the “international, regional, national, sectoral and local levels”, targeting “Parties, relevant organizations, business, civil society, and decision makers”
- Improved information and advice to COP

- **Scope**

- 2 themes: impacts and vulnerability, adaptation planning measures and actions
- 10 action oriented sub-themes
- Cross-cutting aspects: and methods and integration to SD

- **List of modalities**

- **Process for implementation**

- Start immediately with implementation of initial activities defined by SBSTA23
- Review the Programme at SBSTA28 (June 2008) based on their results and IPCC AR4



Involve relevant organizations and stakeholders

Developing technical guidance:
**SBSTA 5 year programme of work on impacts,
vulnerability and adaptation – SBSTA23**

- **Draft indicative list of specific activities**
 - **24 activities, modalities, timing and possible partners**
- **Requested to organize informal meeting of the representatives of Parties to further develop the indicative list – Vienna, 13-15 March**
- **Agreed to consider the outcome of this meeting at its twenty-fourth session, with a view to identifying the activities starting as of 2006.**
- **Requested the secretariat to develop an initial list of organizations**



SBSTA 5 year programme of work on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation: Vienna meeting

- **Developed a streamlined list of initial activities which would:**
 - Strike a balance between the continuation and enhancement of ongoing activities and new activities
 - Maximize involvement of stakeholders and organizations
 - Take into account the need to target a range of audiences (not only SBSTA itself)
 - Take into account practical constraints (time, availability of human and financial resources)



SBSTA 5 year programme of work on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation: Vienna meeting

9 Initial activities

- **Data and observations: builds on work on systematic observations focusing on target audience and IVA needs**
- **Methods and tools : extends the work on methods and tools**
- **Climate modeling and downscaling: applications, applicability, availability**
- Climate related risks and extreme events: climate variability, risks, thresholds
- Socio-economic information: data for vulnerability assessments
- Adaptation planning and practices: draws upon work of practitioners and experts, includes sharing of knowledge and information between stakeholders, bringing different communities together
- Economic diversification: increasing economic resilience on vulnerable economic sectors
- **Research: builds on SBSTA work on research**
- **Technologies for adaptation: builds on work of the EGTT**



SBSTA 5 year programme of work on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation: next steps, SBSTA24

- Completing negotiations and start implementation i,.e. agree on modalities (expert group(s) -?), timing, target audience, partners, deliverables, role of the SBSTA...

THE CHALLENGE:

- High expectations for delivery
- SBSTA needs to make a strategic choice and plan useful initial activities to maintain the momentum from Buenos Aires and Montreal



Advancing funding: Adaptation Fund

- **28/CMP.1 adopted initial guidance to the AF:**
 - To fund concrete adaptation projects and programmes in developing country Parties that are Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, and activities identified in decision 5/CP.7
 - The operation to be guided by a country-driven and learning-by-doing approach, sound financial management and transparency, and separation from other funding sources
- **One year process to identify:**
 - Specific policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria
 - How the AF will be managed (GEF or not GEF)
 - Workshop to exchange views on further guidance – Canada, May 2006
- **Expectations for SB24:**
 - Draft decision for COP/MOP2 - Cross-linked with review of FM and MOU with GEF under Kyoto Protocol



Advancing funding: LDC Fund

- COP/MOP (3/CP.11) gave further guidance on operation of LDC Fund:
 - provision of full-cost funding **for adaptation increment** as identified and prioritized in the NAPAs,
 - request to GEF to develop a co-financing scale and flexible modalities
- COP/MOP (4/CP.11) requested the LEG to develop work programme which includes the implementation of national adaptation programmes
- Meeting between LDCs and GEF will be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, from 6 to 8 April 2006
- Funds are currently available through the LDC fund to start implementation of specific projects. Several NAPAs developed. Several projects are identified.



Other developments

- Regional workshops under 1/CP.10 to reflect regional priorities. First workshop – in Lima, April
- Technologies for adaptation
 - EGTT considered a technical paper on applications of environmentally sound technologies for adaptation to climate change in 2005 and in Brussels, March 2006
 - Special side event of the EGTT on technologies for adaptation will be held at SBSTA25
- On-hand V&A regional trainings for AI NCs



Thank You!

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