

INFORMATION NOTE

In-session expert meeting on matters relating to non-market-based approaches to support the implementation of the activities in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70

6 June 2014, 10.00 – 13.00

Bonn, Germany

This note provides information on the approach to work at the in-session expert meeting on matters relating to non-market-based approaches to support the implementation of the activities in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70.

Background and Mandate

The SBSTA, at its thirty-eighth session, requested the secretariat to organize an in-session expert meeting on matters relating to non-market-based approaches (NMBA) at its fortieth session.¹

At its thirty-eighth session, the SBSTA noted that NMBA, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, as referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 67, are important to support the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70 (REDD-plus). It further noted the need for clarity on types of NMBA for the implementation of REDD-plus and whether further methodological work could be needed.

In addition, the SBSTA invited Parties and observers to submit their views on methodological guidance for NMBA.² The SBSTA decided to continue its consideration of the development of methodological guidance on NMBA at SBSTA 40.³

General Objectives of the Expert Meeting

The expert meeting is expected to allow Parties:

- To have interactive exchanges of views on the types of NMBA for the implementation of REDD-plus activities and the related elements and issues of these approaches;
- To consider proposals on types of NMBAs or alternative policy approaches for the implementation of REDD-plus activities and their methodological elements and to share experiences on successes and barriers faced in the implementation of such approaches;
- To identify additional methodological elements, if any, required for NMBAs in light of the existing provisions on financing and methodological guidance of the Warsaw Framework for REDD-plus.

The outcomes of the expert meeting are expected to facilitate the consideration of issues related to NMBA and whether further methodological work would be needed at SBSTA 40.

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2013/3, paragraph 41.

² Views by Parties can be found at FCCC/SBSTA/2014/MISC.3

Submissions by Parties are available at <<http://unfccc.int/5900>>

Submissions by intergovernmental organizations are available at <<http://unfccc.int/3714>>

Submissions by non-governmental organizations are available at <<http://unfccc.int/3689>>

³ FCCC/SBSTA/2013/3, paragraph 38–42: Conclusions adopted at SBSTA 38.

Proposed Approach to work at the Expert Meeting

The agenda of the meeting is guided by the mandate given by the SBSTA at its thirty-eighth session. The goal is for the discussions and exchange of views at the expert meeting to contribute towards developing clarity on types of non-market-based approaches related to the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70 and to facilitate the SBSTA, at this session, in its consideration of whether further methodological work could be needed.

The workshop will be organized in two main sessions. The first session will be designed around presentations by Parties and experts. Following these brief presentations and question and answer session, the second session will revolve around a plenary discussion. The discussions will be guided by several specific questions to help achieve the objectives of the meeting. Parties and observers will be invited to engage in an interactive exchange of views among themselves, guided by the co-chairs of the workshop.

There will be a brief opening and closing session. The co-chairs of the workshop will provide an initial summary of the key points raised in the discussions at the end of the meeting. A report on the outcomes of this meeting will be prepared for the consideration of SBSTA 41.