

Decision -/CP.11

Dialogue on long-term cooperative action to address climate change by enhancing implementation of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the ultimate objective, principles and commitments of the Convention, as set out in its Articles 2, 3 and 4,

Recognizing that climate change is a serious challenge that has the potential to affect every part of the globe,

Deeply concerned that all countries, particularly developing countries, face an increased risk of the negative impacts of climate change,

Reaffirming that economic and social development and poverty eradication are the first and overriding priorities of developing country Parties,

Recognizing that the full implementation of the commitments of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention will provide positive and innovative opportunities for developing countries to take more action to address climate change,

Further recognizing that there is a diversity of approaches to address climate change,

Acknowledging that the global nature of climate change calls for the widest possible cooperation and participation in an effective and appropriate international response, in accordance with the principles of the Convention,

Recognizing the essential role of technology in addressing climate change and the urgent need to initiate and enhance technology development and transfer for meaningful and effective actions to implement Article 4, paragraph 5, of the Convention,

Recalling decision 4/CP.7, paragraph 4, which urges developed country Parties to provide technical and financial assistance, as appropriate, through existing bilateral and multilateral cooperative programmes to support the efforts of the Parties to enhance the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 5, of the Convention,

1. *Resolves* to engage in a dialogue, without prejudice to any future negotiations, commitments, process, framework or mandate under the Convention, to exchange experiences and analyse strategic approaches for long-term cooperative action to address climate change that includes, inter alia, the following areas:

- (a) Advancing development goals in a sustainable way
- (b) Addressing action on adaptation
- (c) Realizing the full potential of technology
- (d) Realizing the full potential of market-based opportunities;

2. *Further resolves* that the dialogue will take the form of an open and non-binding exchange of views, information and ideas in support of enhanced implementation of the Convention, and will not open any negotiations leading to new commitments;
3. *Agrees* that the dialogue will be informed by the best available scientific information and assessment on climate change and its impacts from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, as well as other relevant scientific, technical, social and economic information;
4. *Further agrees* that the dialogue should enable Parties to continue to develop effective and appropriate national and international responses to climate change, and serve as a forum for identifying actions to promote research, development, and deployment of, as well as investment in, cleaner technologies and infrastructure;
5. *Further agrees* that the dialogue should identify approaches which would support, and provide the enabling conditions for, actions put forward voluntarily by developing countries that promote local sustainable development and mitigate climate change in a manner appropriate to national circumstances, including concrete actions to enable countries, in particular developing countries, to manage and adapt to climate change;
6. *Further agrees* that the dialogue should explore ways and means to promote access by developing countries to cleaner and climate-friendly technologies and technologies for adaptation through the creation of enabling environments, concrete actions and programmes;
7. *Decides that:*
 - (a) The dialogue will be conducted under the guidance of the Conference of the Parties and will take place in up to four workshops, where possible pre-sessional workshops, open to all Parties, to be organized by the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources;
 - (b) The dialogue will be facilitated by two co-facilitators, one from a Party included in Annex I to the Convention and one from a Party not included in Annex I to the Convention, who will be selected by each group, respectively;
 - (c) The two co-facilitators will report on the dialogue and on the information and diversity of views presented by Parties to the twelfth (November 2006) and thirteenth (December 2007) sessions of the Conference of the Parties;
8. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat, no later than 15 April 2006, their initial views on the issues to be discussed in this dialogue and requests the secretariat to make these submissions available to the first workshop;
9. *Notes* that the organization of the discussions will require additional resources to enable the participation of delegates from eligible Parties and to enable the secretariat to provide the necessary support for the dialogue;
10. *Encourages* Parties to provide additional contributions to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process and additional supplementary funds for the work of the secretariat to support this dialogue with the understanding that the dialogue will be conducted in the most cost-effective way.