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Speaking notes for the SBSTA Chair

- **Good morning**, Mr President, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen.
- Mr. President, **thank you very much** for hosting us in the beautiful city of Marrakech and for all the efforts you and your team are undertaking to **make this conference a success**, including for organizing this stocktaking Plenary to **assess progress across bodies** and for making it **transparent and accessible**.
- I am **delighted to report** that the **SBSTA, the science-policy interface of the Convention**, has made **good progress** this week, across items. Parties **worked constructively** throughout the session and continued to demonstrate a **good spirit of cooperation** and **willingness to make progress** to ensure that the SBSTA can contribute to the successful outcomes of Marrakech.
- **On Monday, 7 November**, the SBSTA **launched all work** in the morning and Parties **constructively and positively set to work**, the same afternoon, to start technical work on all agenda items through contact groups, informal consultations and bilateral meetings.
- **Key issues under the SBSTA** are.....:
 - o **arising from Paris**:
 - Cooperation, mechanism and non-market approaches (Article 6)
 - Modalities for accounting of financial resources (Article 9)
 - Technology framework (Article 10)
 - IPCC inputs to global stocktake (Article 14), and
 - from decision 1/CP.21: response measures and the Mitigation and Adaptation TEPs
 - o ... **other key issues**: the Nairobi work programme, Agriculture, Research and systematic observation, LULUCF, CCS, and, along with the SBI, reports of the AC, WIM and TEC/CTCN and the improved forum on response measures.
- I am **pleased to report** that **work on mostly all items** is **concluded**.

- The SBSTA was able to produce **conclusions** on issues relating to adaptation including focusing on implementing activities in a way that enhances the role of the NWP as a knowledge hub that supports enhanced action on adaptation, , technology, including a decision on the TEC/CTCN report, science and review, including a **decision on the GCOS implementation plan** recognizing the importance of the global climate observation system and its role in supporting the Paris Agreement goals, agriculture, response measures, methodological work and annual reports under the Convention and the KP and **on finance, including a decision on methodologies on financial accounting.**

- **Work is still ongoing, as I report to you,** on the important issue of the **review** of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (**WIM**), the issue of **PA Article 6**, Parties and methodologies on financial accounting..

- The **outcome** of the aforementioned conclusions includes **methodologies, tools, documentation and events** to further advance on related issues, building on the important work of and cooperating with constituted bodies and non-state actors as well as contributing to the work of other bodies.

- In this context, Parties have also considered how the IPCC can provide inputs to the global stocktake. Parties acknowledged that the products of the IPCC assessment cycles will be key inputs to the global stocktake. The advice includes that lessons can be learned from past experience; dialogue between IPCC experts and Parties could be utilized, as could special events, views from the special event in May 2016 could be further considered, inputs from the IPCC should be considered in an effective and balanced manner, and the SBSTA-IPCC Joint Working Group could be used. This advice is provided in a timely manner for the APA, in relation to its work on the global stocktake.

- Mr. President, my report would not be completed without providing **highlights of the successful delivery of the work of the constituted bodies.** As reported in the joint annual report of the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) and the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN), these two components of the Technology Mechanism have been operating at full speed. Over 147 requests received from 67 countries thus far and there is an average of 2 requests every day. The service is free of charge and the response is received in real time. As such, I **encourage** colleagues from developing country Parties to **utilize this service provided** by the CTCN and its networks.

- The work of the **Adaptation Committee** also progresses very well. However, there was a **concern raised on the insufficient resources** to support its work. This may be a common issue across the bodies and we will need to find innovative ways to address this issue.

- Mr. President, the SBSTA organized **events to advance work and build capacity** of delegates, including:

- An **in-session workshop on modalities for the accounting of financial resources**, which allowed for a constructive sharing of views by participants and which will serve as an excellent basis of work for SBSTA to advance its work on this matter;
- The **10th Focal Point Forum on health and adaptation**, held under my overall guidance during which a rich and constructive dialogue among Parties, partners and organizations took place;
- the **Earth Information Day** which was recognized by Parties as being very useful in supporting negotiations; and
- An **AC/LEG side event** during which Parties engaged in a lively exchange with other stakeholders on initial options emerging from their methodological work in support of the Paris Agreement.

- The SBSTA **closing plenary** will take place on **Monday, 14 November** to table all **draft conclusions for adoption**. I would like to **thank Parties** for their **constructive and fruitful contributions**.

- The **SBSTA stands ready to support you**, Mr. President, in your important task, in close coordination with the Chairs of the other bodies, to do the needy to make the rapid entry into force of the PA a reality on the ground for the better of this planet and its inhabitants.

- I **thank you**, Mr President