

International Adaptation Efforts: the UNFCCC Agenda Item on Adaptation

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Presentation Outline

- SBs and adaptation related agenda items
- Anticipated scenarios at COP10
- Issues for reflection

SBs and adaptation related agenda items

SBI

- Article 4.8 & Article 4.9;
- Non-Annex I national communications;
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- Guidance to the Global Environment Facility;
- Capacity-building;
- Article 6;

SBs and adaptation related agenda items

SBSTA

- Development and transfer of technologies;
- Methods;
- Scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of impacts of, and vulnerability and adaptation to, climate change.

Article 4.8

- Decision 5/CP.7 identified the priorities for vulnerability and adaptation support which would serve as a basis for potential funding in this area and organizing a number of workshops relevant to this article

Several workshops were convened:

- A workshop on synergies;
- a workshop on local coping strategies and technologies for adaptation;
- two workshops on insurance;
- a workshop on the needs and options of non-Annex I Parties for economic diversification, and on support programmes by Annex II Parties to address these needs.

Article 4.9

- Decision 5/CP.7 established an LDC work programme. The elements relating to adaptation are currently being addressed through the NAPA process;
- Decision 27/CP.7 established an LDC Fund, which is currently providing support for the preparation of NAPAs;
- Decision 28/CP.7 promulgated NAPA guidelines,

Article 4.9

- Decision 29/CP.7 established the LDC Expert Group (LEG), which provides guidance and advice for NAPA preparation and implementation strategy, including through the organization of four regional workshops in 2003.

NAI National Communications

- Decision 11/CP.1 established strategic approach relating to adaptation to climate change;
- Studies on possible impacts and identification of options for implementation the adaptation provision contained in Article 4.1(c) and 4.1 (e) as part of NC

NAI NCs

- So far 101 NAI NC submitted included a section/chapter on vulnerability and adaptation;
- Decision 8/CP.5 established CGE
- Decision 17/CP. improved format for reporting V&A in second NC of NAI

AI National Communications

- AI Parties included information on vulnerability and climate change impacts assessments and adaptation measures undertaken in their 3rd NC
- See more information in C&S document FCCC/SBI/2003/7/Add.1

Guidance to the GEF

- The COP requested GEF to provide funding to developing country Parties to implement adaptation response measures, taking into account priority sectors identified in NCs;
- GEF developed piloting an operational approach to adaptation and establish a new strategic priority in climate change focal area.

Development and transfer of technologies

- Preparation of an inventory and assessment of adaptation technologies (13/CP.1);
- Conduct a Survey on technology needs (7CP.2);
- Adoption of a technology transfer framework (4/CP.7)
- Establishment of EGTT (4/CP.7);
- Seminar on technologies for adaptation to climate change in early 2005 and preparation of a technical paper.

SBSTA agenda on adaptation

- Decision 10/CP.9 requested the SBSTA to initiate its work on scientific and technical and socio-economic aspects of impacts of, and vulnerability and adaptation to climate change;
- Organize an in-session workshop at SBSTA 20 and 21

Anticipated scenarios at COP10

- Streamline all adaptation related activities;
- Agreed package on adaptation related activities under 5/CP.7;
- Possible further guidance to the GEF on adaptation;
- Outcome of SBSTA following the second workshop on adaptation;

Issues for Reflection

- How to ensure synergy of adaptation related activities in various agenda items?
- Should Parties decide to de-link issue of mitigation and adaptation?
- How to address adaptation issue at COP10?