

- ❖ what are the implications of land-use, land-use change and forestry activities on other environmental (biodiversity, land degradation, etc.) and socio-economic issues (e.g., poverty, development, employment); and
- ❖ what is the adequacy, or lack there-of, of the IPCC National inventory guidelines.

The close working relationship between the IPCC and SBSTA during the early phases of the preparation of the Special Report on Land-Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry has been very useful. Meetings were held in Rome, Italy to discuss Article 3.3 of the Kyoto Protocol – Afforestation, Reforestation and Deforestation, and in Indianapolis, USA to discuss Article 3.4 – other land use activities. These meetings have ensured that the IPCC experts understand the key issues that governments want to be addressed. These meetings have in no way compromised the independence of the IPCC, yet have provided us with an opportunity to further understand the needs of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.

### **Inventories Work**

The inventories work has been given more prominence since the Kyoto Protocol specifically mentions that the IPCC methodologies will be the basis for estimating greenhouse gas emissions. A special task force has been established to oversee the technical aspects of the work, the Joint IPCC/SBSTA Working Group will oversee the policy issues, and the Government of Japan has kindly agreed to establish a technical support unit to manage the program of work.

### **Communications and Outreach**

The IPCC Secretariat and the Technical Support Units of the three Working Groups are placing an increased emphasis on communicating the work of the IPCC through an increased use of the world-wide web system. We are exploring the potential use of the world-wide web system and e-mail as a forum for peer-review of draft IPCC reports and for distribution of final IPCC reports.

We are also enhancing our outreach through booths and side-events at the SBSTA/SBI meetings of the FCCC. For example, as noted earlier, there will be three two-hour workshops at this SBSTA/SBI meeting on the conclusions of the Special Report on “Aviation and Global Atmosphere”; and the status of the ongoing work on “Methodological and Technological Aspects of Technology Transfer: Opportunities for Technology Cooperation”, and “Emissions Scenarios of Greenhouse Gases and Aerosol Precursors”, and I will be meeting with business, industry and environmental NGOs.

### **Budget**

There is however, a significant budget problem because of: (i) the large number of special reports, coincident with the preparation of the TAR; (ii) the enhanced regional emphasis, and (iii)