

APA Agenda Item 7 Informal Consultation

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Oral Report:

- Reflect on whether a matter should it be addressed with the comitte, how it should come to the committee, how the committee should address the issue and the Parties
- Nature of the provision and relation to other provisions – major consideration
- **Self-referral** is a trigger for consideration
- Discretion of the Committee
- Facilitative, non-adversarial, importance of dialogue
- Party concerned is the primary source of information
 - Other information sources may also be consulted
 - Stocktake, other NDCs in the public register
- Flexibility – relevant as it relates to considering national circumstances, again, refers to the discretion of the committee
- Engagement with the party depends on
 - Discretion of the committee
 - Added alue of the committee in determining what outputs are relevant
- Did not discuss committee's follow up on issues

FLOOR Reflections:

- Saudi Arabia: Fundamental issue with the balance of the outcome
 - Trigger – imbalanced discussion
 - Moderates discussion of Committee's MPGs – should drive every single modality
 - Will impact the discussion – one type of trigger will lead discussion towards a different discussion than another type of trigger
 - Core Principles Guiding Discussion of Art. 15
 - May not be anchored in text of Art. 15
 - Need to guide all negotiations in future sessions
 - Enshrined in art. 15 – Committee shall be facilitative... (quote)
- Mali: First discussion that covered the trigger and the outcome
 - Narrow, didn't focus all aspects of the Committee's function
 - No discussion on linkages of Committee
 - No discussion on getting information (e.g. Art. 9.5 requirement on providing information)
- AOSIS: It would not be in the best interests to be prescriptive. The Committee must have a certain amount of discretion
 - Definite ideas on triggers and outputs that the Committee will provide
 - Other than that, general guidelines should be enough
- EU: Smaller group discussions allowed for faster exchange
 - Priority: Advance MPGs in the form of a draft text
 - Use time in Bonn to agree on essential aspects and leave the rest for later discussion

- China:
 - Scope: It's not appropriate to conclude from yesterday's discussions. Warrants discussion of 4 other scenarios
 - Should be comprehensive and cover the whole PA
 - Systematic Issues
- New Zealand: Five Areas
 - Different Modes of Initiation of Work
 - Parameters of Output that Committee will Produce
 - Direct Instructions on Flexibility
 - Participation of Parties – multiple and clear participation
 - Essential Process Decisions – elections, procedural and technical details that will allow the Committee will start functioning
- Norway: Disappointing that Oral Report is not in written format. Discussions should be captured in a more durable way.
 - Triggers is a controversial issue. The question of trigger should not overshadow and drive every discussion
 - Much more helpful to focus on flexibility, dialogue, and facilitative nature of the Committee
 - Would like to discuss the 4 other scenarios that did not get discussed yesterday
 - Areas of Convergence have begun to appear. However, the crux of the matter is how much we have to decide now and decide later. How much discretion do we leave the Committee? How much prescriptive guidance?
- Costa Rica: There are some cases where self-initiation from the Committee will be important. All delegations should be subject to the Committee's review
- Argentina (Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay): General discussions should be concretized in this session.
 - Particular attention should be given to CBDR-RC
 - MPGs should only establish general procedures and rules. Committee should be allowed to develop its own rules.
- Canada: Adapt the questions to address concerns of some parties? Parties are free to discuss what they want?
 - Limited time only allowed introduction to mechanism and practice
 - Does not preclude further discussion
- Iran: NDC is not required. "Noncompliance" should not be "punished".???