

In addition, the approach contemplated in the attached outline takes into account the work that will be performed by SBSTA and SBI (e.g., on the review of national communications of Annex I Parties and in reviewing the results of the Second Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change). It seeks to avoid duplication with the work to be performed by those subsidiary bodies and to build upon it. To do so, however, it may be necessary for subsequent meetings of the SUBSTA and SUBIM to precede meetings of the AG/BM -- for example, in March 1996 -- so that the AG/BM may benefit from earlier discussions in the SBSTA and SBI.

Certain of the technical questions raised in the outline might be addressed in a series of expert meetings or technical workshops coordinated by the Convention secretariat. The results of such meetings or workshops could in turn be fed into the AG/BM discussions. We would encourage further discussion of this possibility during the August meeting.