

17:00-18:00 in the Bangkok Room

APA agenda item 5: informal consultations on modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Art. 13 of the PA

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- I. Provide oral reflection of APA 5 by Parties
 - A. Background: Nov. 4 Round Table discussed Transparency and Support, Nov. 5 Transparency of action in relation to mitigation and adaptation. AP 13 discussed and reviewed Party feedback
 1. Round table slides have been published online
 - B. Reflections: no Party comment
- II. Discuss the mode of work/Plan of work on APA 5
 - A. Singapore and G77 and China
 1. request co- to prepare tool to guide discussions that captures the views discussed by parties previously expressed in round table and submissions [aka write a synthesis report on all of the feedback]
 2. Co-Facilitators respond that they will prepare a co-facilitators formal note on party submissions and discussions [accurate depiction while being manageable in length will publish under APA item 5 before tomorrow morning.
 3. AP co-chairs want consistent terminology “co- facilitators formal note”
 - B. Saudi Arabia on behalf of Arab group
 1. regarding the tool, want to call it “the tool” instead of “co- facilitators formal note” b/c comfortable and flexible
 2. Alternative formulation suggests “Preliminary material in preparation for the first iteration of the formal ” Note (PMPiF)
 3. Saudi Arabia responds: agrees and emphasizes it is NOT the first iteration of the facilitators formal note
 - C. Schedule for Agenda item 5
 1. Seven informal consultations scheduled to complete by Saturday
 - a) Wed. Nov. 8, 4-6:00 on overarching consideration national GHG inventory reports, tracking progress, and adaptation.
 - b) Thur. Nov. 9 12-1 on support provided
 - c) not scheduled on TER and FMCP (Thursday or Friday)
 - d) Sat. Nov. 11 12:00-1:00 on supported needed and received
 - e) Mon. Nov. 13 10:00-11:00 on co-facilitators informal note and remaining issues
 - D. EU: Thanks the co-facilitators for their work
 1. Requests for more time for APA 5 discussion
 2. Suggests opportunity for informal meetings as a method of work
 3. Wednesday seems “overburdened” and asks for a more even distribution of topics
 - E. South Africa
 1. Like the title of “informal note”
 2. asks when the “note” will make it onto the insertion documents
 3. suggests formal and informal sessions on specific areas/topics
 4. thinks the time spent on “support provided” is justified
 - F. China on behalf of like-minded countries
 1. thanks the co-facilitator for the work plan
 2. PMPiF “Preliminary material in preparation for the first iteration of the formal” will work
 3. identifies some key issues : differentiation issue, balance of treatment

4. The PMPIF is only meant to facilitate work as a tool, and not a formal note but should be produced, but what is the next step? China requests clarification on the next step: PMPIF the materials must be elevated to a draft negotiating tool for parties to consider.
5. 4W (Who, what, when, and why) and 4H(how, how much, how many, and how frequent) approach could capture all elements - important for a balanced, neutral, practical and useful MPG.

G. Brazil

1. Flexible on the name
2. Concerned about the content - this will determine a draft text vs. a formal note
3. Plan to distribute the discussion : do not need to micro-manage the work plan, but want to discuss a comprehensive debate on all elements on MPGs
4. “informal” v. “formal” discussion is premature because must see content first

H. Mexico + Env. integrity group

1. invite all parties to focus integral aspects
2. agree with EU and see support provided as a placeholder and so do not need as much time

I. United States

1. flexible as to the name
2. suggests 1W (what) and the 4 Hs approach, but will discuss later as it is a technical detail
3. fear allocation of time for certain topics (suggests formal or informal)

J. Saudi Arabia seeking clarification:

1. Document will be called the PMPIF [Co facilitator confirms]
2. Document will not be on the APA website, but on the Agenda 5 specific website [Co facilitator confirms]
3. Informal and Formals are available if Parties request them [Co facilitator confirms]
4. Saturday evening should be the first iteration of the formal note [Co facilitator confirms]

K. Costa Rica and ILAC

1. flexible on the name
2. respect the co facilitators allotment of topics in the workplan
3. open to working on Informal and Formals

L. Australia

1. flexible on the name
2. concerned about allocation of work - four items in two hour is unrealistic and fear lack of progress + is open to formal and informal to make allocation better

M. China on behalf of like-minded countries

1. Echo Brazil and cannot re-judge any school for formal and informal : must see the tool and then determine if additional meeting should be scheduled. “cannot prejudge”
2. On time allocation: the support provided and received deserves more discussion time

N. New Zealand

1. concerned the organization of the agenda and fear redundancy, however should look at the time schedule as not “fixed” but instead a flexible.
2. overall however, will support the current approach
3. no preference as to name

O. EU concern about the allocation of time, but do not want to micromanage, but suggests the flexibility approach [time allocation cannot overrule the list of speakers]

P. Canada

1. flexible on the name
2. support EU and New Zealand on time “flexible” allocation
3. support additional formal and informal if needed
4. make sure to note that the “tool/PMFP” is not pre-judging the time allotment of reach issue

Q. Saudi Arabia

1. agree with China and Brazil that it is too premature to decide on formal/informals
2. supports the time allotment of “country support”

R. India

1. agree with Saudi Arabia (too premature to decide on formal/informals)
2. allocations of work is good

In the end the name is “Preliminary material in preparation for the first iteration of the formal note” (PMPIF) and it can be found on the Agenda 5 specific website