

Working document

[Section H. Capacity-building]

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Main observations:

- Convergence among Parties emerged on the following points:
 - Capacity-building has to be reflected in the Agreement;
 - The need to enhance capacity, including in the pre-2020 period;
 - The need to strengthen institutional arrangements.
- Parties had divergent views on the need to establish new institutional arrangements for capacity-building.
- While several Parties indicated their overall satisfaction with the Co-Chairs' Tool, a group of Parties noted a lack of balance in Part I of the Tool. To re-establish a balanced outline of Parties' positions with respect to the Agreement, they proposed that Article/paragraph 75 (new institutions) of Part III of the Co-Chairs' Tool, be moved to Part I.¹ This would address one of the main concerns expressed by that group of Parties, namely the establishment of an international capacity-building mechanism under the Agreement.
- The same group of Parties also proposed placing Article/paragraph 74 (objective, focus of capacity-building) of Part III of the Co-Chairs' Tool, in Part II.
- Some Parties had questioned whether Part I was the most appropriate place for Article 6 of the Convention; other Parties intervened to support the inclusion of a paragraph on Article 6 of the Convention in this part.
- The Co-Facilitators proposed two informal meetings (spin-off groups). The first was tasked to work on milestones for capacity-building between 2016 and 2020 and it met on 1 September, facilitated by a delegate from Swaziland. Key issues highlighted at this informal meeting included:
 - Need for concrete ideas or inputs on actions and needs that could help determine milestones;
 - Need to specify concrete actions and action areas for prompt implementation;
 - Linkage between institutional arrangements and work programme;
 - What needs to be decided on institutional arrangements to ensure prompt and effective delivery of the work programme on pre-2020 milestones?
 - Capacity-building for MRV and MRV of capacity-building;
 - Coherence and coordination in delivery of capacity-building;
 - Need for a long-term and sustainable perspective on capacity-building.
- The second informal meeting, facilitated by a delegate from Japan, met on 2 September. There was a request to discuss how institutional arrangements can be enhanced. Parties will report back on their exchanges at the next meeting of the facilitated group.

Further observations and notes by the Co-Facilitators:

- The Co-Facilitators proposed that the informal meeting tasked to work on milestones for capacity-building between 2016 and 2020 be reconvened tomorrow morning and start drafting text on the basis of the

discussions held on 1 September during the informal meeting and views on the same topic exchanged on 2 September during the meeting of the facilitated group.

- The Co-Facilitators also encouraged Parties to meet with the secretariat and to have an exchange of views on topics to be included on the agenda for the workshop on capacity-building, which was mandated by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) at its forty-second session.² It was observed that the workshop, scheduled to take place back-to-back with the next session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) in October, could help to further clarify issues relevant to the work of both the SBI and the ADP. An informal meeting will be held for this exchange on 3 September.
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² FCCC/SBI/2015/10, paragraphs 88 and 94.