
Informal note by the Co-Chairs: Advancing the Durban Platform

This note contains the revised draft by the Co-Chairs of an Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action outcome on the planning of its work, which seeks to reflect the interventions and submissions by Parties in 2012.

Possible draft decision of the 18th session of the Conference of the Parties

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 1/CP.17, which established the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action,

1. *Welcomes with high appreciation* the successful launch of the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action and the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition and the progress that has been made in 2012;
2. *Endorses* the arrangement for the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, as set out in document FCCC/ADP/2012/2, paragraph 7, recognizing that this is an exception to rule 27, paragraphs 5 and 6, of the draft rules of procedure being applied;
3. *Notes* that the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action has adopted its agenda¹ and initiated two workstreams: one on matters related to paragraphs 2–6 of decision 1/CP.17, and one on matters related to paragraphs 7–8 of the same decision;
4. *Determined* to adopt a protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force at its twenty-first session and for it to come into effect and be implemented from 2020;
5. *Equally determined* to identify and to explore options for a range of actions that can close the ambition gap with a view to ensuring the highest possible mitigation efforts by all Parties;
6. *Welcomes* the plan of work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action as contained in document FCCC/ADP/2012/L.X (draft conclusions, below);
7. *Urges* Parties in a position to do so to provide financial contributions for the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, especially its sessions in 2013 and in subsequent years.

Possible draft conclusions of the ADP at its resumed first session

1. The Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) expressed its appreciation for the inputs by Parties and admitted observer organizations² and welcomed the exchange of views among the Parties during its first session, as well as during the informal additional session held in Bangkok,

¹ As contained in

² Submissions and additional inputs by Parties are available at:
<<http://unfccc.int/bodies/awg/items/6656.php>> Submissions and additional inputs by admitted observer organizations are available at:
<http://unfccc.int/documentation/submissions_from_parties/adp/items/7023.php>.

Thailand, from 30 August to 5 September 2012, and the summaries prepared on the ADP roundtable discussions.³

2. Drawing upon the inputs and discussions referred to in paragraph 1 above, the ADP has planned its work in accordance with decision 1/CP.17.
3. The ADP expressed its determination to complete its work as early as possible and no later than 2015.
4. The ADP agreed to hold sessions in 2013 in conjunction with the thirty-eighth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol [, as well as an additional session to be held in Bonn, Germany from [Monday, 29 April to Friday, 3 May 2013][Monday, 9 September to Friday, 13 September 2013]].
5. The ADP also agreed to hold at least two sessions in 2014 and 2015 in conjunction with the sessions of the SBI and the SBSTA and the COP. The ADP will determine the need for any additional session in 2014 before the end of 2013, and the need for any additional session in 2015 before the end of 2014.
6. The ADP agreed that it needs to move towards a more focused mode of work during 2013.
7. The ADP decided to hold in-session roundtable discussions and workshops in 2013, and invited the Co-Chairs to suggest, in early 2013, for the consideration of Parties detailed arrangements and areas of focus for the roundtables and workshops, taking into account the submissions received.⁴
8. Under workstream 1, relating to a post-2020 agreement, the ADP invited Parties and admitted observer organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 1 March 2013, information, views and proposals on the further work of the ADP, with a particular focus on 2013.
9. Under workstream 2, relating to pre-2020 ambition, the ADP invited Parties and admitted observer organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 1 March 2013, information, views and proposals on national and international actions, initiatives and options to enhance ambition and on the implementation of the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition, with a particular focus on 2013.
10. The ADP requested the secretariat to make available on the UNFCCC website the submissions referred to in paragraphs 8 and 9 above.
11. The ADP further requested the secretariat to prepare a technical paper compiling information on the mitigation potential of actions, initiatives and options to enhance mitigation ambition identified in the submissions referred to in paragraph 8, above. The ADP requested the secretariat to make this paper available before its session to be held in conjunction with the thirty-eighth sessions of the SBI and the SBSTA.
12. The ADP invited Parties and admitted observer organizations to provide information, views and proposals on the work of the ADP before each session.
13. The ADP agreed to consider elements for a draft negotiating text no later than at its session to be held in conjunction with the twentieth session of the COP, to be held in 2014, with a view to making available a negotiating text before May 2015.

³ The report on the workshop on enhancing ambition held during the first session is contained in document FCCC/ADP/2012/INF.1. Summaries of the roundtable discussions are contained on the UNFCCC website at <http://unfccc.int/meetings/doha_nov_2012/session/7055.php>.

⁴ The Co-Chairs would prepare an information note based on submissions and interventions by Parties outlining the detailed arrangements for work in 2013.

14. The ADP noted that it may further elaborate its plan of work , in accordance with decision 1/CP.17 and in the light of any subsequent decisions of the COP that establish additional mandates to be undertaken by the ADP.
15. The ADP decided that its work shall be informed of the work of the permanent subsidiary bodies and other relevant bodies under the Convention.
16. The ADP underlined the importance of ministerial engagement, including on matters related to the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action.
17. The ADP took note of the need for financial contributions to allow the secretariat to make the necessary arrangements for the work of the ADP[, especially its session to be held from [Monday, 29 April to Friday, 3 May 2013][Monday, 9 September to Friday, 13 September 2013]]. It invited the Executive Secretary to make the necessary arrangements to facilitate this session to be held in Bonn. It noted that in the absence of sufficient voluntary contributions or pledges by [deadline] it would not be possible for the secretariat to make the necessary arrangements and may involve cancellation charges for facilities booked].
