

SB58 - 2nd Review of the Functions of the SCF – 3rd informal consultation

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I. Background

COP27 adopted the terms of reference (TOR) for the 2nd review and asked the SBI to recommend draft decisions to COP28/CMA5 utilizing submissions, SB58 & SB59 sessions, and a technical paper from the secretariat on the 2nd review (generated following SB58). Submissions were invited and received from several Party groups, Parties and the Technology Mechanism, both before and during SB58. Additionally, the SCF provided an [overview of its outputs from 2017-2022](#) and the related COP & CMA decisions in response to those outputs for consideration in this process.

([Pertinent COP27 decisions](#))

II. Results of 2nd informal

- During the 2nd informal on this agenda item on Wednesday, Saudi Arabia had called a point of order on whether the outcome of the 2nd review was to be draft decision text for one decision (COP only) or two (COP and CMA). Parties' views had differed on this point, given the decision text, the SBI Chair scenario note, and the co-facilitators' opening statements on the work. The co-facilitators had closed the informal consultation and sought clarification from the SBI Chair and secretariat on the matter.
- Per the Parties' request during the 2nd informal, co-facilitators also took all inputs to develop a co-facilitators' note, which they circulated to Parties and Party groups only early Thurs. for consideration at this session.

III. Outcome of co-facilitators' consult w/ SBI chair and secretariat on the # of draft decisions

- A mistake by the secretariat was discovered that had yielded conflicting language between the decision and the annotations. The published decision text states that the CMA had simply affirmed the COP decision (and, thus, not taken its own). The mandate is that of the decision by Parties and not annotations.
- It was also noted that these sessions can only yield conclusions and recommendations (as informals and in the absence of an agreed SBI agenda).

IV. Summary & Next Steps

Parties resumed their interventions on this basis. The remainder of the session centered on responses to the draft conclusions circulated to Parties early that day. (The draft was not available to Observers.) Following interventions by a few Party groups and Parties, the co-facilitators proposed, for efficiency, receiving written comments by 8pm, after which they would develop a next iteration and circulate the following day.

The 4th and final informal on this agenda item will be held either next Tues or Wed. morning.

The session was closed.