

Possible initial elements of outcomes for COP 23

Non-paper by the President of COP 23

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Following initial consultations with Parties, including the open-ended informal consultations held on 15 November 2017 at 18:30, the President of COP 23 has prepared possible initial elements of outcomes for COP 23. This proposal aims to reflect ideas and suggestions shared by Parties with the President of COP 23. These elements contain placeholders for other issues under consideration by the COP and the subsidiary bodies (SBSTA, SBI and APA). In addition, it contains text agreed during the consultations under the COP Presidency on pre-2020 implementation and ambition.

These possible initial elements provide an early sense of direction and are presented without prejudice to the views of Parties on their expectations of the final outcomes.

Possible initial elements of a COP23 decision

I. Completion of the work programme under the Paris Agreement

- Takes note of the reports of the subsidiary bodies and the constituted bodies on progress in the implementation of the work programme under the Paris Agreement contained in decision 1/CP.21.

Recognition of the progress

- Welcomes progress by the SBSTA, SBI and APA in advancing matters in relation to the work programme under the Paris Agreement and sees such progress as indicative of the determination of Parties to continue to uphold the spirit and vision of the Paris Agreement.

Taking forward the outcomes of the work on Paris Agreement Work Programme

- Possible development of an online platform that will contain the outcomes of the work of SBSTA, SBI and APA on the work programme under the Paris Agreement

Action by the COP and all bodies to accelerate work

- Reiterate earlier request to the subsidiary bodies and the constituted bodies to accelerate their work on the work programme under the Paris Agreement and to forward the outcomes to COP 24 (December 2018);
- Possible resumed sessions of the SBSTA, SBI and APA during the intersessional period between the 48th and 49th sessions of the subsidiary bodies, with the focus on the work programme under the Paris Agreement.

II. Talanoa dialogue

- Take note of the announcements by the President of the COP22 and the President of the COP23 on the approach regarding the design of the 2018 Talanoa dialogue

III. Pre-2020 implementation and ambition

{See annex – text as agreed at the open-ended consultation conducted by the COP22 President on behalf of the COP23 President on pre-2020 implementation and ambition on Wednesday, 15 November 2017 @11 am, will be incorporated in the final COP23 decision}

IV. Other issues

{any other matters, as agreed by Parties}

Annex {to be incorporated in the final COP23 decision in section III}

Pre-2020 implementation and ambition

The Conference of the Parties,

Noting that all Parties share the view that pre-2020 implementation and ambition are of utmost importance,

Emphasizing that enhanced pre-2020 ambition can lay a solid foundation for enhanced post-2020 ambition,

Recognizing the importance of a continued consideration by the Conference of the Parties of the efforts of Parties on action and support in the pre-2020 period,

Also recognizing the importance of bringing visibility to and creating a more coherent understanding of the pre-2020 work of the UNFCCC bodies,

Further recognizing the commitment undertaken by developed country Parties to a goal of mobilizing jointly USD 100 billion annually by 2020 to address the needs of developing countries in the context of meaningful mitigation actions and transparency on implementation,

Noting that biennial high-level ministerial dialogues on climate finance will be held in 2018 and 2020 in accordance with decision 3/CP.19,

Also noting that the Standing Committee on Finance will prepare biennial assessments and overviews of climate finance flows in 2018 and 2020 in accordance with decision 2/CP.17,

1. *Requests* the President of the Conference of the Parties and the Executive Secretary to send joint letters to Parties to the Kyoto Protocol that are yet to ratify the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol, urging them to deposit their instruments of acceptance with the Depositary as soon as possible;
2. *Also requests* the secretariat to consult the United Nations Secretary-General on ways to promote the ratification of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol;
3. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat by 1 May 2018 additional information on progress in implementing decision 1/CP.21, chapter IV: enhanced action prior to 2020;
4. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report of the submissions referred to in paragraph 3 above as an input into the stocktake referred to in paragraph 6 below;
5. *Welcomes* the report by the President of the Conference of the Parties which noted that the 2018 facilitative dialogue¹ (“Talanoa dialogue”) will consider, as an element of the dialogue, the efforts of Parties on action and support, as appropriate, in the pre-2020 period;
6. *Decides* to convene a stocktake on pre-2020 implementation and ambition at the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties (December 2018), which will apply the format of the 2016 facilitative dialogue² and consider, inter alia:

¹ Pursuant to decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 20, and decision 1/CP.22, paragraph 16.

² As established by decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 115. Also see: <http://unfccc.int/9985.php>.

- a) The inputs of the Conference of the Parties, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, the constituted bodies under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol, and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism;
- b) The mitigation efforts of Parties in the pre-2020 period;
- c) The provision of support in the pre-2020 period;
- d) The work of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action, including the summaries for policymakers of the technical examination processes and the yearbooks on climate action prepared by the high-level champions;

7. *Also decides* to convene a stocktake on pre-2020 implementation and ambition at the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2019), which will apply the format of the stocktake referred to in paragraph 6 above and consider, inter alia:

- a) The inputs of the Conference of the Parties, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, the constituted bodies under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol, and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism;
- b) The outcomes of the high-level ministerial dialogue on climate finance to be held at the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties;
- c) The relevant outcomes of the Talanoa dialogue referred to in paragraph 5 above;
- d) The outcomes of the stocktake referred to in paragraph 6 above;
- e) The work of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action, including the summaries for policymakers of the technical examination processes and the yearbooks on climate action prepared by the high-level champions;

8. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare reports on the stocktakes referred to in paragraphs 6 and 7 above.
