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Ad Hoc working group on the Paris Agreement (APA 1.4)
Informal consultation on agenda item 6, Global Stocktake (GST)
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Agenda Item 6: Matters relating to the global stocktake referred to in Article 14 of the Paris Agreement:
(a) Identification of the sources of input for the global stocktake;
(b) Development of the modalities of the global stocktake.

RINGO Notes
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Welcome from facilitators:
- This is the first meeting on this agenda item
- Many pre-submissions, with lots of content
- Plan to dedicate time for oral reflections in this meeting
- After reflections, facilitators share views on organization of work during the session

Reflections on the preceding round table on Sunday Nov 5, 2017:
- Round table comprised of 2 main parts
- Formal setting for participants to brainstorm on GST
- After icebreakers, focused on understanding the three organizational models
- Good interaction between round table participants
- Views on what activities to undertake in the GST are similar, even if the views on how to do so and when to do it were divergent
- More time in the round table could have been useful
- Keep an eye on the Talanoa Dialogue
- Facilitators felt the round table achieved its purpose of being a formal brainstorming session
- 5 icebreaker presentations are posted on the GST webpage in the UNFCCC website
- Floor open for country reflections:
    - Philippines: In the G77, want to draw notice to key aspects of the GST that should be kept in mind
        - Recall the comprehensive nature of the GST
        - Should include Mitigation, adaption, and loss and damage
        - Highlight importance of addressing loss and damage
    - EU: Consider roundtable a success, contrastive, positive, interactive
        - particularly likely addressed GST in a practical manner
        - See template with building blocks as a tool, to identify options in organizing the GST, encourage the use of this template
        - Hope to continue practical manner of discussion and focus on organizational aspects needed to make the GST fully operational
    - Canada: Helpful roundtable, reflections and suggestions
        - Thought discussions at the roundtable were organized well
        - Suggestions for organization of work:
            - Systematic way of dealing with the building blocks of guidance, starting with modalities, and moving to input
            - Discussion on the principle of equity, useful to frame discussion of equity
                - How do parties define equity?
                - How do we see it being applied?
                - What do we see as ways to implement equity in practice?
            - Would be good to highlight the areas of convergence between the models of setting up the GST
    - Norway:

    - Learned a lot about each other's views and observed Talanoa spirit in the discussions
    - Saw commonalities but they may have been communicated differently
- India:
    - Linking the facilitative dialogue 2018 with the GST would not be the correct way to go about things, different timeframes
    - See overeagerness to get into discussion before we see action on indices, then we can get into a meaningful assessment of what has been done
    - Developed countries should lead in mitigation, as clearly mentioned in the Paris Agreement
- Switzerland:
    - Discussion on equity in the Bonn zone today at 6:30
- Brazil: Speaking on behalf of Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay
    - Concerned about the break out sessions, but in the roundtable these worked well
    - Need a clear outcome for the GST, outcome should not be a "name and shame", output from GST should be viewed as an input for updating the NDCs
- China: fully support the Philippines statement on behalf of G77 and China
    - Parties only got to express views on the procedural elements
    - Issues about the outcome of GST and equity need to be talked about
    - Hard and efficient work needed in order to produce text by next year
- Saudi Arabia: speaking on behalf of the Arab world
    - Roundtable was fruitful but missed many issues
    - Need to address global goals, finance, technology, and other means of implementation in the GST
    - Equity also needs to be addressed
    - Should find the convergence and also divergence areas
- Ghana:
    - Would have liked to have more time in the roundtable
    - Template and building blocks were helpful, but need more time
    - Equity is an important issue
- New Zealand:
    - How to operationalize the link to the Talanoa dialogue?
        - Feel we don't need to operationalize a link
        - They are linked by overarching questions
        - And they are both framed by the underlying ethos
    - With respect to equity, we all agree it needs to be included in the GST
        - But we disagree about what it means, where it should be addressed, and how, and what does that look like in practice?
    - Need to address the divergence of equity, this is driving some anxiety and slowing progress
    - Paris agreement states that National determination of NDC and also the evaluation of the NDC, GST should respect that national determination is needed
    - Some output of GST should be input for NDCs
    - Support discussion on outputs and equity first, the moving on to the operational aspects, phases etc.
- Australia: fruitful roundtable
    - Agree with India and Philippines
    - Found there was convergence on the general idea of what the GST is and what it should do
- Maldives:
    - GST should use best available science, IPCC input should be included
    - Loss and damage is important to include in the GST of overall NDCs
    - Should be mindful that the GST is to inform the future NDCs
- Costa Rica: speaking on behalf of AILAC, and agree with Philippines
    - GST seen as ambition mechanism, and as crucial to the Paris Agreement
    - Would have liked an informal note as outcome of the roundtable

        - Discussions on GST should start with what the outcome of the GST should be
        - See the GST as a cyclical process to ratchet up NDCs over time
    - Japan:
        - Useful to view different proposals and how they would work in practice
    - Iran:
        - roundtable was useful in gaining understanding on other parties views and some practical considerations on the GST
        - Principle of equity is important, common but differentiated responsibilities should also be applied
        - Needs and priorities of developing countries are important to include
        - GST should respect the national determination nature stated in the Paris Agreement
        - GST should also address the various barriers to implementation, and look at actual progress made, rather than projections and scenarios
        - GST should not be a multiyear process, one year should be the target, with information gathering potentially starting before
        - GST should not be prescriptive, only descriptive
        - Premature to talk about follow-ups to GST before lessons learned from GST are known

Wrap up by co-facilitator, Richard: 5 points
- Agreement that Sunday (roundtable) was time well spent
- Appetite for designing the GST from start to finish in Bonn
- Support for the building blocks approach
- Design of process if the specialty of the UNFCCC
- Yes there are three different model for GST, and we need to get to a text. We hope to maintain all views and keep them on the table here in Bonn, rather than narrowing the options early

Final statement from the facilitators:
- Next meeting tomorrow (Nov 8th) 4-6pm in Chamber Hall
- Meeting is adjourned: 5:14pm

(After meeting has been officially adjourned)
- Norway asks what the first topic of discussion will be? Perhaps equity?

- Co-facilitator responds that equity will not be discussed tomorrow, will start with discussion on modalities

- Philippines and New Zealand repeat that it would be useful to start with discussion of outcomes

Meeting adjourned in practice: 5:21pm