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Mitigation of Climate Change

Background

The ultimate objective of the Convention is the stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system. Accordingly, under Article 4.1(b) of the Convention, all Parties are required to undertake efforts to mitigate climate change.

Following consideration of the [Third Assessment Report](#) of the IPCC, the COP, by its decision [10/CP.9](#), requested the SBSTA to initiate work on two new agenda items:

- scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of impacts of, and vulnerability and **adaptation** to, climate change; and
- scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of mitigation.

This work is to focus on exchanging information and sharing experiences and views among Parties on practical opportunities and solutions to facilitate the implementation of the Convention.

Recent developments

The SBSTA, at its twenty-eight session, recognized that mitigation is currently being addressed under the work and negotiations under the Bali Action Plan ([Decision 1/CP.13](#)) towards a post-2012 climate change agreement.

Parties agreed that further work on mitigation is needed, but that duplication of work between the different bodies and processes under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol should be avoided. Parties also agreed that further work should take into account the best available scientific information on mitigation, particularly that of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Next steps

The SBSTA, at its twenty-eight session, agreed to continue work on mitigation at its thirty-second session (May–June 2010) ([FCCC/SBSTA/2008/6](#) paras. 137-140).

Earlier Sessions

The SBSTA, at its eighteenth session, requested the secretariat to organize a **pre-sessional consultation** before its nineteenth session to provide information and share experiences to facilitate the development of these two new agenda items.

Workshops

SBSTA 27 In-session Workshop on **Non-CO2 emissions, including methane recovery and utilization**

SBSTA 26 In-session Workshops on **Urban planning, Energy efficiency and Power generation**

SBSTA 24 In-Session Workshop on Mitigation: **Agriculture, forestry and rural development**

SBSTA 22 In-Session Workshop on **Climate Change Mitigation**

SBSTA 21 In-Session Workshop on **Climate Change Mitigation**

SBSTA 20 In-Session Workshop on **Climate Change Mitigation**

SBSTA 19 **Pre-sessional consultations on the Third Assessment Report**

Key documents

[SBSTA 27 Conclusions](#) (see paras 105-111)

[FCCC/SBSTA/2007/INF.3](#) Information presented by Parties during the workshops on mitigation. Note by the secretariat.

[SBSTA 26 Conclusions](#) (see paras 80-81)

[SBSTA 24 Conclusions](#) (see paras 107-109)

[SBSTA 23 Conclusions](#) (see paras 20-30)

[FCCC/SBSTA/2005/INF.5](#) Summary report on topics covered at the workshops on mitigation of climate change. Note by the secretariat.

[SBSTA 22 Conclusions](#) (see paras16-21)

[SBSTA 21 Conclusions](#) (see paras 107-125)

[SBSTA 20 Conclusions](#) (see paras 104-125)

[Decision 10/CP.9](#)

[SBSTA 19 Conclusions](#) (see paras 9-11)

[SBSTA 18 Conclusions on the Third Assessment Report](#) (see paras 8-10)

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