



AUSTRALIA

Views on possible future work under the SBSTA agenda item 'scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of mitigation of climate change'

Australia welcomes the opportunity to submit its views on possible future work under the SBSTA agenda item 'scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of mitigation of climate change', as requested by the SBSTA at its twenty-seventh session.

This agenda item has provided a valuable and important forum for Parties to exchange information and experiences on mitigation issues, and Australia would like to thank the Secretariat and Parties for their constructive engagement on its activities.

Australia notes that mitigation issues are now addressed through a number of other UNFCCC processes (e.g. the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol, and the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention). Australia's view is that these activities together provide a comprehensive framework under which to progress mitigation activities under the UNFCCC.

In determining whether future activities should be conducted under this agenda item, a primary consideration must be whether these meet a genuine need. In Australia's view, this will be achieved where an activity:

- is not already being progressed through other processes, within the UNFCCC or externally;
- delivers practical benefits to Parties; and
- facilitates effective information exchange and dialogue between Parties.

Australia is of the view that unless future activities under this agenda item provide additional benefits as described above, the agenda item should be concluded at the twenty-eighth session of the SBSTA.

We look forward to considering Parties' submissions on this issue, and to discussing the future of this agenda item at the twenty-eighth session of the SBSTA.