



SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE
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METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES

METHODS AND TOOLS TO EVALUATE IMPACTS AND ADAPTATION

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chairman

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) took note of documents FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.6 and Add.1 containing submissions by Parties on the report of the workshop on methodologies on climate change impacts and adaptation held at Sainte Adèle, Canada, in June 2001 (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.4) and on planning the work of the SBSTA on the methodologies to assess climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation;
2. The SBSTA supported the conclusions of the workshop, and noted that they included elements of great importance for the development of adaptation strategies in developing countries. It also noted that more scientific work should be done in the area of improvement and development of the methodologies to assess impacts and adaptation. It invited Parties and international organizations to take this into consideration in developing their future work programmes, noting methodological needs and priorities of developing countries. It also invited the IPCC to give further consideration to the assessment of these methods in its future work;
3. The SBSTA further noted the linkages of the work on methodologies to other related activities under both the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the SBSTA, such as activities relating to Article 4.8 and 4.9, matters relating to national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, and the work on technology transfer and capacity building;
4. The SBSTA also noted the importance and complex nature of the work on methodologies and endorsed the acceleration and broadening of the work of the secretariat in this area. It requested the secretariat in this regard:

(a) To consult with various United Nations bodies and other organizations on how to advance the development and assessment of methods and tools for evaluating impacts and adaptation, and the collection and dissemination of information;

(b) To hold an initial workshop before the seventeenth session of the SBSTA with the participation of Parties and international organizations, to explore the means and possible mechanisms for supporting the development and dissemination of methods and tools for evaluating impacts and adaptation as referred to in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.4, and/or to integrate such considerations into the terms of reference for other proposed workshops relating to adaptation issues.

5. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to report back at its sixteenth session on the matters identified in paragraph 4 above.
