

**COP 17 side event:
Funding for climate observations**

**1 December 2011
18:30 - 20:00 room Hex River, ICC Durban, DEC Hall 1-1 South
Africa**

At its 34th session, the SBI considered the invitation by the SBSTA to discuss the funding needs for global climate observations and to explore how further support could be provided to strengthen observation networks and capabilities in developing countries. The SBI had also noted the additional funding needs identified in the 2010 updated GCOS implementation plan. The SBI will consider this matter further at its 35th session under its agenda item 5 (c) Financial mechanism of the Convention - Other matters.

This side event will illustrate requirements for meeting climate observations needs and outline current funding approaches of climate observations in developing countries, including in the context of the GEF, the GCOS, and others. Examples from on-going projects and activities will illustrate lessons learnt from implementing observation-related projects. The event will provide an opportunity to discuss existing needs as well as potential options to further strengthen the funding for climate observations in developing countries.

Agenda

Welcome and opening

Chair: Stefan Rösner, Germany

- Opening remarks by the UNFCCC secretariat

Presentations

- Requirements for the improvement of climate observation
Adrian Simmons, Chair of the GCOS Steering Committee
- Options for funding of climate observations under the current GEF portfolio
Bonizella Biagini, Head, Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Operations, GEF
- Examples of experiences, challenges and success stories from implemented and on-going projects and initiatives on climate observations
Joseph Daniel Intsiful, UNDP Africa Adaptation Programme

Questions and answers

Closing remarks by the Chair