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APA agenda item 6: informal consultations on matters relating to the global stocktake referred to in Article 14 of the PA 10:00

Almost direct wording in regular text; Reflections in (brackets)

Description on: http://unfccc.int/bodies/apa/body/9399.php
Matters relating to the global stocktake referred to in Article 14 of the Paris Agreement:
(a) Identification of the sources of input for the global stocktake;
(b) Development of the modalities of the global stocktake.

Notes by Chairs of this meeting:
Overall aspect on information gathering what is now called activity A.
Start feeding the section with the views expressed in submission and interventions, and materials of the roundtable.
The table was made available on the website and distributed by email.
There has been a new meeting scheduled to discuss the operationalization of equity in the GST.
We announced the invitation on another meeting to hear the views on the GST.
Views on activity B and C and the source of input.
hopefully this is an acceptable meeting.

Invitation to share views and building-blocks on activity B.

Philippines, on behalf of the G77 and China.
Thanks for revised template
General comments

- We see two columns in the table, the first is to be the building blocks, those building blocks are the items we shift around to form the overall general structure for the decision that is going to be taken
- The left common is not yet outlined they provide headings and sub headings but the group will have other Items that they want to see at headings or subheadings for building blocks,
- Another column is on the idea that the chair understanding of the views of delegates, therefore they do not constitute any definite content on the bullet points that are on the left.
- Last point on behalf of the group
  thank you for indicating for another meeting on equity,

It's one of the things that we see missing as a key block/element in the left side of the column.

C0-facilitator
To reaffirm understanding left column is just area of guidance, just helps us for the blocks on what to engage on in the building blocks.

Co-facilitator:
Is there sufficient comfort in the process so that we can actually move forward, the column is just to structure the discussion and the whole discussion, when there would be text it would be different.
I wouldn't want to get detailed drafting comments if you just could signal if the level of detail in the right-hand column is right if it's what we could expect out of this session. We just try to get the balance right on this point instead of getting to a specific verdict.

Columbia, on behalf of the AILAC:

- We like to thank for the new revised version of the building blocks, comprehensive task.
- Good starting point to keep moving forward

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- We like to highlight we got the idea on the right column, general common understanding of the left column. We should focus on this understanding.
- We like to encourage our colleagues to intervene in a constructive way when, there view is not reflected and point out what they would like to have reflected in these columns.

India:
I think we are still digestion this initial material, but let me begin by supporting the statement by the Philippines on behalf of G77 and China.
- We need to have some kind of place to have the context of what we are doing and why we are doing this. (this was on the GST, and why the GST is done)
- Also, timing on GST should be discussed here
- As have been mentioned here our understanding is that this is an evolving text and the rich submission that are made by parties and our ideal message and conclusion should build into is.

In the spirit of our discussion we should be able to work on the ambitions of party submissions.
I'm slightly personally unclear about political/technical phase.
The technical and political phase are always interconnected therefore we call to consider different naming of these phases…
Dedicated session on equity, would be quite helpful and equity has been identified as important part of GST

Maldives AOSIS:
Made an intervention, no notes.

Solomon Islands: Speaking on behalf on the least developed countries.
The issue now is not to begin on what we already have done in May, once we understand the building blocks in terms of process.
So that we might fall into some sort of structures so that we don't repeat ourselves of what we did in May.
Mindful of outcomes of the roundtable as much as possible, some of the things what we are saying are not counted, do we start to restate that, then we would keep repeating ourselves. But it should be taken into account. We are one of the areas that are slow in progress, as we found out at the stock taking yesterday.

CO facilitators you put a lot of fear into the LDCs.
the global stock take is to enhance ambition.
What is the purpose of the global stock take when you put this in our phase.
(more was said but not captured by notes)

Therefore, the equity meeting on equity and GST is very important.

Mexico: Speaking on behalf of the EIG and Georgia
Following the collaborate spirit the EID has a specific comment, for later in the discussion,
(intervention by delegate not captured in notes)

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China:

- Support the intervention made by the Philippines,

Focusing on the right column first, the general understanding of what we want of the stock taking, now it's better to focus on the general understanding.

If you allow me we would like to explain our views on the road-map

- WE need to further elaborate the bullet points first.
- We need to have a common understanding
  We need to make clear where is the mandate and the objective of the GST.

(note to myself apparently, art. 14 is not enough?)

- There are already some issues covered in the following timeline, where we are and where we want to go and how to go there. (rest of the delegates comments on this specific issue not captured in notes)
- We know we have a good basis of article 14 in the PA. for example how to understand the long-term goals of the PA. and how to understand the issues in context of equity and we should solve these guiding issues first by the GST.
- We also can have some guidelines, on what is the possible and how to use the possible outcomes of the GST, is that enhanced action that would be a clear path, but what the outcomes looks like is not clear. Would it be some takeaway information, or just some report.

You need to have an outline before the report is prepared so we first need an outline, we can also include the design characteristics.

- We suggest to a very good guiding path before we go in the more detailed process, to guide our design of the other process.

For the overall process, I notice that we had a good discussion regarding the governance (some other points where mentioned but not captured in notes)
Balance between the different elements:

- Mitigation
- Adaptation
- Loss and Damage,
- We need another bullet how to generate the balance of the different elements.

We would like to agree on discussing this, first discussing on the general level and then discussing this on a more detailed way.
Some missing elements for governance.
Focusing on the right column of the table first and if we have time we can explain more detail.
Further source of input should be also further discussed not yet been discussed.
we first need to identify some general issues.

- General understanding of impacts of GST
- What is information need based on what we need to answer for GST.
- What is existing already information (couldn't fully hear delegate)
- What is the methodology on the input, for additional input

For us it's more important that once we know what input is necessary it's element specific, not just general.

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Brazil; also on behalf of Argentina, Uruguay
Support statement Philippines.
We see that the template is not perfect. But we need to move forward and it's the state of art we have, we are moving in circles and we need to go ahead to have a negotiating text as a tool to move forward for the negotiation.
Would like to comment on activity B:

- Two brief comments
- in Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay the GST is dependent on the time for considering the input linked to the common time frame, duration time should be in subheading.
- we didn't move governance to the building block, but I think it could be useful to move it in Act. B in the overarching building blocking in the beginning of the template.
- Regarding additional input, with a deadline for when the last input should be given to the GST.

Norway:
Bringing us a tool that can move our discussion forward,
I am optimistic to come out of the sessions with some language, if we have some kind of structures for this we have been working on. We have given a lot of input to the co-facilitator. Co-facilitator should capture this input, (somewhat opposing earlier comments on blaming the co-facilitators for not fully capturing what was meant by the countries) Comment on intervention made by China,

With regarding to some sort of general heading, I think that if there would be something that would recall everything we have agreed with relation to what is the purpose of the global stock take we have that already in several places, if that is comforting we would support such a thing.
With regard the in-depth scoping question we have submitted how questions related to mitigation and Adaptation and their financial flows can be scoped out, whether that is placed in the overall structure;
Naming on the several stages, if mutual could support India's comment.
It's important and it's necessary to discuss equity so happy about the equity meeting.

EU:
We firstly certainly can engage on this revised table, to work on and to identify elements for an outline. We think it's useful that you first provided an overarching part as the table as a tool, just as Norway we would also think that we could contextualize the (rest of statement not captured)
On equity we agree it's important, it's as stated in art. 14 an in this table we see it as a cross country issue that needs to be integrated in the different building blocks. Our understanding for the first column is really a checklist to identify what to incorporate, I should also repeat that we don't necessarily see substantial elements for all things identified in the first column.

Last point:
When incorporating the different parts of the table establishing the second table it's very important to have a good eye for the similarities of the different inputs. Congratulate the secretariat on the work on this.

Canada:
So couple of things: echo many parties' comments, we really like the table we trust the co-facilitators to use it as a tool, to guide us through the discussion coming weeks.
To react to India and China to have a discussion of the overall context general context guiding principles etc.

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From Canada's perspective, all the context is already in article 14.
All of the guiding features for the GST. Is already agreed in article 14, not elaborate further on this.
Brazil
Raised the point of talking about governance, should be a good building block to add there.

New Zealand:
Support of the Philippines and the G77, that the left column is not final, and not in any way part of the formal column and the right-hand column is neither just broad statement, we support their understanding.
I don't want to support China's views on the right-hand column,
Support the hierarchy of parties,

Australia:
Helpful suggestion like Brazil said, this table is a long way from the final product, but it's helpful and necessary a lot of info in the table. The left hand is not set in stone and the right hand should focus on discussion.
We need today not to worry about how it's written but if the structure is there to sufficiently discuss it.
The suggestion to have an overarching heading, want to hear more about that and willing to engage further on this. How to reflect fairness, and equity through the process and the structures of stock taking how to progress this is important.

Japan:
We are happy to see the revised template we think that the co-facilitators proposal was helpful,
I think it will be helpful to work from the recent submissions, including the roundtable.
We think under general something on reviewing the GST mechanism also in the future, and maybe part of the post GST part, or maybe need another heading.
How is equity going to be applicable to the GST curious to hear about that?

Saudi Arabia:

Align ourselves with the intervention made by the Philippines on behalf of G77 and China. WE have some serious comments.
Missing from building blocks

- Submission and inputs the timing and duration of gathering information, for us a pragmatic approach is key
- Support measures and loss and damages.
- We need a section on principles and context, as an approach to building blocks
- A way to operationalize equity and need to be captured in each building block

Looking forward to the equity discussion and where to implement this. One step is harder in the next meeting part of the interventions where in the left and right columns we can insert provision on equity. Agree with china on focusing on the right.

Mexico:
on the behalf Environmental Integrity Group, and Georgia we second the proposal of Norway,

Iran:

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First of thank for the revised building blocks referred and proposed by you, not enough time to go through all the elements. We ask kindly for some more time for further elaboration in the group of G77 for more discussion on it.
In this phase, we need to simplify as much as possible as too many elements make our jobs more complicated; some of the terms, suggestion and bullets are not that clear to us, so we kindly suggest to have some more clarifications on that.
We should not consider anything outside the framework of the UNFCCC, of course any region can independently consider any action helping the UNFCCC agenda but stay during the COP23 within the agenda

Philippines (national capacity)
we need to include in the left side of the table

- Content linkage and coverage
    - We like to highlight loss and damage
    - Governance need to be separate heading institutional arrangement of GST
    - They need to have a specific body of the GST and to follow up on that later as well

Summary of the meeting by the co-facilitator.

- Reassured to see a lot of support to go further with the template and how to work further on the template
- I also heard that we should not spent time, on text that is already in the Paris agreement, so what the purpose of the stock take is. The idea is not to state the purpose of the GST, as it's already part of the Paris agreement,
- Rather than focusing on the details in the right hand columned, don't be alarmed if the nuanced views are not explicitly seen in the right-hand column.
- It's the aim to get this as facilitative to get some real text.

Tomorrow from 15:00-17:00 engage on the operationalization on equity in the process of the global stock take process just to get us over the hick-up of the terminology
Thank everyone for the constructive engagement, we take now forward further work on the template. And discuss tomorrows discussion on equity and GST.