

Session Title: SSBSTA informal consultations on local communities and indigenous peoples platform

Date & Time: 4 December 2018 10-11am

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- No objections to meeting being open to observers
- Collecting names and email addresses of people in the room
- Today and Friday are the times to get together in informal consultations
- Additional space made available for informal informals if the COP chair sees progress being made
- Purpose: time together to finalize the text

G77&China: Agree with the proposal from paragraph 3 about representation in the working group (7 from parties and 7 from indigenous people). Want to understand the rationale behind 3 number of representatives from local communities.

Indonesia: We align our views with G77 and China. In principal ok with 3 local communities (arbitrary number not based on rationale). Adjust the language to address at least 3 representatives. Want to ensure there is space for local communities - there is no recognized constituency currently, so need some time for them to come up with that. If they don't then we may need another option.

USA: Feel that we are moving in a positive direction. Thinking about language to capture how local communities would be included at a later date (paragraph 3d-alt). USA proposes alternative text which is written into the document on the screen.

??: Generally support the idea of 7-7 format and support 3 local community representatives. Need to look into the new proposal but seems like we would be able to support it.

G77 & China: Thank USA for text proposal. Pleased to see that the three representatives from local communities could increase. Like to flag - specify in text which future COP session will decide. Want to start the process immediately.

EU: thank US for the proposal. Support inclusion of indication of timeline

China: Generally speaking they accept the US proposal.

Canada: Keen to start activities next year. Preference is to ensure there is a balance between parties and indigenous people and willing to look at ways to address that. Future COP is a good starting point as is 7 parties and 7 indigenous groups. Start to address concerns and questions that other parties may have - e.g. nomination process for representatives.

EU: Can we clean up the text in brackets in 3d.

??: Maintain parity between parties and non-parties. Support general principal of 3 d-alt2 (USA proposal) with some minor edits.

EU: Propose to remove 3d-alt and propose that d-alt2 is now 3-bis

Co-Facilitator: Accept the draft changes as shown on screen - no objections.

EU: We would have a very large group when you have alternatives - do we need them in this case (would make it 28 people).

Costa Rica: ??

Mexico: Do we need to update from 14 representatives? Some confusion about total number and how the 3 local community representatives are included in the total. Asking groups to get together to talk about alternative members and a solution. Add a new paragraph to clarify role of alternates.

USA: How are alternates typically handled across this forum? Is number concern related to budget? What role do alternates play in any given meeting? Only actually sending one person to each meeting (not a person and an alternate). Request removing the work government from paragraph 3 (one representative from a party not necessarily government).

Co-Faciliator: Will need to consult with legal about actual text r.e. government.

Costa Rica: Add text to say if representative cannot attend then an alternate will be sent. For clarification.

Australia: Alternate information is covered further in text (paragraph 13,14,15 about vice chairing arrangements). Keeping language together about alternates and inability to fulfill responsibilities.

Costa Rica: Suggesting changing language. Include information about the process of designation of alternate.

EU & GFF/China: Prefer the proposal of Mexico about additional paragraph regarding alternates.

Norway: Feels like we have more pressing issues so should move ahead.

* Note that the air conditioner was very loud in this room & sometimes it was hard to hear