

Agenda Item 6 Informal Consultation

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ORAL REFLECTIONS:

Co-Facilitators: Parties have made 10 submissions on this agenda item. Meeting will dedicate time on Oral Reflections on Round Table.

- Round Table comprised of two main parts, informal setting to brainstorm ideas for MPG on Global Stock take and sources of input
 - China, Granada, Norway, EU, Saudi Arabia – ice breaker presentations
 - Three Operational Models in informal note, Assimilating Global Stocktake from Start to finish
 - Very good interaction with Round Table participants
 - Clearer what the difference between the models
 - Commonalities in the views expressed – activities parties want to undertake even though parties disagree on time, depth, and format
 - With a bit more time, parties would have been able to find more commonalities and narrow views to manageable options
 - Keep an eye on Talanoa Dialogue
 - RT achieved this purpose
- Information
 - Posts on GST Page: Template used in break out groups and outcome of the work of the three break out groups
 - Participants agreed that oral reflections will be provided at the start of ICs

PARTIES

- Philippines (G77): Flag some key aspects of the GST that should be kept in mind as Parties move along in IC
 - Comprehensive, facilitative nature of the GST
 - Should include Mitig'm, Adaptation, MOI – linkages
 - Outcome should inform parties in enhancing ambitions and efforts
 - LOSS AND DAMAGE of developing countries
- EU: RT achieved its purpose, interactive, constructive – bring this spirit of this mode of working
 - Addressing GST in a practical manner was useful. Looking at elements that would constitute draft decision
 - Co-chairs encouraged looked positively on efforts to develop MPGs
 - With respect to templates, they are useful to identify different options and steps in organizing the GST and identifying the elements of the draft decision. Also addresses elements in the submissions.
 - Focus on modalities and related inputs. Necessary to complement what we already have. Needed to make the GST fully operational.
- Canada: Ways Forward –
 - Discussions should consider building blocks of guidance – should continue should continue using the same structure

- Modalities first then Sol
 - Discussion on the principle of equity and its effects on GST
 - How do parties understand “equity”
 - Where does “equity” apply in MPGs?
 - What are the practical implications of applying equity?
 - Three Models were useful for discussions, but now we must identify commonalities to highlight areas of convergence
- Norway: Managed to keep Talaoa Spirit. Some commonalities even though parties use different language. However, there are areas of divergence. Facilitators should continue guiding discussion and structuring discussions around building blocks that parties have started to identify
- India: Link to Facilitative Dialogue can be operationalized. GST is completely different from the Facilitative Dialogue. Trying to link the two is a stretch.
 - Timeline issues: GST is on 2021. Implementation of NDCs is also on 2021. For GST to be effective, there should be implementation ongoing.
 - Need to dwell more on approaches that can be applied
 - Equity is a very important consideration. How does it come into the process?
 - PA emphasizes lead that Developed Countries must take in the GST
 - Start to Finish Model should be tested given the divergences of views on other GST issues
- Switzerland (EIG): Excellent mode to cooperate at the RT
 - The options on the table can be merged to some extent.
 - May be we don't have all the answers, but there is a side event.
- Brazil (Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay):
 - Agree with G77
 - Break out groups very useful
 - Divergences can be fixed thru break out sessions
 - First Reading
 - Synthesis of Comments
 - Possible outcome – we need to be very clear on the outcome. Should not be a name and same process. Should only inform successive NDCs.
 - GST Outcome is a political outcome that informs successive NDCs.
- China
 - Supports G77
 - Ltd time only allowed discussion of procedure of the GST.
 - Recommends use of Party submissions and previous informal notes as basis for negotiations
- Saudi Arabia (Arab League)
 - Should take into account of mitigation and adaptation
 - Must address all aspects of the MOI
 - Must consider national circumstances and impact of response measures
 - Must touch upon all areas of convergence and divergence
- Ghana (Africa)
 - Supports G77

- TIMING. Parties need more time to discuss
 - Template!!!
- New Zealand: We don't need to operationalize link to Talanoa Dialogue
 - Where we now?
 - Where do we want to be?
 - How do we get there?
 - Talanoa Concept – making wise decisions for the common good
 - Equity – we disagree on what equity means, how it will be implemented
 - How to deal with equity
 - Output of the Global Stocktake
 - Level of detail
 - Understand the implications of _____
 - Output – the content of the output should address collective implementation of the agreement, collective progress,
 - Does not preclude actions of outcome they may have
 - Relieve the anxiety of Parties
 - Flesh out building blocks at the higher level and the lower level. I.e. Don't say reports because it might preclude more informal products generated
- Australia:
 - Agrees with the G77 Statement
 - Only need to be aware of the difficult questions and divergences. No need to resolve them immediately.
- Maldives (AOSIS):
 - Qualitative and quantitative data
 - GST to inform NDC
- Costa Rica (AILAC):
 - Supports G77 statement
 - Informal note
 - LND and equity not discussed in Art. 14 but important
 - Focus should start with how parties envision the outcome. Once the outcome has been determined, everything else will become easier.
- Japan: Welcomes
 - What do different proposals mean practically?
- Iran: R
 - Equity + Differentiation + Historic responsibility should be applied GST
 - Main Issues
 - Barrier to implementation – GST should look at the actual problems and not projections
 - Information gathering could be started prior to the start.
 - Collective assessment, not individual progress
 - Outcome should be descriptive, not prescriptive

Co-Facilitators:

1. Everyone agrees that RT was fruitful
2. Clear appetite for clarity and designing GST from Start to Finish

3. Support for the Building Blocks approach
4. UNFCCC can deliver on design of the process. Process can be flexible and accommodate diverging views
5. Three Models will eventually turn into text. IC is here to come to a manageable number of options, not to decide. Make sure all the views expressed stay on the table

Plan is to further refine building blocks and flesh out details of the building blocks in the next few sessions

PHILIPPINES, NORWAY, AND NZ WERE TRYING TO NARROW THE AGENDA FOR TOMORROW. CO-FACILITATORS ADJOURNED WITHOUT DECIDING.