

Session Title: **SBSTA informal consultations on research and systematic observation**

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Co-facilitators:

- SBSTA Agenda Item 6
- unfccc.int/topics/science/workstreams/systematic-observation/upcoming-negotiations
- Co-Facilitators: Uganda & Germany
- no objections to non-parties being in the room
- Need to finish by Thursday by request of the chair
- Role of agenda item to support two way science-policy interface
- Informal note has been prepared
- Statements were read (IPCC and WMO) yesterday. Others exist on webpage
- Yesterday parties spent some time talking about draft text. Some parties were not able to participate.

Opportunity for those to express views that couldn't yesterday:

FIJI: Welcomes 1.5C IPCC report. Calls for urgent and unprecedented efforts to achieve this 1.5C. Joint GCOS & WMO workshop for small island states recently. Observation network for South Pacific. Have plan but need to mobilize resources to implement plan. All parties should invest in sustaining ocean observing systems.

TANZANIA: support the statement by WMO and IPCC (and GCOS). Call for enhanced and sustained efforts for enhancing observations in developing countries.

Co-facilitators: COP president advises on using time appropriately. Co-facilitators drafted text (can incorporate points raised today) (being distributed)

10-15 minutes for reading text

BELIZE: Draft conclusions are fairly well represented about what occurred yesterday including statements by organizations. Thoughts about order of points. Start by referencing state of climate in 2018. Going more in depth in paragraph 3, reference some of the more important climate indicators (GHG, temperatures, ocean temperature) to give some highlights and enrichment.

KUWAIT: paragraph 5. Give parties a timeline to submit views. What does user-driven mean? para 9: duplication of 9 & 12 - delete 9 and keep 12. para 13: acknowledge the gaps from IPCC special report

RUSSIA: organizations listed under 11 & 12. WMO in collaboration with..

BRAZIL (incl Argentina & Uruguay): Para 6 - encourage parties to consider use of this framework. Edit text to reflect.

ST KITTS & NEVIS: Text forms a good basis for the negotiations. Very important to include the special 1.5 report. Happy to include text on workshop in Fiji (referenced earlier). Also like to see text that this workshop could be repeated in tropical Atlantic. Identification of information needs is very valuable - want to keep para 9. Workshop to be organized for systematic observation community for AR6 cycle.

BELIZE: Support the intervention made by St K&N. Reference made to workshop in Fiji, and one in Uganda - one in Caribbean would be welcome (and other places where the observing systems need to be strengthened). Like the value chain in 12c, should we include project development prior to decision making specifically for implementation of NDCs, especially in the area of adaptation (& sharing information)

TANZANIA: emphasize the need to retain para 9. 12c: referring to sharing information critical at local, national, regional level. Be more inclusive about sharing information.

Co-facilitators: Lets go paragraph by paragraph. Adopted paragraph 1

BELIZE: two separate statements from IPCC and WMO (pg 1). Edit.

Co-facilitators: adopted pg 1 with the changes. Move to para 2.

ST K&N: GCOS Task Team report included here.

TANZANIA: Suggestion for consistency in para 2. WCRP statement is vague

USA: point of clarification about para 3. Maybe points of discussion. It may be valuable to note the information in the 2f report rather than picking specific points.

BELIZE: agree with US as those are the indicators he referred to previously.

SAUDI ARABIA: clarification between current value and global indicators - getting longer and longer. Thinks it is clear as it is.

BELIZE: wants some indicators in there so others outside of this room can understand context. CO₂, temperature, ocean heat content to highlight dire consequences.

KUWAIT: Had same argument in last session. Can go to link below in footnotes for details. Don't want to balloon the text.

BELIZE: para 5. Put a timeline on submissions so that the secretariat can prepare for it. End of June 2019?

CANADA: information on budgetary constraints of earth information events. what is the cost associated with annual events. Secretariat will provide by next session.

USA: support event, agree with Canada about budget and add time resources associated with an event. Does creating a standing annual event create too much work considering SBSTA extra events with global stocktake. Ensure flexibility in the future.

MALI: annual half-day events. Why half-days?

Co-facilitators: Time is always pressing. Marakesh was a full day. Time was a challenge.

EU: 1st event had to cover a lot of stuff so needed more. Want 1/2 day to fit with spring research event. Might need a new name - Earth Information Day

WMO IG3IS: what users are and the approach is user driven. Community creates solution that is required by user.

KUWAIT: still not clear about what user driven is.

Co-facilitators: Parties that were there yesterday talked about it. Footnote could add more information.

Stop here as out of time. Next meeting 10-11am tomorrow (informal informal)