**Agenda Items relevant to Forests to be Addressed at UNFCCC Meetings, Bonn, 14-25 May 2012**

The 36th sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), the fifteenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA), the seventeenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) and the first session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) will take place concurrently from 14 to 25 May in Bonn.

The box below provides a summary of the agenda items directly related to forests to be covered by the various bodies.

### Summary of the forest-specific discussions on the agenda of the Bonn meetings

#### REDD+

**SBSTA** will:
- Continue its work on methodological guidance relating to modalities for measuring, reporting and verifying and for national forest monitoring systems and on how to address drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, taking into consideration Parties and accredited observers views as contained in document *FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.1*.
- Consider the timing of the presentation of the summary of information on how all safeguards are being addressed and respected and to consider the need for further guidance on this matter;
- Develop guidance for a process, to be established by the COP, that enables technical assessment of the proposed forest reference emission levels and/or forest reference levels when submitted or updated by Parties.

**AWG-LCA** will:
- Address the issue of modalities and procedures for financing results-based actions (in REDD+). Views submitted by Parties are contained in document *FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/MISC.3*

#### Forest-related issues under the Kyoto Protocol

**SBSTA** will address:
- The issue of inclusion of reforestation of lands with forest in exhaustion as afforestation and reforestation clean development mechanism project activities
- Land use, land-use change and forestry under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Kyoto Protocol and under the clean development mechanism

Other things to watch in the Bonn meetings include:
- Discussion of nationally appropriate mitigation actions (NAMAs) by developing countries (AWG-LCA agenda item 3(b)ii and SBI item 5).
- Discussions on adaptation (SBSTA item 3(c) and AWG-LCA items 8 and 9)
- Discussions on agriculture (SBSTA item 9)
- Progress in reaching agreement on the parameters of the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) and regarding development of the legal instrument under the Convention intended to enter into force by 2020 (ADB).
The following detailed information regards agenda items of relevance to forests to be discussed by the various bodies meeting in Bonn. This information was taken from the annotated agendas of the various bodies, as prepared as UNFCCC secretariat notes. The documents are referenced and can be found on the UNFCCC website.

SBSTA (36th session)

(Taken from document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/1. The paragraph numbers indicated below are those in the FCCC document, included for ease of reference. URL of document: http:// unfccc.int/resource/docs/2012/sbsta/eng/01.pdf)

Agenda item 4. Methodological guidance for activities relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries

17. Background: The COP, at its seventeenth session, adopted a decision (Decision 12/CP.17) on guidance on systems for providing information on how safeguards are addressed and respected and on modalities relating to forest reference emission levels and forest reference levels as referred to in decision 1/CP.16, as recommended by the SBSTA at its thirty-fifth session.

Work on the remaining issues
18. The SBSTA, at its thirty-fifth session, agreed to continue its work on guidance on the remaining issues, including on modalities for measuring, reporting and verifying and for national forest monitoring systems, that it initiated at its previous session and as contained in annex I to document FCCC/SBSTA/2011/5, on issues relating to the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and issues identified in decision 1/CP.16, appendix II, with the aim of completing its work on these matters at its thirty-seventh session and reporting to the COP at its eighteenth session on the progress made, including any recommendations for draft decisions on these matters (FCCC/SBSTA/2011/5, paragraph 20).

19. The SBSTA invited Parties and admitted observer organizations (submissions from intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations are available on the UNFCCC website at http:// unfccc.int/3714.php and http:// unfccc.int/3689.php, respectively) to submit to the secretariat, by 28 February 2012, their views on issues identified in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 72 and appendix II, in particular on how to address the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and on robust and transparent national forest monitoring systems as referred to in paragraph 71(c) of the same decision. It requested the secretariat to compile the submissions from Parties into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the SBSTA at its thirty-sixth session (FCCC/SBSTA/2011/5, paragraph 21).

The submissions from Parties are contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.1.

Guidance on systems for providing information on how safeguards are addressed and respected

20. The COP, by decision 12/CP.17, paragraph 5, requested the SBSTA, at its thirty-sixth session, to consider the timing of the first presentation and the frequency of subsequent presentations of the summary of information on how all of the safeguards referred to in decision 1/CP.16, appendix I, are being addressed and respected by developing country Parties, with a view to recommending a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session.

21. By the same decision, paragraph 6, the COP also requested the SBSTA, at its thirty-sixth session, to consider the need for further guidance to ensure transparency, consistency, comprehensiveness and effectiveness when informing on how all safeguards are addressed and respected and, if appropriate, to consider additional guidance, and to report to the COP at its eighteenth session.

Modalities for forest reference emission levels and forest reference levels

22. By decision 12/CP.17, paragraph 15, the COP agreed to establish a process that enables technical assessment of the proposed forest reference emission levels and/or forest reference levels when submitted or updated by Parties in accordance with paragraph 12 of that decision and in accordance with guidance to be developed by the SBSTA at its thirty-sixth session.
23. **Action:** The SBSTA will be invited to do the following:

(a) Continue its work on methodological guidance relating to modalities for measuring, reporting and verifying and for national forest monitoring systems and on how to address drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, taking into consideration annex I to document FCCC/SBSTA/2011/5, the issues identified in decision 1/CP.16, appendix II, and the views submitted by Parties as contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.1, and by admitted observer organizations, with the aim of completing its work on these matters, including any recommendations for draft decisions on these matters for consideration and adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session;

(b) Consider the timing of the presentation of the summary of information on how all safeguards referred to in decision 1/CP.16, appendix I, are being addressed and respected and to consider the need for further guidance on this matter;

(c) Develop guidance for a process, to be established by the COP, that enables technical assessment of the proposed forest reference emission levels and/or forest reference levels when submitted or updated by Parties.

*Reference:* FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.1 Views on issues identified in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 72 and appendix II. Submissions from Parties

**Agenda item 9. Issues relating to agriculture.**

41. **Background:** The COP, by decision 2/CP.17, requested the SBSTA to consider issues related to agriculture at its thirty-sixth session, with the aim of exchanging views and the COP considering and adopting a decision on this matter at its eighteenth session. 42. By the same decision, the COP invited Parties and admitted observer organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 5 March 2012, their views on issues related to agriculture. The submissions from Parties are contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.6.

43. **Action:** The SBSTA will be invited to initiate its consideration of issues relating to agriculture with a view to recommending a decision for consideration and adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session.

*Reference:* FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.6 Views on issues relating to agriculture. Submissions from Parties

**Agenda item 11. Methodological issues under the Kyoto Protocol**

(b) Implications of the inclusion of reforestation of lands with forest in exhaustion as afforestation and reforestation clean development mechanism project activities;

67. **Background:** The SBSTA, at its thirty-fifth session, agreed that the definition of forest in exhaustion (FiE) as contained in annex I to document FCCC/KP/CMP/2009/16 requires further clarification. It took note of Brazil’s intention to organize an informal workshop, with a view to providing more clarity on the definition of FiE (see FCCC/SBSTA/2011/5, paragraphs 80–81).

68. The SBSTA further agreed to continue its consideration of this matter at its thirty-sixth session (see FCCC/SBSTA/2011/5, paragraph 82).

69. **Action:** The SBSTA will be invited to continue its consideration of this matter and decide on any further action, as appropriate.

(c) Land use, land-use change and forestry under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Kyoto Protocol and under the clean development mechanism

70. **Background:** The CMP, by decision 2/CMP.7, requested the SBSTA to initiate a work programme to explore more comprehensive accounting of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks from land use, land-use change and forestry, including through a more inclusive activity-based approach or a land-based approach, and to report to the CMP at its ninth session on the outcomes of this work programme.
71. By the same decision, the CMP also requested the SBSTA to initiate a work programme to consider and, as appropriate, develop and recommend modalities and procedures for possible additional land use, land-use change and forestry activities under the CDM, with a view to forwarding a draft decision on this matter to the CMP for consideration and adoption at its ninth session.

72. The CMP requested in decision 2/CMP.7 the SBSTA to initiate a work programme to consider and, as appropriate, develop and recommend modalities and procedures for alternative approaches to addressing the risk of non-permanence under the CDM, with a view to forwarding a draft decision on this matter to the CMP for consideration and adoption at its ninth session.

73. The CMP also requested in the same decision the SBSTA to initiate a work programme to develop and recommend modalities and procedures for applying the concept of additionality, with a view to forwarding a draft decision on this matter to the CMP for consideration and adoption at its ninth session.

74. Action: The SBSTA will be invited to initiate consideration of the four work programmes described in paragraphs 70–73 above, with a view to providing the requested outcomes to the CMP at its ninth session.

AWG-LCA (15th session)

(Taken from document FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/1. The paragraph numbers indicated below are those in the FCCC document, included for ease of reference. URL of document: http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2012/awglca15/eng/01.pdf)

Agenda item 3(b)iii REDD+: Policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries

23. Background: At its sixteenth session, the COP adopted decision 1/CP.16, which addresses policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries in chapter III.C and in appendices I and II.

24. In decision 2/CP.17, the COP further addressed policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries in chapter II.C, including financing options for the full implementation of the results-based actions referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 73.

25. The COP also requested the secretariat to organize, before COP 18 and subject to the availability of supplementary resources, a workshop that shall take into account the submissions received, a technical paper and the conclusions on this matter reached by the AWG-LCA at this fifteenth session (Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 72). It further requested the AWG-LCA to consider the submissions and the technical paper referred to above and the report on the outcomes of the workshop with the aim of reporting on progress made and any recommendations to the COP at its eighteenth session (Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 73).

42 This workshop, as referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 72, is envisaged to be held in the second half of 2012.
43 The submissions from Parties and admitted observer organizations, as referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 69, are available on the UNFCCC website at <unfccc.int/4578>, <unfccc.int/3714> and <unfccc.int/3689>.
44 To be prepared by the secretariat in accordance with decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 71.

Agenda item 3(b)ii NAMAs Nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties

SBSTA is to continue work requests by COP, as follows:
(a) Requested the SBSTA to develop general guidelines for domestic measurement, reporting and verification of domestically supported NAMAs;
(b) Decided that the registry should be developed as a dynamic, web-based platform managed by a dedicated team in the secretariat. It requested the secretariat to develop a prototype of the registry by SBI 36 and, if applicable, to improve its design based on the views expressed by Parties...

(c) Invited Parties to submit views on the composition, modalities and procedures of the team of technical experts to perform the technical analysis of biennial update reports (BURs) for consideration by the SBI.

**Agenda item 3(c) Enhanced action on adaptation**

(i) International cooperation to support urgent implementation of adaptation actions ....

(ii) Risk management and risk reduction strategies, including risk sharing and transfer mechanisms such as insurance;

(iii) Disaster reduction strategies and means to address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change;

(iv) Economic diversification to build resilience;

(v) Ways to strengthen the catalytic role of the Convention in encouraging multilateral bodies, the public and private sectors and civil society, building on synergies among activities and processes, as a means to support adaptation in a coherent and integrated manner

**AWG-KP (17th session)**

(Taken from document FCCC/KP/AWG/2012/1 at [http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2012/awg17/eng/01.pdf](http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2012/awg17/eng/01.pdf))

No issue specific to forests will be addressed. The AWG-KP will focus its efforts on the following:

(a) Agreeing on the length of the second commitment period;
(b) Continuing consideration of matters related to QELROs with a view to the CMP adopting these QELROs as amendments to Annex B to the Kyoto Protocol at its eighth session;
(c) Considering the proposed amendments to the Kyoto Protocol contained in annex 3 to decision 1/CMP.
(d) Assessing the implications of the carry-over of assigned amount units to the second commitment period on the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Parties included in Annex I in aggregate for the second

**SBI (36th session)**

(Taken from document FCCC/SBI/2012/1 at [http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2012/sbi/eng/01.pdf](http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2012/sbi/eng/01.pdf))

Nothing specific to forests will be discussed. The agenda includes, however, deliberations on adaptation which will be of relevance to forests and forest management:

**Agenda item 5.** Nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties (registry):

**Agenda item 8.** National adaptation plans:

(a) A process to enable least developed country Parties to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, building upon their experience in preparing and implementing national adaptation programmes of action;

(b) Modalities and guidelines for least developed country Parties and other developing country Parties to employ the modalities formulated to support national adaptation plans.

**Agenda item 9.** Approaches to address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change to enhance adaptive capacity.

**ADB (1st session)**

(Taken from document FCCC/ADB/2012/1 at [http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2012/adp1/eng/01.pdf](http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2012/adp1/eng/01.pdf))
COP17 in Durban last year launched a process to develop a protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force under the Convention applicable to all Parties through the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) established by the same decision. The ADB is to be working in 2012 and is expected to complete its work no later than 2015. At this first session, it is proposed that the ADB develop its workplan and also consider options and ways for enhancing mitigation ambition, goals and commitments for which would be reflected in the new instrument.