

NAI UPDATE

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Dear colleagues,

Following the entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol on 16 February 2005, the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP 1) was held in Montreal, Canada. In parallel, the twenty-third session of the subsidiary bodies and the eleventh session of the COP were also held (28 November to 9 December).

Since the last issue of the NAI Update, 5 national communications from non-Annex I Parties have been submitted to the secretariat, namely: Tonga, Rwanda, Venezuela, Saudi Arabia, and Guinea-Bissau; the total of submitted national communications to date is 129.

This issue covers the decisions and conclusions, as well as the side events, relevant to non-Annex I Parties.

In retrospect, 2005 had been a successful year for non-Annex I Parties, especially with the adoption of the decisions on the submission of second and, where appropriate, third national communications and the initial guidance for the operation of the Adaptation Fund.

With these achievements in mind, I wish you all happy holidays and look forward to working with you in the following year!



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Work of the CGE

In the conclusions on the work of the CGE, the SBI took note of the oral report presented by the Chair of the CGE, Ms. Emily Ojoo-Massawa (Kenya), on the outcome of the fifth CGE meeting held in Montreal, Canada on 24 and 25 November 2005. It also took note of the success of the global hands-on training workshops on mitigation assessments held in Seoul, Republic of Korea from 26 to 30 September 2005.

The SBI endorsed the work plan of the CGE for 2006, and awaits the report on the examination of 41 initial national communications of non-Annex I Parties, which will be presented at SBI 24.

The SBI requested the CGE to consider the information in the C&S reports when making recommendations to improve the preparation of subsequent national communications; it also requested the CGE to make recommendations to improve the way projects identified in national communications from non-Annex I Parties, in accordance with Article 12.4, are reported. The CGE should report to and advise the SBI on these recommendations at SBI 26.

The SBI noted the hands-on training workshops on vulnerability and adaptation assessments for the Asia and the Pacific for the Latin America and the Caribbean regions and on national greenhouse gas inventories in the Africa region planned for 2006. It thanked the Governments of Indonesia and Paraguay for offering to host the V&A workshops.

The SBI invited Annex II Parties and other Parties, in a position to do so, to provide financial assistance for the implementation of the work plan of the CGE.

The text of the draft conclusions is available at:
<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2005/sbi/eng/l27.pdf>

Compilation and synthesis of initial national communications

In the conclusions, the SBI took note of the sixth compilation and synthesis of initial national communications from non-Annex I Parties, which show that non-Annex I Parties continue to fulfill their commitments under Articles 4.1 and 12.1 of the Convention.

The SBI invited Parties to submit views on the C&S documents by 13 February 2006; this matter will be considered at its 24th session wherein a draft decision might be forwarded for adoption at COP 12.

The SBI noted with satisfaction that 129 initial national communications from non-Annex I Parties have already been submitted and encouraged those that have yet to submit to do so as soon as possible.

The text of the draft conclusions is available at:
<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2005/sbi/eng/l26.pdf>

Provision of financial and technical support

Under this agenda item, the SBI considered the list of projects submitted by non-Annex I Parties in accordance with Article 12.4 of the Convention.

The SBI invited bilateral and multilateral agencies to provide assistance to non-Annex I Parties in the preparation and implementation of those project proposals and encouraged non-Annex I Parties to submit such proposals to the GEF for timely funding.

The text of the draft conclusions is available at:
<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2005/sbi/eng/l25r01.pdf>

Submission of second and, where appropriate, third national communications

The SBI, at its 22nd session, has forwarded a draft decision to the COP for adoption at its 11th session.

The COP decided that non-Annex I Parties “shall make all efforts to submit their second and, where appropriate, third national communication, within four years of the initial disbursement of financial resources” and “if necessary and based on their national circumstances, may use an extension of up to one year for submission, after having informed the secretariat”. It should be noted however, that this extension does not imply additional funding.

Least developed countries may submit their second national communication at their own discretion.

Parties will further consider the implementation of Article 12.5 of the Convention at COP 15.

The text of the draft decision is available at:
http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/cop_11/application/pdf/cop11_07_4_b_ii_submission_of_2nd_3rd_ncs_nai.pdf

Special Climate Change Fund

At its 22nd session, the SBI decided to continue deliberations on this issue on the basis of a draft text.

At this session, however, there was still no agreement reached so that further negotiations will be conducted at SB 24. The same draft text, annexed to FCCC/SBI/2005/10 will be used for further discussions.

The draft text is available at:
<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2005/sbi/eng/10.pdf>

Adaptation Fund

The COP/MOP, at its 1st session, adopted the decision on the initial guidance to an entity entrusted with the operation of the financial mechanism of the Convention, for the operation of the Adaptation Fund.

The COP/MOP decided that the Adaptation Fund shall finance “concrete adaptation projects and programmes in developing country Parties that are Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, as well as activities identified in decision 5/CP.7, paragraph 8.” Further guidance on policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria for the operation of the Fund will be decided at COP/MOP 2.

The COP/MOP invited submission of views by 13 February 2006: from Parties on specific policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria; and from Parties and relevant international organizations on possible arrangements for the management of the Fund. These views will be considered at SBI 24.

The COP/MOP requested the secretariat to organize a workshop, before SBI 24 and subject to availability of funds, in order to have an exchange of views regarding further guidance for the operation of the Adaptation Fund.

The text of the draft decision is available at:
http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/cop_11/application/pdf/cmp1_27_9_inital_guidance_adaptation_fund.pdf

Article 6 of the Convention

In the conclusions, the SBI took note of the reports of the regional workshops on Article 6 held for the Asia and the Pacific, and the Latin America and the Caribbean regions and welcomed the progress made by Parties in the implementation of activities relating to Article 6 and the New Delhi work programme.

The SBI encouraged Annex I Parties, Annex II Parties, in a position to do so, the GEF, as well as bilateral and multilateral programmes to provide financial and/or technical assistance in the implementation of activities relating to Article 6 of the Convention.

The SBI also encouraged Parties to appoint Article 6 focal points and inform the secretariat about these nominations.

The SBI welcomed the launch of CC:iNet, which is the information network clearing house for Article 6, and requested governments, IGOs, and NGOs to promote awareness of this clearing house.

The SBI requested Parties to submit views, by 4 August 2006, on how to advance work on the clearing house; it requested the secretariat to present those views in a MISC document as well as a synthesis report of all the workshop reports at its 25th session.

The SBI requested the secretariat to organize a workshop, before SB 25 and subject to availability of funds, in order to address the particular needs of SIDS relating to Article 6.

The text of the draft conclusions is available at:
<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2005/sbi/eng/l18.pdf>

Capacity-building under the Convention

In the conclusions, the SBI reiterated its requests to the secretariat: (i) to regularly report to the COP on activities to implement the framework for capacity-building; (ii) to disseminate, through the UNFCCC web site, an information document on best practices and lessons learned in capacity-building projects and programmes; and (iii) to report on the progress of the GEF in developing capacity-building performance indicators.

The SBI noted with appreciation that 153 countries have engaged in NCSAs and encouraged the GEF to continue providing financial support to eligible developing countries so that all are engaged in NCSAs by SBI 24.

The text of the draft conclusions is available at:
<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2005/sbi/eng/l36.pdf>

Matters relating to the least developed countries

The COP, at its 11th session, decided that the mandate of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) be extended and that the review of its progress and possible continuation be considered at COP 13. The LEG also received an additional mandate to advise LDC Parties on the implementation of NAPAs.

The COP requested the LEG to develop a work programme, to be considered at SBI 24, which includes implementation of NAPAs.

The text of the draft decision is available at:
http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/cop_11/application/pdf/cop11_03_4e_ii_extension_of_the_ldc_eg.pdf

The COP also adopted the draft decision agreed at SBI 22 on the further guidance for the operation of the LDC Fund.

The text of the decision is available at:
http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/cop_11/application/pdf/cop11_02_4e_ii_further_guidance_ldc_fund.pdf

Side events

CC:Forum: Exchange of views on the support to non-Annex I Parties to prepare national communications

This side event gave an opportunity to 2 non-Annex I Parties to present their experiences in the preparation of their national communications:

Gabon

Ms. Claudine Moussounda shared Gabon's experiences in developing adaptation and mitigation strategies, as well as their experience in using the MAGICC/SCENGEN software.

Sao Tome and Principe

Mr. Aderito Santana identified Sao Tome and Principe's vulnerable sectors and mentioned possible adaptation strategies. He also indicated the difficulties they faced during the preparation of national communication, such as lack of data, lack of national experts and lack of local coordination.

In this side event, the **CGE** was also able to present its work relating to the preparation of national communications. In this regard, Mr. Taka Hiraishi (CGE member) described the importance of the hands-on training workshops organized by the CGE, as well as the ongoing analysis of 41 initial national communications.

Further, Mr. Dominique Revet (UNFCCC secretariat) highlighted the improvements in the GHG inventory software for non Annex I Parties and presented the relevant training materials developed by the CGE in its current work programme.

This side event also provided an opportunity to the NCSP, the US and UK to present their activities in support to the preparation of national communications:

NCSP

Ms. Martha Perdomo, Global Manager of the NCSP, described the objectives of NCSP, which includes providing technical assistance in the preparation of second national communication, disseminating technical- and policy-relevant materials, and enhancing knowledge management. She indicated that the NCSP has been involved in several activities to meet those objective; she also mentioned the various workshops and meetings planned for 2006.

United Kingdom

Mr. Mathew Holder gave an overview of the technical and financial support provided by the UK to non-Annex I Parties in the preparation of their second national communications. He emphasized that second national communications should be used as the source of information on capacity-building needs and as the resource to communicate demands in line with national priorities.

United States

Ms. Susan Wickwire stated that US's technical and financial assistance is aimed at improving quality, transparency, comparability and sustainability of national communications. She mentioned various needs and constraints and described the importance, among others, of a clear project plan and of an ongoing technical advice, support and evaluation in order to overcome those needs and constraints.

Presentations at this side event are available at:

http://regserver.unfccc.int/seors/reports/events_list.html

CC:FORUM is an initiative of the secretariat to provide a forum for the exchange of information on national communications from non-Annex I Parties and related financial and technical support. CC:FORUM events are open to all participants of the sessions of the COP and its subsidiary bodies.

Outreach: presentation of the prototype clearing house CC:iNet

The prototype of the climate change information network clearing house, also known as the CC:iNet, was launched at this side event.

The CC:iNet is a clearing house for information on the activities of Parties relating to education, training, public awareness, public participation and access to information. It has been established upon the request by Parties in order to support the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention.

Mr. David Paterson (UNFCCC secretariat) is the administrator of the CC:iNet and will be overseeing improvement of the clearing house.

The link to the CC:iNet can be found under:

http://unfccc.int/cc_inet/items/3514.php

Upcoming events

❖ **CGE hands-on training workshop on vulnerability and adaptation assessments for the Asia and the Pacific region**

April 2006 (*tbc*)
Jakarta, Indonesia

❖ **Sixth meeting of the CGE**

April 2006 (*tbc*)
Jakarta, Indonesia

❖ **Workshop on Adaptation Fund (*tbc*)**

2006
Canada

❖ **Workshop on Article 6 (*tbc*)**

2006
tbd

❖ **SB 25**

15–26 May 2006
Bonn, Germany

❖ **CGE hands-on training workshop on vulnerability and adaptation assessments for the Latin America and the Pacific region**

August 2006 (*tbc*)
Asuncion, Paraguay

❖ **CGE hands-on training workshop on greenhouse gas inventories for the Africa region**

September 2006 (*tbc*)
South Africa

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