

APA Agenda Item 8a: Informal Consultations on Issues Related to the Adaptation Fund

November 11, 2017 – 16:00-17:00, UH Conference Room (Bula 2)

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Q1. Discussions surrounding “Which issues need to be addressed and when do they need to be addressed?”

First	?	Later
Guidance, accountability Reporting	Board composition Trustee and secretariat Eligibility Sources of Funding General provision on safeguards	Safeguards Accreditation

Q2. What further information may be needed on these issues?

Q3. Which is the appropriate way to address the issues?

** note that several speakers were inaudible from my position in room. Text below represents an incomplete list of issues addressed and comments made.*

Bahamas:

- raised issue that submission did not reference either time line.
- if work had been submitted earlier, we could have responded to this, but cannot respond to this now.
- they have not coordinated on this and will need full team, including legal advice to move here
- have coordinated on the draft decision

Switzerland:

- they would want to decide on as many things as possible in 2018 and would want to have a clear list of issues, including deciding on which policies should be revised;
- would want to know, clearly, what needs to be discussed after 2020
- wants to see a transitional period
- would prefer that trustee and secretariat do not operate on an interim relationship
 - o would like to fix this in 2018 (or as soon as possible)
- general provisions on safeguards – would need to see when this needs to be resolved

Norway:

- paper came late, but they were able to read it.
- might want to think about the language (restricted vs. need of information)
- a and b should probably not be merged, as they serve slightly different purposes
- board composition & source of funding, should be addressed by 2018
- could be good to deal with some of the subsections in 2018

Japan

- in favor of stream lined text

Bahamas

- agrees with comments made previously by Philippines
 - o sense of urgency surrounding adaptation funding for SIDS
- need for action to progress this action going forward
- heads of state in Paris made a decision to move quickly on this work. political will is, however, not moving quickly enough
- suggested need to task people with appropriate competencies

Antigua

- items in second and third columns are not necessary at this time
- time to move on and find something else to focus on

Canada

- understands this is not a game and is an important fund
- many issues cannot be resolved now, which is not ideal, but is fine
- intention is to be as efficient and responsible with the money.
 - o Not meant to delay action, but want to incorporate best available information, which is not currently available

Burkina Fasso

- we are wasting time
- let's take the document, work on it, and try and have something to present by Monday

Bahamas

- G77 and China employ not to engage in further discussion on this, so further work can be done on this - meaningful action on this.

Australia

- Supports another informal note to work toward a decision in 2018

US

- supports continuing to work in such a way to bifurcate issues into temporal columns

Argentina

- thinks we are not discussing substance