

APA Contact Group / Stocktake on Agenda Items 3-8

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Agenda Item 3

- Group met 5 times until now, 6th session scheduled tomorrow morning
- 1st meeting – approach, time allocation, 2 hours for substantive discussion on ICTU (Wednesday), 2 hours for accounting for NDCs (yesterday, today), 1 hour tomorrow for features for NDCs
- Good progress so far
- Constructive mood
- All Parties engaging in substantive discussions
- Parties are keen to engage with each other
- Streamline informal notes
- Good progress in discussing technical details
- Moving closer towards getting to options and discussing substantive discussions
- But strong divergent views still held by Parties
- Urged Parties to consult with each other outside of informal consultations to find common ground
- Understand Parties are consulting diligently with each other and making progress
- 3 sub-items will be streamlined into the navigation tool, which will be published over the weekend
- Would like to ask for more time for the group to consider and provide feedback before APA closes

Agenda Item 4

- Met 4 times
- 1st meeting – proposed restricting informal note, organizing content in possible decision and Annex, shared with all Parties same evening and table on duplications
- 2nd meeting – Parties agreed new structure would be way to move forward, requested for merging without streamlining in a tool
- 3rd meeting – Parties engaged in new tool and were comfortable with the tool, to be re-issued as informal note from this session, additional table issued and published on UNFCCC website
- 4th meeting – substantive discussions on sections 5, 6 and 7
- Parties happy with progress so far
- Look forward to continuing the work

Agenda Item 5

- 4 informal consultations so far
- Approaching with great sense of urgency
- Echo concern by Parties on time management and need for more informal consultations

- 2 of 8 sections of Co-Facilitators' light revision of the informal note
- Note that this agenda item closely linked, met with Co-Facilitators/Chairs of APA Agenda items 3, 4 and 12, 13 of SBSTA
- Confident that we will be able to leave Bonn with significant progress

Agenda Item 6

- 3 meetings
- Constructive meetings, group has shown desire to advance work
- Specific views, first iteration issued – tried to identify common ground and options while recognizing that options may not reflect all views
- Plan to continue at next meeting tomorrow before issuing another iteration of the informal note
- Good work considering the novelty of the Global Stocktake

Agenda Item 7

- 5 hours of informal consultation
- Engaged constructively on the basis of informal note from APA 1.4 and developing textual narrative distilled from that note
- Tease out specific issues
- Issued tool for section 3 last night – to issue draft iteration as soon as possible after this contact group and will present to group at final scheduled informal consultation at 12pm

Agenda Item 8

- Only 2 informal consultations but pleased to report that making positive progress
- Parties invited to provide input to institutional arrangements and governance
- Decision 1/CMP.13 – exclusively following recommendation at 15th session December 2019
- Discussed 6 submissions – synthesized those and made available to Parties yesterday (supported by Secretariat)
- Some work to do before getting to the draft text
- Submissions by noon tomorrow – preparation work
- Tomorrow intend to clarify issues and additional inputs by Parties
- Hope difference in issues will not be insurmountable and continue to listen to views of all Parties and work towards making concrete progress

Agenda Item 8 – Further matters

- 4 hours so far
- Start with consideration of the first sub-item a on preparing on convening of CMA – possible additional matter in relation to implementation of PA (5 matters)
- First 3 additional matters – guidance to the GEF, LDCF, FCCF and guidance on adjustment of NDCs
- Parties were able to come up with a number of options under each of 3 additional matters
- Received today related to Art 9.5 – Parties have made views and expressed position and number of groups of Parties had opportunity to make a submission
- One last possible matter going to be taken up the next time the group meets

- Will allow group to discuss sub-item b and look at options and see if agreement on any of those options can be reached
- A Party had specific mention on matter they wanted to raise and made also a submission – already available on website of UNFCCC

Co-Chairs report on Heads of Delegations meetings

- Useful on providing understanding and clarity on some issues on the agenda
- Streamlining for Agenda Item 3; Parties happy to explore creative solutions
- Increasing coherence and consistency
- Interest in convening joint informal consultations on APA Agenda Items 4 and 5 – speaking with both sets of Co-Facilitators on how to do this, serve as pilot and determine and assess utility and value-add; if useful, then intend to look at how to incorporate into our work in a manageable way without compromising progress on Agenda Items

Co-Chairs report on Heads of Delegations meeting (with Chairs of Subsidiary Bodies)

- Party owned
- Some mentioned homework to be done but more progress here, means less homework between now and next time APA meets
- Some Parties expressed interest in joint informal consultations with APA and SBI Agenda Items
- APA exploring joint informal consultations within APA, can work on mode of work but need to carefully discuss with SBI/SBSTA Chairs as they operate in another mode of work
- Paris Agreement Work Programme
- Joint stocktaking with presiding officers of all 3 Subsidiary Bodies (APA, SBI, SBSTA) – working closely to ensure it will be useful especially in looking at linkages
- Almost all groups have produced reiterations, with some soon to be issued
- Issues need to be crystallized in clear, navigable text – Parties should use to remaining time to get there
- Remind Parties that all negotiating groups must end work by 6pm on Tuesday – closing contact group on Wed morning, Thurs closing contact group
- May conduct another Heads of Delegation meeting Mon or Tues but only if Parties will find that useful

Opened floor to Parties

Ethiopia (LDC Group)

- Need more time
- Concerned about non-equal progress on finance issues, balance of treatment not given to all items in transparency esp in loss and damage
- Agenda Item 3 – technical discussions, 180 page has significant substance and should remain the basis for discussions but streamlining needed to avoid duplications
- Agenda Item 4 – making progress, LDC group working with G77 & China to make progress; proposal does not delete any elements but gives way forward; hope to produce tool alongside informal note

- Agenda Item 5 – a lot to do still, including items being considered by SBSTA on finance, need for more time for engagement and balance of treatment of issues
- Agenda Item 6 – going in right direction but like issues to be discussed on equal footing, need to design GST that puts up on the best trajectory to 1.5 degrees C taking into account equity and best available science
- Agenda Item 7 –
- Agenda Item 8 – Adaptation Fund exclusivity decision can be taken next year

Australia (Umbrella Group)

- Need for time
- Maximize remaining time
- APA 5 transparency – only 2 of 8 topic areas, no extra time allocated, this needs to be resolved
- Time should be allocated with technical requirements for each item
- Transparency is interlinked with many agenda items
- Informal informals call
- Welcome substantive discussions on APA 3 over the last few days
- On APA 4, pleased with discussions and new structure proposed

Saudi Arabia (Arab Group)

- Do not agree to changing work modalities, request that all Parties be part of discussion if there is going to be one
- Consistency in allocation of time across all items of APA – no item left behind
- Concerned about different status of items
- Will not accept items have matured
- If one item given more time, all items should be given more time
- One decision one package (?)
- Differentiation in guidance – NDCs remain full scope

European Union

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Gabon (African Group)

- Some Agenda Items using tools while others informal notes – may lead to different capturing of progress
- On Agenda Item 3, fruitful discussion, 180 page discussion reflects complexity of discussion
- On APA 4, features
- APA 5, all parts need to be discussed and need to find ways to progress particularly those with interlinkages
- On APA 7, compliance mechanism hope to move from theoretical to applicable, concerned with use of tool – has to be accepted and agreeable with all Parties
- APA 8 lagging behind

Ecuador (LMDC coordinator for finance issues)

- Specific reference to APA 5 on transparency – noted that discussions that requires the most time because of issues
- Dedicated 5 hours to discuss TF for action, would like to see similar amount of time for TF for support
- On APA 8, started to discuss modalities for accounting info related to Art 9.5 and stress that those discussions not going as smooth as we would have wanted; hasn't been willingness from all sides to exchange informally or constructively on questions that have been raised in terms of understanding practitioners views on how issues need to be handled (inside or outside mandate) – to that end submitted proposal with LMDC and African Group – hope proposal will be treated appropriately

India

- Appreciation of work

Maldives (AOSIS)

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Iran (LMDC)

- Concern about time management, lack of progress in some agenda items

Colombia (AILAC)

- Some issues require further work
- Signal concern with time to APA 5
- Balance between components to the Transparency Framework
- Art 9.5

United States

- Support statement on the Umbrella Group
- Struck by wide variety of groups calling for more time on APA 5
- Hear Ecuador wanting to cover transparency of support
- Haven't even started on other than review
- No item can be left behind (Saudi Arabia)
- Extra time – informals and informal informals
- Have a mandate that we need to meet
- Request that you find more time for this issue as soon as possible

Co-Chairs conferred and addressed issues.

- For APA 8a, intend to release first iteration of informal note tonight, reflecting progress made in that room
- Time issue – will be making every effort to make sure the remaining time we have in Bonn to consider all issues – will work with Secretariat and Co-Facilitators to address specific calls.
- Progress across all items – outputs in the form of informal notes

- Remains intentions and instructions to Co-Facilitators that informal note iterations will be considered the outputs. Where tools are used, these are used as an interim step. Any tools and informal notes will be discussed with groups.
- Request for guidance for informal informals – can confirm that such forward needs to happen with Parties in the room – if there is such agreement, Secretariat can make space and time available and communicate to regional coordinators when and where and to minimize time clashes where possible
- Good progress but room for many more to happen
- Encourage Parties to look into that further
- Propose to close the meeting.

The meeting ended at 6.44pm.