

## **Report by**

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### **To the first meeting of the Comité de Paris held on 7 December 2015**

#### **On their informal consultations undertaken on**

#### **Support: means of implementation (finance, technology, capacity building)**

- We have extensive consultations, started by an open ended plenary meeting on Sunday afternoon. Today we held two open ended Indaba session with a broad participation of parties. Some of the work was and will continue to be taken forward in the context of Party led work. Additionally, we have started bilateral consultations with negotiating groups. We would be grateful if groups who have not been consulted yet indicate it to the Secretariat.

#### **On Climate Finance**

- A better understanding on some of the key issues with regard to Article 6 has developed, and on a number of issues there has been growing convergence, and also some flexibility by Parties in moving towards common ground.
- The discussions on Article 6 covered both, on the one hand the general expectations of the major elements that Parties consider of high relevance in the context of finance within the Agreement.
- On the other side, the consultations covered a wide range of specific topics as contained in Article 6, as well as the accompanying decision.
- The issues included: provision of support; mobilization of climate finance; scale and scaling up; as well as access and readiness support.
- Specifically on the issues of provision of support, but also the mobilization of climate finance, there seems to be progress towards a possible common ground on how the respective roles of Parties with regard to those two matters might be captured in the Agreement.
- There has been some flexibility by many Parties on this matter, which is encouraging.
- Numerous reassurances were made by developed country Parties with regard to the continued fulfillment of their existing commitments under the Convention obligations, as well as the acknowledgment of the continued leadership of developed country Parties in the context of an overall ambitious agreement.

- Various Parties came forward with specific textual proposals in this context, including on how the possible role of other Parties in this regard could be captured in the Agreement or decision.
- Suggestions made in this context referred to, inter alia, voluntary contributions, contributions by others in a position/willing/able to do so, or a reference to be included to South-South cooperation on a voluntary basis as it relates to collaborative actions.
- Various Parties also spoke to the need for the Agreement to capture a cooperative element, also with regard to the mobilization of climate finance.
- However, there have also been statements by other Parties which have expressed strong reservations with regard to some of the proposals raised in terms of their consistency with existing provisions and principles of the Convention.
- Specific structural proposals were also made with regard to how the two issues on provision of support and mobilization of climate finance could be reflected in Article 6.
- Another issue which was extensively discussed referred to the issue of scale / scaling up.
- In general, there is agreement on the need to adequately address this notion within the context of the Agreement, however divergence remains with regard to how this would be implemented to the full satisfaction of all Parties.
- On the issue of access and readiness support, Party led consultations resulted in a clear textual bridging proposal containing clear options on this matter, including a proposal for decision text, which was introduced in the Indaba session in the afternoon.
- On the issue of ex ante communication, Party led consultations have been initiated this afternoon.

## **Technology**

- With respect to issue of technology development and transfer, a small , open-ended break out group was launched, facilitated by United Arab Emirates and Austria, and open to all interested Parties.
- Parties discussed both the agreement and the related parts in the decision and flexibility was shown by all sides, resulting in convergence in the areas of Cooperative action, Long-term vision, Framework, and Technology Mechanism.
- Parties also saw compromise and opportunity for convergence on the areas of Innovation and provision of Support.

- We are at your disposal to receive guidance on the way forward. A political-level discussion may help at a given point, in this regard.

### **Capacity-building**

- Capacity-building negotiators convened in a small, open-ended discussion group facilitated by Gambia and the European Union. It was open to all interested Parties.
- Negotiators approached the discussions on the basis of the questions proposed this morning by the Ministers, and focused the debate on institutional arrangements for pre- and post-2020.
- Convergence emerged on the work to be undertaken pre-2020.
- I am very pleased to announce that the small group agreed to establish the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB). Moreover, convergence translated into agreed text, with mostly clean text and few brackets, related to the pre-2020 work programme.
- On the post-2020 institutional arrangements, especially paragraph 8.5., open-ended group discussions are ongoing at this point and we hope they can report further progress to the Parties later on.