

Andrea Fontana – 10/11/2017 – 12am-1pm – APA agenda item 4: informal consultations on further guidance in relation to the adaptation communication, including, inter alia, as a component of nationally determined contributions, referred to in Article 7, paragraphs 10 and 11, of the PA

KEY TAKE AWAYS (Political conversation – details in full notes)

- Discussion became heated when the US intervened (very strongly) by strongly opposing the little progress made over the past couple of days
 - Strong opposition of guiding principles referring to the Convention and differentiation
 - Point 6 of informal note deemed to increase burden and reduce flexibility
- US supported on these points by Japan, NZ
- China reacts calling for Principles to be kept in note
- Two meetings added: both tomorrow first one at 11am

Co-facilitator

- First proposal of common skeleton
- Express gratitude and appreciation for positive response
- Only meant to a base to start working
- Want to suggest working on basis of document and hear the views of parties on how we can start populating this list of headings and subheadings, taking into account that we have suggested to parties yesterday that we could start referring to headings in order to have a complete vision of reflective views of parties
- If parties feel that we should provide more detailed information on subheadings that is a party's choice, but it would be a good start to talk about headings in this session.
- Want to share that (this was raised by some parties) that the two sections (overarching, guidelines) are not intended to be headings
 - Are just ways to express content, do not have any status at all, do not focus on them.
- Would like to see good exchange/presentation of ideas of populating this list
- If parties agree, to present back to you a first iteration of an informal note to be used in future sessions
- We have two slots, one hour each, tomorrow. If we have substantive input we can use it towards a document for tomorrow's discussion

Argentina (G77+China)

- To be sure of procedural matter that you are introducing:
 - If this is your first iteration of the informal note, the headings overarching/guidelines will not appear? Just the other headings? And we will work on that basis today?

Co-facilitator

- We heard this might be misleading. We had the impression we could work without those, but if parties feel more comfortable keeping them, that would be for the benefit of overall information. We would not be making them have any status whatsoever. If parties agree with proposal of Argentina, they will not be in the first iteration.
- Now, comments for the headings

Argentina (G77+China)

- Happy to hear those headings will be deleted in your first iterations, because that conversation had not occurred in these sessions.
- The headings proposed by our group are in general well captured, but considering the submissions we made, there are some issues
 - Please reflect them exactly as they were sent
 - E.g. under support, its specifically support for developing countries
 - This is of major importance to our group
 - Subheadings - a, b, c options under 10 do not correspond to heading “needs” but “support for devpng. Countries”
 - Will provide later today with a clean version.
- Would like to engage with colleagues from other parties/groups on the headings we include in our own skeleton.
- The G77 understands that provisions should be included, under preamble/introductory remarks. Those provisions are including convention, and PA articles.
 - We need to separate “issues” and “content”
- Introductory remarks: adcomm is a tool for our global goal for adaptation
 - Important to the group
- Principles: we are listing under guiding principles, those that we think are very important
 - Cbdrr
 - Not creating additional burden
 - Flexibility

Co-facilitator

- We urge you to provide textual proposal, as clear as possible reflecting your views
- We would like to have this iteration early this evening
 - Would like to not have the need to receive electronically, but just hear them here in the room

EU

- Happy to work based on prelim. Material and work on overall list of key topics
- Not a fixed list
- As a first step, we would like to see light clean up of the list
 - Mentioned the two headings and we agree with others to get rid of them for now, but want to remind that in the end we might turn this into a kind of decision/guidance that goes into annex

- But not an issue that we need to discuss right now, but get into substance instead
- Subheadings: we would prefer to not have subheadings for now, we see them as ideas as content
 - No need at this stage for subheadings, but may introduce them if it makes sense as we start populating the list
- 7. Not subheading, but elements of paragraph 6.
- Content -
 - Preamble: main issue is to recall art. 7 of PA, make reference most specific articles
 - Guiding principles: we do need that in the end as a specific heading
 - Might be part of preamble
 - Elements: substantially dealt with in submissions and roundtable, should be possible to condense main ideas

Ecuador (LMDCs)

- Align ourselves with G77+China
- It is important to look behind this differentiation of components that we haven't had yet
 - headings/subheadings
- There is some info that's easy to understand/identify that can be added
 - Support needs for developing countries
 - Clear provisions of the convention and paris agreement
- Headings: since there is not a common understanding on guidance for NDC we should keep it as a heading, since parties will be communication adaptation through NDCs
- CBDR in light of different circumstances, no additional burden

US

- Pretty much destroying any previous conversation
- No need to include second reference to guiding principles
- Adaptation comm are voluntary
- In accordance to 9,10,11 → if not stated specifically including preparation and communication in adaptation in communication – would not be in accordance with provisions in article 9,10,11 of PA – financial mech – already support for comm – orgs will continue to do so – preparations: will continue to be achieved through existing channels
- Number 5 approach and 8 communicating – on questions of Argentina – US one of the Parties that provided these as headings – did homework and looked – guiding principles are not used as headings in convention docs
- 6 → options to content a) and b) → reservation on creating too rigid structure – basic idea of making something mandatory → increases burden and reduces flexibility – look at list of elements in ND manner what is best for national circumstances – will not decrease value of info included – will provide fuller picture
- 7 → beyond the mandate on this agenda item – guidance for adaptation comm period

- not require party to modify based on vehicle – chosen vehicle: should not determine content of adaptation communication – unnecessary headings of subheadings
- differentiation – article 7 not seen as differentiating
 - not relevant point

New Zealand

- overarching to be removed – it's actually quite a useful way to give groups the listing that are on the paper – we see a decision first and an annex that contains the guidance – item 9 of the second page belong in a decision
- 8 → timing and frequency – would go in a decision not in guidance – timing and frequency change then parties have to review guidance – CMA to take decision
 - practical decisions
- 9 → acknowledge linkages but 1) does not find a place within the guidance itself
 - explanatory information – proposed section/title approach → stand alone communication or component to other document – encouragement to follow next structures and that is what we mean by approach – second part of approach → about encouraging parties to use tech to say what methodology used are – we wonder whether section on support is necessary because under article 13 have two sections one on support provided and one on s needed → additional burden for parties to provide that info on same communication → section of support not needed
- subheading level → further content in section 6 we would like to see → core of adaptation communication – article 7 ; concerns in room in not seeing exact language of submissions – not concerned about not using exact language as long as idea is there – role is to merge like with like – we would see in section 6 a list of elements: info on expected impact; info on risk and vuln; info on action taken; info on cooperation to enhance adaptation
- ○ updating guidance section would be needed

Japan

- clarification – yesterday concluded we would focus on headings – not to rewrite paper – parties here are
- 2, 8.10 → share view of US, EU, and new Zealand
- 9 → this heading could be incorporated in preamble or intro
- 11 → can be incorporated – very flexible framework anyways
- item 12 → we can read on other headings and can discuss later

Saudi Arabia

- align with G77 and Ecuador
- clarify: suggestion to move item 7 into elements – not made by Saudi Arabia – made by Kuwait – we would like to have it as it is
- CBDR → 1/CP.21 → some Parties only prefer to stick to article 7 – this is why we need guiding principles – this is what we think about guidance that's what principles say
- Agree to remove overarching because confusing
- Operational paragraphs → seek more understanding (why?)

- 5 → approach: invitation to follow guidelines – implicit because we are follow guidelines
- 8 → two options: some confusion and divergence on naming of article – from roundtable – vehicles as adaptation can be variable: more guidance
- beneficial to address areas of convergence and divergence

Argentina

- happy to see different parties points of view
 - we are starting to engage – we did a major effort
- composition of the skeleton and part of the content – from US they start to share a bit more – would like to state more points – considering complexity of proposal – other issue covered – would be complicated to follow and we want other parties to engage – we'll submit and tomorrow we'll have two hours – all opinions will be expressed there and more engagement –
- quick points
 - guiding principles v important as it enlightens process
 - many are in PA and this is the stage for PA → enlighten the implementation of the adaptation of communication: CBD CRC and equity...
 - language of principles under 7/5
 - purpose → contribution, enhance support, profile of adaptation, comm action plans and priorities, input to GST – efforts v important – already agreed in PA – with our submissions we need to be clearer on where to take more care of that
 - insisting on opt-in opt-out → common set of elements – in particular, considering role – collective dimension and how we can deal with that – national circumstances – adaptation priorities – adaptation support needs - communication of indicative level of support finance and tech and capacity
 - opt-in opt-out not exhaustive list
 - already engaging in list
 - adaptation action
 - cooperation
 - econ diversification
 - traditional knowledge
 - we will submit – obv we have 7.13 → quite clear we need continuous and enhanced support for 7,8,9,10 → correct place to take provisional support in this specific space – need further guidance – that's why proposed three main subheadings – preparation, implementation, and commitment
 - it will be quite positive to have these info in the first iteration in meeting tomorrow

Mexico

- EIG → support idea of continuing working
- Preliminary comments
 - Section 2 → no need to have guiding principles
 - Support New Zealand on section 10

China

- First question to be discussed of structure – overarching and guidelines: not mandate by discussion as well as we have discussed before including table – how to design the structure of adaptation communication is the basis of adpa comm guidance

- US → principles → for a guidance for is the guideline for workscope in a crucial issue – not negotiators do not know → principles as heading → adaptation info is very huge divergency based on national circumstances → if there is no CBD CRC
- US addressed 8 option 2 → all info
- NX on approach → explanation mention general guidance on adaptation encourages party to use modalities – at these meetings this should be included in the scope
- NDCs – no existing guideline vehicle
- Ad comm existing reference there is
 - What is the message and information that should be followed
- 11 → principle included
- support → 7.13 support for developing countries

co-chair

- time limit for submissions
- focus on headings in submissions with flexibility allowed on submissions
- will try to identify clear options
- overarching and guidance – not crossing them out – we will park them for the moment – we might have conversation later on

Norway

- have different conceptions on what the various headings contain – hope that we can include some key words of what headings should include

EU

- clarification on type of document prepared for next session: new version of skeleton only? Will you populate it?
 - Same answer as Norway
- Uncertain if we need to send a submission – seems important to also send more than headings to make sure that our substance is included

Argentina

- Group supports cochair proposal – will convene at 7.30 and then will submit – asking for input to be waited