

Informal Consultation on APA Agenda Item 3 Further guidance in relation to the mitigation section of decision 1/CP.21 on: (a) Features of nationally determined contributions, as specified in paragraph 26; (b) Information to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding of nationally determined contributions, as specified in paragraph 28; (c) Accounting for Parties' nationally determined contributions, as specified in paragraph 31

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The informal consultation started at 12.15pm.

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Co-Facilitator noted that yesterday's meeting considered iteration text:

China (LMDC)

- Thank you for iteration
- Linkages
- Missing issues:
 - Preamble: Art. 3 to be mentioned
 - Features: Art 3 and NDC not mentioned
 - Para 2: no consensus yet, newly discussed item – suggest deletion of second item
 - Information: confused on repetition of Art 4.8 in para 3 and 5, might be misunderstanding on adoption; all the things included in this guidance... revision or deletion of para 5 and suggested text “...”
- NDCs – Art 3 from PA provides arrangement – proposal is whether NDC includes mitigation, adaptation and/or Means of Implementation in scope and coverage. Hope to bring back mitigation in brackets but cannot agree on deletion
- ...
- Best practices is important to be shared
- Page 5 para 9 only reference ... confused on this paragraph
- Hear views regarding revision issue – to our understanding what we've achieved would be very informative and open to discussion for elaboration of specific elements; should be confident of what we have achieved this year. Revise guidance before 2025 – no value to do revision on ICTU. Accounting review maybe needed but hope this view could be captured for next iteration.
- Support views by previous speakers yesterday on Art. 6 mention in the decision
- Disappointed that differentiation is not reflected very clearly
- Placement is problematic for us – want differentiation reflected in the main decision
- Language on ICAO & IMA – support Brazil's suggestion to delete
- NDC – guidance is not a shall item but may include, inter alia, as appropriate

- Avoid too much burden on developing country Parties
- Bridging proposal – big option to be captured for new iteration: “guidance for features, information and accounting for NDCs shall be in accordance with principles and provisions of the PA, in particular Art. 2, 3, 4,7,9,10,11 and 13 and relevant paragraphs of Decisions 1/CP.21 including 27, 31, 55, 57.”

Canada

(Sorry couldn't really hear due to helicopters flying above)

- See mandate here to develop further guidance
- Features – agree with Switzerland and Marshall Islands
- Information – units of measurement without prejudice to Party's unit of measurement is
- Para 1 combines 3 diff concepts
- Wrt Section E – disagree with Brazil
- Para 5 use of ITMOs
- H-N pleased to see H streamlined but I-N not very streamlined
- Accounting – agree with China that this needs more work
- Art 4.14
- China and Brazil – headings gone
- Muddles language of para... (?)
- Para 31 – asks ...
- ...
- M concepts need to be separated

Fiji (SIDS)

- ...
- Address views on features, para 1 in preamble sufficient; recall mandate in 1/CP.21, para 26 – requested to develop further guidance on features, considered and adopted at/by CMA1
 - Para 1 alone does not fulfil this mandate
 - Prefer to have option b there
 - At very least, should be para 2, to be decided at a different time

Ethiopia

- Capacity building work report:
 - First para recalling 4.5 support shall be provided... in accordance with Arts 9,10,11
 - Different starting points, support needs...
 - Facilitate CTU
 - Decides that continuous, adequate... support shall be provided to developing country parties; urge GCF and GEF to provide...
- Still working on it will let you know anything new

Indonesia

- Thank you for the iteration text

- Go directly to the text – we also support LMDC point on scope and coverage that mitigation should be included
- D planning process – see best practices ...?
- E assumption and methodological approaches – sector specific...?
- H also support Singapore (?) yesterday
- Accounting – point G propose to put same language in the joint reflections note p.17 para 3
- J – delete as covered by ICTU
- K – propose to add “according to NDC”

Zimbabwe (Africa Group)

- Acknowledge work done on first iteration
- Art 3 and 4 in preamble
- Features – don’t see extra work, want to conclude at this session
- Info on CTU – para 28 ...
- On 5, adopting guidance including contained in Annex x, propose..?
- On quantifiable information, want and have proposed language that clearly differentiates application to Parties
 - Base year – developed countries
 - Reference as appropriate – developing countries
- Scope and coverage – important to reflect differentiation
- Planning processes – 9-12 months in advance of CMA of relevant session; don’t feel important to micromanage Parties in terms of how they are doing formulation of their NDC
- On Assumptions and methodological – Section on Art 6 makes ref to what happens under SBSTA, detailed on corresponding adjustments
- ...
- Don’t see us revising ICTU but for accounting
- Differentiation on scope and coverage and developing countries may also choose to move towards best consistent methods that they can achieve based on capacities and ...?
- On accounting for support – provisional support Art 4.5
- Propose Parties use existing methodological approaches under Convention and propose we use at methodological approaches in the past

Saudi Arabia (Arab Group)

- Thank you for the great work on this iteration
- Confused on the time
- Align with LMDC
- Differentiation – crucial for all developing country Parties
- Features – not going to revise
- Support Africa Group on differentiation
- Don’t want to micro-manage NDCs when they are being prepared
- Don’t want revision for NDC guidelines not only for information
- M – align with ABU and LMDC - delete

Marshall Islands (AOSIS)

- On political issues such as differentiation – should leave it until we deal with substance but PA Art 4 includes
- Consistent with wording on refs to flexibility because it is an Art. 13 issue
- Substance under Agenda Item – support inclusion of text by Ethiopia read out on behalf of LDCs to be included
- Art 4.5 reference critical
- Art 4.4 – would it be helpful going forward?
- Strongly agree with China on behalf of LMDC that positions should be left in square brackets if no consensus, expect Features to be in the next iteration
- Has to be 2023 otherwise it will not be relevant in the next round of NDCs if guidance is adopted only in 2025
- Do not agree implying inclusion of mitigation as part of NDCs, if this continues to be a contentious point, want to ask clarification from UNFCCC legal to clarify
- Applicability
- Shouldn't repeat work in other rooms
- On fairness and ambitious – geography, climate and economy important to our grouping. Request square brackets to be removed, as don't see others against this
- Balance sheet
- Relationship between APA 3 and 5
- Coming to terms with detail of iteration but details being lost from accounting – common metrics, consistency and consequences of that
- Environmental integrity
- On double counting of PA and other regimes – haven't heard from Parties if they want – there ought to be a fairly neutral language e.g. New Zealand's

India

- Align with China on behalf of LMDC
- ...
- Do not apply guidance from 2020
- 7,17,21,22,23 brackets – still digesting contents
- Question of differentiation looms large in this room
- If we don't treat it in a balanced manner, proposal by China (paragraph) must be reflected as a big option

Australia

- Clarification on time

Co-Facilitators sought guidance from Parties, clarified that the room is available from this time. None objected to continuing the list of Parties.

Left at 1.07pm as the informal consultation continued.