

Round table under agenda item 4 of the Ad-hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA)

**“Further guidance in relation to the adaptation communication,
including, inter alia, as a component of NDCs, referred to in
Article 7, paragraphs 10 and 11, of the Paris Agreement”¹**

Saturday, 4 November; 9:00 – 17:30

Room Rakiraki

Draft agenda

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Morning: 9:00 – 12:30

1. Opening by the APA Co-Chairs
2. Discussion in plenary:
 - Introduction by the APA co-chairs and co-facilitators
 - Update by the secretariat on work undertaken so far
 - Plenary discussion on the key themes (purpose, elements, vehicle, linkages, flexibility/optionality/choice/discretion)

The following questions are provided to focus discussions. Parties are invited to address the areas and aspects they feel are most important to advancing the issues.

- Question 1 (Purpose): What are the most relevant purposes or gaps that the adaptation communication can address that are not addressed by current vehicles or mechanisms (please be as specific as possible)? What should the guidance say about the purpose to enable the adaptation communication to address these opportunities or gaps?
 - Question 2 (Elements): If the guidance is to identify common elements as well as opt-in and opt-out elements, on what basis would the categorization be done?
 - Question 3 (Vehicle): in addition to reiterating the choice of vehicle provided for in the Paris Agreement, what does the guidance need to address (if anything)?
 - Question 4 (Linkages): For each of the linkages previously identified, what are the possible outcomes and how do these affect the guidance? For each such linkage, identify which one(s) affect other aspects of the guidance and the priority with which each one should be resolved.
 - Question 5 (flexibility/optionality/choice/discretion): Which provisions should be contained in the guidance to ensure the flexibility/optionality/choice/discretion highlighted by Parties?
3. Work in breakout groups, with focus on elements/skeleton of the guidance, building on the discussion based on the questions above

12:30 – 13:30: Lunch break

¹ Further information relating to APA agenda item 4 is available here: <http://unfccc.int/bodies/apa/items/10237.php>.

Afternoon: 13:30 – 17:30

4. Work in breakout groups (continued)
5. Discussion in plenary:
 - Reporting back from breakout groups
 - Discussion, including Parties' observations on the round table and expectations and suggested ways forward for the session
6. Closing by the APA Co-Chairs²

Logistical note: While no registration is required for attendance, interested Parties are kindly invited to inform the secretariat of the names of the delegates who will attend this event. This would help the secretariat in the logistical preparations and planning for the round table. Parties are invited to send such information by email to Ms. Katrin Lucas, klucas@unfccc.int, if possible by 1 November 2017.

² According to the conclusions from the APA session in May 2017 (see paragraph 22(b) in FCCC/APA/2017/2), "If Parties agree, the co-facilitators designated for each relevant agenda item at APA 1.4 will prepare, under their own responsibility and the guidance of the APA Co-Chairs, an informal note reflecting the views expressed at the relevant round table and make that note available to Parties as soon as possible thereafter".