

COP24 Presidency Briefing with Observer Organisations

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The briefing began at 12.03pm.

- Start with NGOs, IGOs to open the first round of questions (3 by 3)
- Open the floor to the Ambassador to speak

Ambassador Artur Lorkowski

- Happy to be here to share most recent information
- Entering critical part of the conference but to call for your support for the Polish presidency and this process
- This support is really needed right now
- Wednesday – Friday will be days for final outcomes in Katowice
- On Saturday's plenary chaired by the COP24 president, SBI/SBSTA/APA concluded their work; following closure of the bodies, he convened a plenary to announce a way forward on how the Polish presidency intends to take up the process
- Transition took place on Sunday
- As on Monday, technical and political work started again
- Majority of technical issues were intended to be resolved on Sunday but it was not the case
- Four experts/past presiding officers continued their job to do technical work – deadline is 5pm today
- Polish presidency is engaging the ministers to tackle the most crunchy issues of this negotiations
- Invite ministers to engage in 7 most critical issues
- First round of ministers dealing with finance started work – expect to hear back as soon as possible
- As from Wednesday, all remaining ministers will continue discussing pressing issues
- Expect to have outcomes decided by the COP on Friday
- Today is a critical day of the conference because we are still working on technical work to be completed
- Count on support of NGOs to support this process and the Polish presidency in doing this very tough job

BINGOs

- Thank you for engaging observers last week
- How can we better support the Polish presidency?
- Just transition - We'd like to help drive that forward

ENGO

- You have our support
- For us the elements that are listed in the current draft are welcomed; like to see stronger language on NDCs (para 23, 24) important next step for this process
- IPCC 1.5 Special Report

Indigenous Peoples Organizations (IPOs)

- Major concern of most constituencies is integrating human rights aspects in the Paris rulebook
- Acknowledge your plea on your message and we are keen to assist you
- What are the key Parties you want us to approach to be effective in our advocacy?

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- Language in Decision 1/CP.24
- We are starting and having right now the Talanoa Dialogue – try through this dialogue to build consensus around this language on NDCs because this discussion within the framework of the Talanoa is about the level of ambition
- If you had a chance to look at the Polish presidency – summit to be organized by Secretary-General in September – not by mistake as we see the process as a whole
- In Katowice, we expect to have governance of the process and culmination of the process is to be the Summit by UN SG next year
- On Just Transition, it is an issue introduced by the Polish presidency to the draft/ political declaration endorsed by almost 50 Parties – not all Parties subscribe to this issue
- Willing to have the reference to this Just Transition in the 1/CP.24 Decision so we can have an endorsement by all Parties, to have a mandate by the end of this COP, to this issue
- Who are the critical Parties? All of them, all are part of the solution up till the last day

RINGO

- Given who we represent as a constituency, as well as individual members – welcome the IPCC 1.5 Report and see it as the basis for concluding the work here in Katowice
- RINGOs do not take advocacy positions but advocate for good process and evidence based
- Invited us to engage in the final days – instructive for us to have more insight into how we can assist you

TUNGO

- You have asked for our support but how
- Happy with your recommendation on Just Transition – happy the theme is being taken up in the draft decisions of the COP
- Looks good that the declaration will land in Katowice
- 3 aspects we think will be good on Just Transitions:
 - To enhance ambition
 - Stakeholder participation
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Women & Gender

- Echo concerns on Just Transition and IPCC 1.5 Special Report
- Activist deportation

YOUNGO

- Thank you for letting us interact with you
- Appreciates previous engagement last week, webinars, COY
- WIM – 5th Anniversary, still lacking concrete guidance for loss & damage – concerned about what the Presidency is doing
- Enquire about opportunities to enable university researchers and up and coming change makers – for NDCs; bridge the gap
- Current status of inclusion of human rights for APA Agenda Items 3, 4, 5 and 6 – what opportunities and mechanisms does the COP presidency see for us to get engaged
- Carbon budget

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- Stocktaking Plenary today at 5pm
- To get to an outcome today, we need the Parties and flexibilities to be shown – in providing their opinions and statements but also locking in their solutions
- Support – engagement with Parties, regional groups and encouraging them to show enough flexibility today to be able to allow the Ministers to start their work on the most crunchy issues
- Thank you for your suggestions on how to enhance the process of non-state actors on the enhancement of the NDCs; to be concluded by 2020
- Cannot pre-judge outcome of APA 3
- Addressed in Just Transition declaration – partners into process of consultation to be provided to the Secretariat; the 50 countries who have signed up have received it very well
- Have to see if this will be translated into the legal text and included into the APA 3 text
- Sorry for not speaking on the loss & damage
- On participation – need to have a valid passport and you cannot be registered in database for whom is considered a threat to public order. Needs to be fulfilled together. Border guard who is responsible for checking if conditions are fulfilled that at least one of these two cases have been fulfilled. Schengen – Polish border guard responsible for following the rule and simply executed the law. Cannot comment specifically.

OECD

- Appreciate these gatherings, with Intergovernmental Organizations
- People's Seat
- Constraints to our engagement
- Not clear that observers will be allowed to engage in ETF e.g. FMCP and GST
- On 1/CP.24 outline – says it will consider the work of the APA completed –when will this be done and how?

ICUN

- Science-based organization – concerned about what happened on Saturday on lack of consensus on the IPCC 1.5 Special Report
- Polish Presidency already considering this in the Talanoa Dialogue
- Rule 16 applied in SBSTA unless otherwise considered by COP – would COP presidency consider this? Like to hear your views whether that would be possible and whether the Policy Presidency intends to play a role there?

LGMA

- Worried about the IPCC 1.5 Special Report – have had Talanoa in many countries and feel that the real ambition is changed at the capitals
- Wish to see the momentum going forward
- Collaboration & CBD
- Innovative, active collaboration

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- Closure of APA – before entering this critical part of the negotiations; the work of PAWP has completed to make the process under the COP Presidency work
- Referring to the last question concerning the synergies between the different Conventions e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity. Add Desertification Convention – forestry synergies
- Tomorrow we will launch a Forestry Declaration – see it as a subject combining 3 Conventions – Climate Change, Biodiversity and Desertification – engaged politically at highlighting the importance of forestry for 3 of the Conventions mentioned
- On the Talanoa Dialogue, have mentioned the process – opened the high-level discussion on that and the Ministers joined the 7 tables for a specific discussion on sharing experiences and gathering best practices to enhance ambition; waiting for the outcome of this discussion and hope to be able to be more precise after having heard of the outcomes – to be completed at the plenary tomorrow

Greenpeace

- Space for a negotiated outcome

COP24 Presidency thanked everyone and said he looked forward to engaging again on Thursday.

The briefing ended at 12.47pm.