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APA agenda item 4 “Further guidance in relation to the adaptation communication, including, inter alia, as a component of NDCs, referred to in Article 7, paragraphs 10 and 11, of the Paris Agreement”

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The discussion was based on the second iteration of the informal note prepared by the co-facilitators (available on the APA Agenda Item 4 webpage) :

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/bonn_nov_2017/in-session/application/pdf/apa_4_informal_note_.pdf

Paris Agreement:

PA article 7 para 10. *Each Party should, as appropriate, submit and update periodically an adaptation communication, which may include its priorities, implementation and support needs, plans and actions, without creating any additional burden for developing country Parties.*

PA article 7 para 11. *The adaptation communication referred to in paragraph 10 of this Article shall be, as appropriate, submitted and updated periodically, as a component of or in conjunction with other communications or documents, including a national adaptation plan, a nationally determined contribution as referred to in Article 4, paragraph 2, and/or a national communication.*

Key points:

- The discussion of today has been based on informal note proposed by the co-facilitators. Some groups of countries expressed their concerns regarding some missing elements in it.
- The discussion has been mainly focus on:
 - Option 1: NDC-specific guidance for an adaptation communication
 - Option 2: No NDC-specific guidance for an adaptation communication
- South Africa, in order to reach the adaptation goals, brings on the table a proposition: requesting from the IPCC to prepare guidance to facilitate aggregation of information.
- The majority of countries took the floor on behalf of their groups.

Co-facilitator

- An informal note has been circulated yesterday and is now available online.
- This informal note only aggregates ideas from the Monday 13th November' session and submissions sent by email by Parties. It is not a co-facilitators interpretation.
- The objective of this document is to stimulate the discussion and move to another level of discussion.

Argentina, G77/China

- Regarding the language, Argentina expressed its concerns about a lack of time to discuss on specific options with the G77+China and its partners.
- Argentina mentioned that an additional paragraph to replace the third bullet has been sent but it has not being reflected in the informal note.
- Then under the heading 11, Argentina made a clear remark regarding the importance to give more elements on the third bullet included national circumstances, adaptation priorities, national vulnerabilities..
- Argentina concluded that this third bullet should stay in any case.

Co-facilitator

- Co-facilitator specified that the language is for the actual skeleton: no language goes into outcomes of the text, out of the skeleton. Nothing against our own way of our workings.

Argentina

- Argentina thanked the co-facilitator.
- Argentina followed its intervention by highlighted the importance of this paragraph for the G77+China group.
- Argentina concluded its intervention by stated that more time to discuss it needed. The SBs session in May 2018 could be an opportunity to continue the discussion on it.

Co-facilitator

- Having option 1 and option 2 in each one of the bullets is noted.

Switzerland

- Switzerland expressed specific concern = the discussion needs to engage on the substance, but before it is important to make sure that all elements are in the text.
- Switzerland mentioned that its previous proposal is not reflected in the text.

Co-facilitator

- Co-facilitator asked Switzerland how its proposal could be reflected:
 - o On option 1? or option 2?
 - o An option 3 with specific guidance for specific vehicle?

Switzerland

- Switzerland suggested to modify option 1.

Co-facilitator

- The co-facilitator made a clarification: currently option 1 is NDC specific. If we want to add another vehicle, it should go under option 2 and then each option would add for each vehicle.

New Zealand

- New Zealand took the floor and suggested to modify also option 2 to have no vehicle specific guidance.

Japan

- Japan shared a similar view than New Zealand
- Japan highlighted the need to move to a consistent language.
- Japan also reminded its yesterday remarks:
 - o Guidelines should not override the article 7.10 of the PA.
 - o Clarifications are needed regarding the status of points and headings

Co-facilitator

- The headings are not yet discussed. The objective of this exercise is to reflect the issues from parties and the discussion still open.
- Co-facilitator mentioned the opportunity to add some indications. Co-facilitator suggested indicating that a discussion on headings should happen.

South Africa, African Group

- African Group support the G77+China propositions

- In order to reach the adaptation goals, brings on the table a proposition: requesting from the IPCC to prepare guidance to facilitate aggregation of information.

Co-facilitator

- Co-facilitator took note of the South Africa proposition and informed South Africa that a consultation with APA co-chairs will be needed.

EU

- EU' views seems reflected in the text.
- EU welcomed the informal note as a basis for discussion and mentioned that some elements could be streamlined.

USA

- The US' views are reflected on the note.
- The US doesn't support the South Africa proposition, mainly because it hasn't been discussed.

Japan

- The Japan views are mostly reflected on the note.
- Japan supports the US remark related to the South Africa proposition. There is no IPCC' representatives in this room to discuss about budget, capacities and timeline opportunities.

Malawi, LDCs

- LDCs supports the inputs made by the G77+China and the statement made by South Africa
- Malawi continued its intervention by highlighting that the informal note is a compilation of ideas that it will be discuss later. Malawi expressed its concerns related the fact that the discussion of today is still on building the text.

Ecuador, LMDC

- Ecuador thanked the co-facilitators for their effort to include different options
- LMDC supports the G77+ China
- Ecuador highlighted the importance of clarification of the approaches regarding the headings.

Saudi Arabia, Arab group

- Saudi Arabia made a number of comments
 - o Under 6 b) the first bullet: there is a need to change the language on information on adaptation
 - o Under 5: regarding approaches, if it's to provide guidance, it might be better to include guiding principle.
- Saudi Arabia is supporting Ecuador proposition.

Jamaica, AOSIS

- AOSIS supports the G77+ China statement.
- Jamaica mentioned the importance to understand the nature of the informal note.

Liberia

- Liberia supports the South Africa proposition on IPCC.

New Zealand:

- NZ views are reflected on the informal note.

- NZ made a clarification regarding the discussion based on the proposition of South Africa: IPCC has already decided its work programme for the next 6 years. In addition, IPCC doesn't have sufficient budget to do it unless more money is provided.

Colombia, AILAC

- The AILAC views are reflected in the informal note.
- Colombia highlighted minor remarks regarding the inter-linkages especially regarding transparency and global Stocktake.

USA

- USA came back on the South Africa's proposition on IPCC with additional information: this room is developing guidance for adaptation communication and IPCC has no mandate to do this.

Uruguay

- Uruguay expressed the need of clarification regarding the South Africa proposition: some Parties are supporting it; some others do not. How is this being treated moving forward by the co-facilitators?

Saudi Arabia

- Saudi Arabia expressed its concerns about the option 1. Saudi Arabia agreed for vehicle specific as long as the footnote remains

China

- China is supporting G77+China
- China is supporting Saudi Arabia in those points.
- China added an additional point: Guiding principle is very important. Guiding approach including principles should be included

South Africa

- South Africa expressed its support on seeking further guidance.
- South Africa highlighted the importance to be reflected into the informal note.

Co-facilitator

- Co-facilitator concluded the discussion by highlighting the need to work faster in order to produce a new version soon regarding the APA deadline.
- Co-facilitator informed the room that a new version of the informal note would be available today at 1pm.