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APA Agenda item 6: Informal consultations on matters relating to the global stocktake referred to in Article 14 of the Paris Agreement

(Time/Date: 12:00 – 13:00, 14 November 2017; Room: Chamber Hall; Venue: Bula 1, WCCB, Plenary Building, Bonn)

Introduction

The Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA) is mandated to prepare draft decisions as a recommendation to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) through Conference of Parties (COP) at its first session (CMA 1.3). The Agenda item 6 involves – Matters relating to the global stocktake (GST) 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

This was the sixth and final round of APA deliberations on Agenda item 6 at COP 23¹. At the onset, a draft informal note ([first iteration](#), 14 November 2017, 09:30 hrs.) was circulated by the session co-facilitators to receive comments and suggestions from the Parties. Later today, the co-facilitators uploaded a final version of the informal note (see [here](#), timestamp: 15:30 hrs., Bonn, Germany) on the basis of interventions made by some of the Parties at this session.² This submission reflects the session's proceedings and understanding from the APA 1.4 resumed first session on the agenda item 6.

Observations

Co-facilitators: Richard Muyungi (Tanzania) and Outi Honkatukia (Finland)

Objective: To finalise an informal note in consultation with all the Parties, and to further report back to the APA co-chairs at the contact group meeting on the progress achieved on Agenda item 6.

Initial observation: After a considerable delay, the session's proceedings began at 12:40 P.M. (Local time, Bonn). Some of the Parties assembled together for a pre-discussion before the actual commencement of the session. However, in the wake of limited time, co-facilitators urged them to start the meeting and place their concerns on the floor (if there is any).

¹ To track progress made on APA Agenda items during all the previous sessions, refer here: <http://unfccc.int/bodies/apa/items/10159.php>; and here: <https://ringosnet.wordpress.com/note-archive/>

² Readers may place the first iteration, and the final version of the informal note - next to each other - for better understanding of the Parties' suggestions and the follow up action taken by the co-facilitators.

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Interventions (in the order of their appearance) addressing to the co-facilitators:

1. Philippines (on behalf of G77 and China)

- Representative from the Philippines acknowledged the APA co-facilitators for preparing an informal note document for further discussion at this session. However, He also mentioned that the document is not perfect and there is a room for further improvement. His comments/views are listed below:
 - Many members feel that the building blocks could be improved as they do not see a proper consideration of their substantive inputs. Hence, urged to consider iterations.
 - The disclaimers could have further improvements
 - First sentence of the last paragraph (page 1, see [here](#)) does not explicitly state that these are the views of co-facilitators, please make it explicit.
 - The issue of eligibility³ is not settled yet
 - With reference to the commonalities (first sentence, last para of page 1), he pointed out that nothing has been agreed upon yet. This is left open for further discussion and identification by the Parties
 - Additional clarity is required in the last sentence of the last paragraph (page 1). He requested to specify that the in-session inputs do not constitute any convergence, and this is subject to further take views from Parties next year as well.
 - He also added that assorted views of the Parties on various items should be duly covered in the informal note
 - Next year, we should build upon the progress achieved so far, rather than starting from the scratch. However, equal consideration shall be given to any further suggestions next year.

2. European Union (EU)

- He started by expressing his gratitude and mentioned that the document is up to their expectations as it captures different views very well.
- He pointed out that the introduction section is very important and hence it should bear a key disclaimer to better understand the rest of the content. He said that EU want to echo that it is not a final version, we should not prejudge the outcomes as they could be further combined in different ways. More details can be added later on, which are not getting reflected as of now.
- He expressed his agreement with the G77 intervention
- Finally, on second last paragraph related to the building blocks inputs; he mentioned that pre-session views submitted by the Parties should be featured to avoid any future conflicts.

3. New Zealand

- They made it clear that it is important to know that – this does not preclude the negotiations for the next round/year.

³ Refer [Support for effective and equitable participation] under the section II (modalities overarching elements) in the first iteration

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4. Solomon Islands, representing Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

- He thanked everyone for accounting their concerns and reiterated the same to the co-facilitators in terms of due consideration of their submission note.
- He highlighted that collectively Parties have spent more than 08 hours to arrive at this stage

Interim remarks by the co-facilitators: “We will try our level best for the next round of iteration. This is our ninth hour here, we will revise our note, and report back to the APA co-chairs at the contact group meeting scheduled at 16:00 hrs today in Bula Zone 1”

5. Ghana

- The representative from Ghana asked APA co-facilitators to provide a sketchy indication on what will be their approach in the next session?
- *To this, co-facilitator replied that they look forward to get back to them after the contact group meeting*

Concluding remarks

The co-facilitators expressed their pleasure with a mention of having a very productive meeting. They thanked everyone and presented a summary of the proceedings at the contact group meeting.