

Informal Consultation on APA Agenda Item 5 on modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Art. 13 of the Paris Agreement

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The meeting began at 11.04am.

Co-facilitators noted the [Joint Reflections Note](#) and [Add.6](#) (Document no: APA-SBSTA-SBI.2018.Informal.2.Add.6) and the Revised iteration Version 06/12/2018 00:04 [here](#).

Co-Facilitators urged Parties to continue to work on:

1. Common timeframes
2. CGE
3. Urged Parties to work together and use/spend time to talk about flexibilities; hope those discussions help to unlock other discussions
4. C2 for APA outputs on APA 3 –cross referencing ICTU; other reference – we need some guidance
5. D7 – L&D information
6. Technical Expert Review Format

Co-Facilitator said he was encouraged that Parties will be able to find landing zones for these areas. Noted good progress made.

Said that process immediately is to have Meeting Room until 5pm and then a Contact Group at 5-6pm

Singapore

- Thank for hard work
- This came early this morning
- Need some time to go through and coordinate before we can provide views from our members
- Appreciate you give us some time before 4-5pm session to digest this

European Union

- Like to thank you for the additional iteration of the text and see many of our discussion has been reflected there and that also a lot of the details are improved and we have advanced in the way we have more consolidated text of the MPGs and there is a very useful next step
- In many areas we have not reached agreement on bigger issues
- We have one concern in relation to this iteration: Section G and H and to some extent in decision – some version preferred the solution preferred by the Secretariat and not by the Parties – we cannot accept. Gave examples.

Bhutan (LDCs)

- on linking the new ETF and provision of support

Co-Facilitator suggested to share this with colleague from Singapore for G77 & China.

Egypt (LMDC)

- Strong concern about the way our proposals were captured
- Provided clear interventions on issues to be captured
- Some examples – option for end date for BURs to be defined by Parties; full NDC cycle before consideration of MPGs; tables for SBSTA based on current arrangements
- Section C all shalls, no brackets as if we have agreed on the contents
- Asked for options on output for APA 3 – disappeared in this version
- Need more time to go through this

Saudi Arabia (Arab Group)

- Thank you for time and effort
- Share concerns of LMDC
- In COP decision we wanted... not reflected
- Reviews we did not agree
- Brackets on improvement over time – have been removed, concern to us
- Tool in Bangkok – “Parties should work towards”
- Section E – something new did not agree to it
- Qualitative and quantitative have been removed – did not agree
- ...
- All should have been removed
- Section G views not reflective – facilitative, non-intrusive, non-punitive and respectful of national sovereignty... manner
- Need at least 3 months – brackets completely gone and now only 2 months
- Need more time to comment on other sections

Brazil

- Thank you for effort to bring this together
- Not perfect document
- Don't see what we don't see in bracket as agreed text- huge bracket over the whole document
- Up to the Parties
- Emphasized something that EU has raised. Discussion of Parties – we welcome the experience of Secretariat but this is a party-driven process
- We fully respect the experience of the Secretariat but they are not in the position to suggest or agree on the review process
- Need time to digest the document and discuss among ourselves
- I have my concerns but will not share them at this point in time; will share with colleagues
- From now till 8pm. Allow us to take over the document and to correct what we need to

- Let's see how the APA Contact Group goes this afternoon, and have a feeling that we are trying to push Parties for speed and not really happy. We understand there are deadlines but need to give us a little bit of time and not push us in the wrong direction.

China

- Join others to thank you for first iteration
- Some concerns already expressed by colleagues EU, LMDC, Brazil
- This iteration still largely due to edits by Co-Facilitators and Secretariat; does not fully capture Parties concerns
- Brazil – big bracket at beginning and end
- Will not agree to anything until everything is agreed
- Need some small brackets still to reflect Parties' different views e.g. Shalls and should for Parties to debate later
- Successfully done homework on TACCC principles at inf-inf; IPCC language instead of how its phrased now
- China supports the ref to IPCC language
- Shorten para and emphasize more on TACCC principles in other sections
- Same view as Brazil on not sure when is the best time for deadline of tonight
- Until 4pm we will be busy reading this document and 5-6pm Contact Group
- No time for Parties to sit down and do homework you mentioned earlier
- Need your guidance on how to move things forward

Co-Facilitator noted that Parties need to be very clear on what the homework was so no discretion or judgement or risk mis-interpretation.

Costa Rica (AILAC)

- Thank you for the iteration
- Need more time to look at text as Singapore for G77 & China has expressed
- Missing: C3 – indicators removed; important they come back
- Clarification: general text and language e.g. 4 c 3 "reporting period"
- Homework: issue to be reflected on Art. 6;
- Many colleagues expressed we need clear guidance on the way forward
- Need to know time and really concerned about it

Maldives (AOSIS)

- Share views for LDCs and SIDs
- As G77 & China said, we need some more time to go through text

South Africa (African Group)

- Same points as Brazil in terms of brackets – inconsistency in the way it's used
- Proposal we submitted last night is not reflected
- ...

United States

- Thanks for all your work and the Secretariat until very late last night
- Will come back at 4pm
- Note two things: mandate to produce second iteration tonight but perhaps you can pass on to Co-Chairs we are working very hard on a number of issues and all Parties are coming to a more common understanding and this is taking time; should try to arrive at more sensitive discussions
- Recognize small conversations are producing very good results

Co-Facilitators have noted the views:

- Add C6 to homework (AILAC suggestion)
- Heard the clear request for adequate time to discuss each issue
- Immense pressure to make as much quick work as possible
- Will pass this on to APA Co-Chairs. They will take up at the APA Contact Group from 5-6pm today.

Brazil

- Before we engage on homework, need time to digest the document and as many of us have raised, content of document... even taking into consideration big brackets
- Still some serious concerns
- Need to see what kind of assurance that we can manage to rewrite some aspects of the document – home work will not touch some aspects of the document
- “Correction” may be too strong, but need to do so before the second iteration
- Don’t expect us to jump into homework without exercise to digest further the document
- Do not want to see you go beyond your mandate again

Egypt (LMDC)

- Support views of Bhutan on linking the new ETF and provision of support and like to add this to list of homework
- Open to working with Bhutan and African Group has a proposal as well

Co-Facilitators closed the meeting and said next informal consultation would be at 4pm in the same room.

The informal consultation ended at 11.50am.