

and to reduce the overall workload. Therefore, in general, one of the bodies will take the overall responsibility in considering an issue; requesting, if necessary, adequate and specific inputs from the other body. Where overall responsibility is not assigned, agendas should be organized to avoid SBSTA and SBI dealing with such issues in parallel sessions. On issues where this is not possible consideration should be given to holding ad-hoc joint sessions of SBSTA and SBI. On this basis the provisions above are clarified as follows: ✓

✓ National communications from Parties

4 7. The SBI will have the overall responsibility for:

(a) Developing guidelines on the processes for consideration of national communications;

(b) Considering the information contained in national communications, other relevant documentation and compilation and synthesis reports, with a view to assisting the COP in ^{undertaking its tasks under Article 7/2(c).} evaluating the ~~extent to which progress towards the objectives of the Convention is being achieved~~ ✓

5 8. In cooperation with the SBI, the SBSTA will have responsibility for:

(a) Developing guidelines for the provision of comparable information, including all related methodological issues;

(b) Considering, upon the request of the SBI, as appropriate, national communications and other relevant documentation, such as technical papers, with the aim of, *inter alia*, verifying methodologies used and making recommendations on their refinement, preparing scientific assessments on the effects of measures taken in the implementation of the Convention, reviewing projections and their assumptions, and assessing comprehensiveness and effectiveness of mitigation and adaptation measures.

Development and transfer of technology

✓ 6 9. ~~The SBI will~~, with input from the SBSTA as appropriate, will have responsibilities for assisting the Conference of the Parties in the assessment and review of the effective implementation of the ~~the~~ Convention with respect to the ~~the~~ development and transfer of technology. ~~7~~

7 10. ~~As stipulated in the Convention, and as decided by the Conference of the Parties in decision 6/CP.1, the SBSTA will have responsibility for providing advice on all scientific, technological and methodological aspects of the development and transfer of technology.~~ ~~7~~

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