

UNFCCC Meeting Report Article 6.2 (Negotiating Session)

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Time	Session/Agenda/Event Title	Location
19:00h - 21:00h AZT/UTC+4	Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 2/CMA.3 - Informal consultation: SBSTA 13 (a)	Meeting Room 25, Area D

Relevant Text:

Key Takeaways

I. The Timeline

- A. Need a clean text ready for the chair by the morning of the next day; that means there are a lot of proposals to get through for the co-facilitators to dig through to produce a clean text.
- B. The head of SBSTA is worried about the current trajectory (text has grown instead of shrunk); co-facilitators, especially Maria, want the members to spend more time working on bridging proposals than restating their stances in the meeting.
 1. Co-facilitator Al-Jishi provides a 12am deadline; any proposals for the clean text they will provide to the SBSTA must be received by then

II. The Text

- A. Streamlining: parties predominately weigh in that the co-facilitators should be able to streamline a good portion of the text on their own; it doesn't require bridging proposals, especially because some parts are pretty repetitive
- B. Inclusivity of Inputs: the US's emailed proposal didn't go through completely, they are worried that the lack of their opinion makes the current text hard to work on
 1. Can't create a bridging proposal because the text doesn't reflect the US's stance
- C. Bridging: the co-facilitators want the parties to submit proposals that will narrow options, parties either say that they have already done work towards bridging (the US and AILAC) or question the timeline (CfRN, AILAC, Pakistan, China)

1. EU: wants the co-facilitators to point out specific places where they are looking for bridging proposals

Speaker	Notes
Chair of SBSTA	- Hello - Draft not going in the right direction - Seeing more pages than fewer pages - As I said in 6.4, my understanding from pre-COP was clear messaging: work and finalize this week. - We have to speed up - Focus on bridging proposals, not just the command, - Find potential landing zones - It is not your fault that there is one day less - [reference to the plenary from Monday I think?] - Latest until Sunday morning to get text for everything under 6 - Given the workload, give co-facilitators as much information as possible - Get a clean text tomorrow morning - I wish you all the best in your deliberations
Co-facilitator Stiansen	- How to go about this - Fully aware you have 5 documents to review, or 4, or 1 - The text is long - Understand challenges - Nevertheless, to produce a cleaner text, get input through the evening - I will leave you to produce inputs after this meeting - Small note in the current information: had current hiccups, aware that not all input got into the text (not fully
Co-facilitator: Al-Jishi	- People working hard to bridge - Unfortunately, people are either bridging with themselves or bridging with people they have previously worked with - Some sections in the text that we could significantly streamline to follow the mandate with SBSTA text - Some portions require significant gardening. - The proposed way forward is to work on those sections to make them manage, and send written inputs tonight at 12 (“like Cinderella before she turns into a pumpkin please”) and we will turn that into clean text. - Engaging in a section-by-section discussion will not help - Heard from many that people haven’t had time to work with

	groups - Instead of opening the floor to have you all say you need time, we will give you that time and you will send your inputs - Send text that is potentially viable tomorrow, but know you may probably hate it - Iterate my apologies: we did miss input, and an email bounced back - Didn't miss the majority - Stress that you need to send proposals to the secretariat email and not via other communications - Open floor for reactions - I will causation: every minute spent on reactions is a minute lost to send in proposals
United States	- Appreciate the reality check from the SBSTA chair - We are deeply uncomfortable with proceeding based on this text, due to technical errors - Our written inputs are not reflected, worked on a lot and worked a lot with parties - Hard to imagine working on bridging texts when this text lacks the views of the US - We don't want to be a source of delay, but we followed the instructions - With that in mind, there are options for streamlining, for the co-facs to have before starting this session - We are comfortable with the co-facs streamlining with the understanding that parties should be able to find themselves in the next iteration of the text - Reasonable that people can streamline certain topics like the definition - Lost of focus on the most challenging issues, but not much on core but basic issues - Support the objective is for to parties agree to that
Co-facilitator: Al-Jishi	- We are producing the text for the SBSTA chair with all textual proposals, including the one that bounced back - That is the text that will be brought to heads of delegation - The proposals from you all would give you a chance to put in bridging proposals, rather than us doing it all
EU	- In our view, there are areas with repetition and variation on the theme → absolutely comfy with co-facs streamlining and making judgment calls - In helping with preparation, it is going to be difficult; indicate where you feel bridging proposals are needed, on the assumption that other places are where you feel comfortable streamlining

	- [wanting the co-facs to narrow the focus of where to get bridging proposals from]
Russia	- Def need to make an effort for some bridging proposals - Worried about texts going beyond the mandates of the SBSTA
Co-facilitator: Al-Jishi	- Just bc SBSTA gets the clean text doesn't mean you get the clean text
LMDCs	- First, want to react to the new text - Appreciate the bridging and new proposals - Please take what I'm currently taking into consideration: some are a whole new section that was not a part of the original mandate; the LMDCs have been accommodating to new sections, and now there is an entirely new section taking up 3 new pages. - Also clear renegotiation from COP26 - Requirements are unneeded and repetitive. - What I'm gonna say to non-developing countries: negotiators [of developing countries?] are the ones who will go back home and fill those reports; we don't have 30 experts to start these reporting requirements - This guidance will lead to a lot more work for a lot of people in this room, be aware of that - In response to the mode of work here; appreciate streamlining and the option - Would ask the co-facs to simplify the draft text
Co-facilitator: Al-Jishi	- New sections are introduced bc they provide clarity on elements in the initial report, would lessen the list in the authorization section. - In actuality, that is what we would like to prioritize - Elements of authorization and first transfer - These are quite divergent still and would appreciate moving to closeness b4 bridging
CfRN	- Support intervention made by the US and EU - Thank you for producing text and trying to bring in all views - Things can be clearly streamlined - Questions the timeline: are you asking us to spend until midnight - For the sensitive elements, I don't think 3-4 hours here on hard issues, if we can produce anything useful
Co-facilitator: Al-Jishi	- Not going to force you to stay and work on bridging proposals, just do the best you can - Familiar with all sensitivities after 2 years of this, we will try to do our best to make melding doable, but it will likely make you all uncomfortable

AGN	- Have not had time to consider the text and bridging proposals - It can be streamlined
EU	- Appreciate that the text will make us all uncomfortable, but will all be equally uncomfortable. - EU's discomfort lies (hard from LMDC - referencing her passionate speech about their perspective): they have been flexible on sequencing, but it is dependent on reporting and consequences on inconsistencies - Important that upfront inconsistencies are addressed, and flexible about placement (proposed that it connect with authorization)
Co-facilitator: Al-Jishi	- We will strive for equal discomfort - We are at 40 minutes of people sharing their feelings
AILAC	- We have worked for the last 3 days as AILAC to do bridging, and we have done a good job. - Unfair how much work they've put in? - Streamlining: please do this for sections where there are repetitive optionalities - These are also long ones, like the reporting section or what goes into the authorizations - 3 hours is not enough for bridging proposals - Spent 3 days getting proposals to get their bridges
Co-facilitator: Al-Jishi	- Appreciate that everyone wants their perspective to be heard - We have your input from the past 3 days - This is a nice refresher with nothing new - We are in your hands, respectfully
Japan	- Supports direction explained by the chair and the timeline proposed - Will keep on getting bridging proposals and also we understand the iteration for tomorrow will be mostly clean and also will have divergent views - Completely understand that tomorrow will be an opportunity to make interventions
Pakistan	- Request that we extend the Cinderella deadline to 8 am
Co-facilitator: Al-Jishi	- Would be happy to extend that deadline - Any text received at 8 couldn't go to the SBSTA chair, but could be considered in further work
US	- Curious as to whether there is an option to do with without having to go into imf-imfs this evening - Concern at this state is that we cannot work in every possible

	huddle - ATP, when we need to deliver clean text and lost a day, it is unclear whether we can iterate the next version - Possibility of co-facs taking a hand at streamlining without further inputs? Since we are about to engage in what could be a messier step, not cleaning the text we have
Co-facilitator: Al-Jishi	- No invitation of an imf-imf tonight bc of objections - Welcome submissions that may help us in our work - For those who truly think they have a landing zone, we will consider that as we move forward. - Need to be based on elements existing in the current iteration, and take into consideration the current objections raised - Predicting failure on this - Tomorrow we will prob have suggestions from the chair on the quality of work, and info on the next steps
Arab Group	- Happy to be uncomfortable, if it is equally spread and based on SB60 with adequate streamlining - Only burdens and complicates through cooperative approaches
China	- We don't have enough time to digest the text - Urge the chair to reconsider the submissions - Think the right way forward, including creating a new version of the text - [didn't catch the last part, the speaker was very fast]
LDCs	- [Something about Dubai and being taken back] - More convergence to do; major surgery required on the text - We should not keep you here, we should let you go
Co-facilitator: Al-Jishi	- Had not sunk in how sleepless my night will be, thank you for reminding me - Don't think there is an issue with producing a clean text based on discussion and best judgments - That is how we will proceed - Bc we are friendly, you all can relax we can stay up all night working through the text. - Meeting adjourned - Co-facilitator Stiansen: this room is available for people to use