

UNFCCC Meeting Report (Negotiating Session)

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Time: 15:00-16:00

Participants: Parties, large room, observers present

Documents Referenced: none

Notes/Summary:

Draft text by Thursday this week at the latest

This agenda item will only have two meetings, propose to continue the practice of having the meeting open

The secretariat requests Party delegates to share contact details through a survey

Considering the implementation of GAP to date, the synthesis report due at COP 25, currently no responding decision process requested

Currently no methodology proposed for this review – Parties may want to take this into account

2 docs need to prepare: Report of the workshop on, Gender Composition Report

Limited time available – so, we'd like to propose a method for work: requested secretariat to prepare a presentation on their activities, and Parties to submit views and information on this presentation; asked if this approach is acceptable. No objections

Secretariat takes floor to make their brief overview. Secretariat makes presentation on summary of 2019 activities:

Lima Work Programme – brief run through of activities undertaken... didn't go thru all of them, training happening at COP 24 on Thursday, Activities at SBI48, Technical paper on entry points for integrating gender considerations

Under GAP – 6th Action for Climate Empowerment, include importance of travel funds for delegates from developing countries, video recording available of some (missed what this is actually about?) dialogue; capacity building with technical teams done in conjunction or in preparation, Gender Day next week (submissions available on website), encourage knowledge exchange (Secretariat staff working on having thematic areas like Gender overlapping)

Co-facilitator invites parties to share their activities

EU – sent a submission earlier this year, will send an additional email soon about gender activities

Costa Rica – we also support the call in terms of moving forward with the synthesis report, Costa Rica this year called for the Fero? International Coalition for all countries who want to work towards strengthening gender rights; if you are interested in the coalition, please come to us; an event happening next week

Malawi – on behalf of LDC's, we appreciate the effort of the Secretariat in advancing the LWPG and GAP, we have an ambitious work program as well as the GAP and we would like to thank the gov'ts that have supported the implementation of LWPG and GAP and first on the review we would like to call interested Parties and relevant orgs to participate in a review ahead of COP25 (if you recall, we had informal informals outside of the SBI's and that helped us to advance); we support EU's words and Costa Rica's work in establishing a programme

Peru – thank you, time in formal sessions is very limited, we need informal informals, would like to support that approach

Costa Rica – also support the option presented by Malawi to take advantage other time than SBSTA's

Ghana – appreciate the Secretariat for their good work done, want to align ourselves with the submission by Malawi, as informal informals will be very important

EU – underlines its support to Costa Rica, Malawi, Peru

Ghana – Ghana takes the floor on behalf of AGN, thank you, Gender was not part of the PAWP but we have the opportunity to discuss them here

Co-Facilitator invited Parties to share their views

Malawi – on behalf of LDC's; Gender Comp Report: LDC's has a few observations – thanks, info useful, the production of this report should be continuous, commend Parties who have increased women in delegation and leaders and elected leaders; example of Tech Exec Committee which is led by two women; there is however slow progress and it is fluctuating (as you can see from data), Women Delegates Fund and IIED helping greatly and thanks to gov'ts supporting these funds and these funds should grow, trainings are important to help women delegates build necessary skills and these efforts can be enhanced; LDCs call for more support for LDC female delegates. We see the need for support for LDCs to collect and process gender data – need finance, capacity.

Canada – further clarification on Malawi's proposal

Malawi - “which proposal?”

Canada - about additional meetings

Malawi - when we had the LWPG one of the activities was to develop the GAP and we had a number of informal meetings outside the SBs (some in the Netherlands and another that was hosted by the gov't of Canada. These helped Parties to reach an understanding much quicker.

US – ask Malawi to clarify if those out-of-session workshops require funding and if so, how that might be arranged

Malawi – outside meetings will require financial resources and technical support, so we are calling on interested Parties and relevant organizations to participate in organizing them

Ghana – on behalf of AGN; there's a saying in my dialect: "if you forget, you can go back and pick it up" and what AGN forgot to do was congratulate ___ on her position as co-facilitator

Co-facilitator thanked Ghana for being the one coaching her when she was lead on Gender for AGN

New Zealand – encourages implementation of 2018-19 GAP; participated in the 2 part workshop in May 2018 in Bonn; the high level of women on the negotiating team was highlighted as an example, long standing gender equality; with government's refreshed approach to their relationship with the Pacific, gender is a key focus

Co-facilitator notes that there is no current submission methodology for 3/CP.23, and currently no methodology for the review

Australia – strong supporter of GAP, supporting travel and participation at UNFCCC

Canada – gender equality and CC are priorities for Canada, the report was successful, agree with Australia that support GAP, example of what we've done to support the GAP: provided a workshop to train/build capacity of francophone African negotiators in Dakar

Costa Rica – requests clarification, we heard from several parties that they are working towards the review, asks Secretariat to help us in terms of submissions

Secretariat – there isn't actually a call for submission in terms of the synthesis report or the LWPG or the GAP

Co-Facilitator – "is that clear Costa Rica?"

Costa Rica – further clarify

Secretariat – the synthesis report will be an input for the review and separately, Parties need to review the LWPG and GAP and there is currently no methodology for doing that (didn't quite get this)

US – are we expected to do that this session or in June? (Co-Facilitator indicates in June)

Uganda – congratulates co-facilitator, we need a methodology put in place that would lead to the compilation and completion of the report, also appreciates the training that has taken place in the AGN in Dakar, Senegal which came out with several reports, appreciates the Africa Dev Bank for supporting that

Co-Facilitator invites Parties to reflect on submissions for the terms of reference for next June (not for this session); it is clear that developing terms of reference is necessary so we encourage you to take that into consideration; we propose that we develop an informal document on what we've heard today to be prepared and posted as an informal document so Parties can review

before our next and last meeting on Thursday 12-1 in meeting room 3, Area B; reminder that submission documents (unsure what these are exactly) are available online

Follow-up: next informal on Thurs.

Take Away: Gender needs to develop methodology for submissions and review on GAP/LWPG by next June. LDC's pushing for more in-between COP meetings to get more done.