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The 12<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP-12) and the second Conference of the Parties serving a Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP-2) and their subsidiary bodies met in from 6 to 17 November 2006 in Nairobi.

The most important conclusions and decisions for the IPCC workprogramme as well as other activities carried out during that conference are summarized below:

### **1. Second Session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG)**

The AWG “agreed that its work on further commitments by Annex I Parties should be guided by a shared vision of the challenge set by the ultimate objective of the Convention, based on the principles and other relevant provisions of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol.” It noted also “that, according to the scenarios of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Third Assessment Report, global emissions of carbon dioxide have to be reduced to very low levels, well below half of levels in 2000, in order to stabilize their concentrations in the atmosphere.”

The AWG decided that its work programme for the completion of its mandate will include the following tasks:

- (a) Analysis of mitigation potentials and ranges of emission reduction objectives of Annex I Parties
- (b) Analysis of possible means to achieve mitigation objectives
- (c) Consideration of further commitments by Annex I Parties

The AWG requested the secretariat in preparing for future sessions, to draw upon analysis and information from the IPCC, in particular its Fourth Assessment Report and noted that presentation of the reports of the IPCC Working Groups on their contributions to the Fourth Assessment Report has been scheduled for the sessional period in May 2007. It requested the secretariat to organize, with guidance from the Chair, a round table discussion on this topic during its third session, ensuring adequate interaction with experts involved in the IPCC’s Fourth Assessment Report.

A 4-hour presentation of the AR4 Working Group report is scheduled for 12 May 2007. Further IPCC statements and presentations are planned in SBSTA-26, and the Ad Hoc Working Group and at the “Dialogue” discussion on adaptation.

### **2. SBSTA five-year programme of work on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change (Nairobi Work Programme – NWP)**

The SBSTA welcomed the statements and relevant papers from various organizations on their possible contributions to the implementation of the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, including by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

The SBSTA agreed on a number of activities relating to methods and tools; data and observations; climate modelling, scenarios and downscaling; climate-related risks and extreme events; socio-economic information; adaptation practices and planning; and research and technologies for adaptation. It also agreed consider, at its twenty-eighth session (2008) information presented in the Fourth Assessment Report of the IPCC and other new scientific information with the aim of contributing to the identification of further activities for inclusion in the Nairobi work programme.

A paper outlining the overall content of the IPCC Data Distribution Center is submitted to the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of SBSTA. Further specific submissions as well as participation of IPCC experts at relevant meetings are planned, consistent with the NWP schedule.

### **3. Other agenda items**

Under SBSTA Agenda item 10, Cooperation with relevant international organizations, the IPCC provided a statement on the status of its activities relevant to the work of the SBSTA.

Under Agenda item 11, Progress reports, the SBSTA welcomed the report on the in-session workshop on carbon dioxide capture and storage; and considered matters related to the (c) Special report on safeguarding the ozone layer and the global climate system: issues relating to hydrofluorocarbons and perfluorocarbons.

Reference was also made to the IPCC 2006 Guidelines on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories under the respective agenda items.

### **4. IPCC-UNFCCC Joint working Group (JWG)**

The JWG met on 13 November and considered the following items:

- a. IPCC contribution to the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change. It was stated that the IPCC work may be relevant for all elements of the work programme the IPCC was encouraged to submit a concept paper of its possible contribution to the programme of work.
- b. Dissemination of the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report  
A 4-hour presentation of the findings to the May 2007 Session of the Subsidiary Bodies was agreed. The special event would serve the SBSTA, the Dialogue and the AWG. It was suggested to allocate one hour for Working Group 1 and one and a half hours each Working Group 2 and 3.
- c. Collaboration on inventories  
Mr Hiraishi stated that the IPCC would start developing inventory software based on the guidelines. Training and capacity building would be done in collaboration with FTS. He noted that carbon dioxide capture and storage (CCS) was a burning issue and some Parties had already started talking about inventories for CCS.
- d. Other Business  
The question of possible Special Reports on adaptation and on sustainable development was raised but not discussed further. Reference was made to the IPCC Technical Paper on Climate Change and Water.

### **5. Interagency Lunch**

The Secretary participated in an interagency lunch hosted by the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC. Matter related to implementation the Policy Committee decision, capacity building for the CDM, support for adaptation efforts and enhancing technology transfer.

The Secretary presented the schedule for completion of the AR4 and related dissemination and outreach activities and invited other agencies to cooperate with the IPCC in widely disseminating the AR4 findings and to include latest IPCC findings in their training and information activities.

### **6. IPCC Information booth**

In addition to summaries and CD ROMs of IPCC reports flyers which draw attention to the schedule of the AR4 releases well as new backdrops for the IPCC stand were prepared for that event. The booth attracted a lot of interest.