

Decision 9/CP.9

Capacity-building

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 2/CP.7 to conduct a comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries at its ninth session and every five years thereafter,

Recalling further its decision 3/CP.7 to review at regular intervals the effectiveness of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in countries with economies in transition,

Noting that capacity-building is a country-driven process, addressing specific needs and conditions of developing countries and reflecting their national strategies for sustainable development,

Welcoming the secretariat paper containing an analysis of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries,¹

Welcoming also the strategic approach of the Global Environment Facility towards enhancing capacity-building with the aim of providing adequate support for nationally determined and prioritized capacity-building needs,

Having considered the conclusions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its eighteenth session relating to capacity-building,²

Having taken note of the terms of reference of the first comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries, contained in annex III to the report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its eighteenth session,³

1. *Decides* to complete the first comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries by its tenth session and to conduct further comprehensive reviews every five years thereafter;

2. *Decides* on the following actions and steps necessary to complete this first comprehensive review:

(a) To request the secretariat to prepare a paper, with technical appendices, on the range and effectiveness of capacity-building activities in developing countries aimed at implementing decision 2/CP.7, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its twentieth session, this paper and its technical appendices to be based on the terms of reference contained in annex III of the report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its eighteenth session;

(b) To invite Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 15 February 2004, additional information in a format to be guided by the above-mentioned terms of reference as an input to the paper and its technical appendices;

3. *Requests* the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, subject to the availability of resources, and upon consideration by Parties of the secretariat paper and its technical appendices, to convene a technical meeting with the aim of contributing to the comprehensive review at the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties;

¹ FCCC/SBI/2003/14.

² FCCC/SBI/2003/8, paragraph 22.

³ FCCC/SBI/2003/8, annex III

4. *Decides* to complete the review of the effectiveness of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in countries with economies in transition, annexed to decision 3/CP.7, by its tenth session, and that further reviews should be based on the review of national communications of these countries;

5. *Encourages* Parties with economies in transition, in preparing their national communications, to provide information relating to the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in their countries, taking into account the following:

(a) Provision of enabling environments to promote the sustainability and effectiveness of capacity-building activities relating to the implementation of the ultimate objective of the Convention;

(b) Best practices in capacity-building;

(c) Capacity-building needs, priorities and options;

(d) Information on how capacity-building activities are being implemented;

(e) Cooperation relating to capacity-building among Parties with economies in transition;

(f) Mobilization and sustainability of national capacities, including the institutional leadership necessary for national coordination and the effectiveness of capacity-building activities;

(g) Participation in, and access to, capacity-building activities by all stakeholders, including governments, civil society and the private sector, as appropriate;

(h) Financial and other resources needed to implement capacity-building activities;

6. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a compilation and synthesis report on capacity-building activities in countries with economies in transition, based on information included in their national communications, if available, and on information provided by the Global Environment Facility and other relevant organizations, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its twentieth session.

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