

INTRODUCTION

1. [An overall objective in this area is to achieve the early entry into force of the framework convention on climate change and its related instruments that might be agreed upon, with the widest possible participation, and to pursue [energy and other] relevant [policies]/[and programmes] which will contribute to the achievement of the objectives of that convention. (NOTE: The final language of this paragraph will be dependent on the outcome of the INC.)

2. The present chapter includes four programme areas:

- A. Addressing the uncertainties: improving the scientific basis for decision-making;
- B. Promoting sustainable development:
 - 1. Energy development, efficiency and consumption;
 - 2. Transportation;
 - 3. Industrial development;
 - 4. Terrestrial and marine resource development and land use;
- C. Stratospheric ozone depletion: implications and response strategies;
- D. Transboundary atmospheric pollution.

PROGRAMME AREAS

- A. Addressing the uncertainties: improving the scientific basis for decision-making

Basis for action

3. Substantial knowledge of the environmental and development issues related to the atmosphere has been gained. However, concern over climate change and climate variability, air pollution and ozone depletion has created new demands for scientific and economic information. Better understanding and prediction of physical, chemical and biological properties of the atmosphere and of the affected ecosystems, as well as health impacts and their interactions with socio-economic factors are needed.

Objectives

4. The objectives of this programme area are:

(a) To improve the understanding of the processes that influence and are influenced by the Earth's atmosphere on a global, regional and local scale,

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