



FACILITATIVE BRANCH

Eighteenth meeting

6 September 2015
Bonn, Germany

Report on the meeting

1. Opening of the meeting

1. Mr. Delano Ruben Verwey, chairperson of the facilitative branch, declared the meeting open at 14:30 hrs.
2. At the request of the chairperson, the secretariat provided information on participation and quorum, as well as key administrative, logistical and housekeeping arrangements. The secretariat confirmed that there was a quorum for the meeting, that the meeting was being webcast live on the Internet, and that an audio recording was being made of the entire meeting. It noted that one observer had registered for and was present at the meeting.

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. The branch reviewed and adopted the provisional agenda (CC/FB/18/2015/1).

3. Organization of work

4. The branch agreed to organize its consideration of the items on the agenda in the order in which they had been set out in the agenda as adopted.

4. Provisions related to facilitation: Advice and facilitation

5. As agreed at its seventeenth meeting, the branch continued considerations on how to provide advice and facilitation to Parties on implementing the Kyoto Protocol to further its understanding on its mandate referred to section VI, paragraph 4, of the "Procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol" contained in the annex to decision 27/CMP.1.
6. Before starting its consideration, the branch noted that some members and alternate members indicated that in light of possible conflict of interest issues, they would recuse themselves from discussion on the following reports: Ms. Sarah Baashan for the report of the technical review of the sixth national communication (NC6) of Norway; Mr. Xiang Gao for the report of the technical review of the NC6 of Iceland; Mr. Siarhei Nikitsin for reports of the technical review of the NC6 and of the individual review of the annual submission of Belarus submitted in 2014, and Mr. Valeriy P. Sedyakin for reports of the technical review of the NC6 and of the individual review of the annual submission of the Russian Federation submitted in 2014.



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7. For the purpose of advancing its understanding on how to exercise its mandate referred to in paragraph 5 above, at its seventeenth meeting, the branch noted that it would be useful for members and alternate members to identify issues in the review reports relating to the implementation of the Kyoto Protocol and to bring them to the attention of the branch.¹ Mr. Gao and Ms. Lisa Benjamin submitted information, which was circulated to the branch on 10 July and 6 August 2015, respectively. Following brief presentations by Mr. Gao and Ms. Benjamin, the branch considered this information and discussed what issues the branch should consider in more depth, as well as how to take this work forward.

8. In its discussion, the branch noted a number of issues that may require further consideration, including where recommendations contained in previous review reports have been reiterated and where there were qualifying references (such as 'generally transparent' and 'generally complete') regarding completeness and transparency. The branch also noted that it was important from a legal perspective to distinguish mandatory requirements and that it was sometimes difficult to assess the degree of seriousness of an issue raised in the review reports. The branch reiterated the importance of maintaining a dialogue with expert reviewers.

9. The branch agreed to continue its general discussion on providing advice and facilitation and, at the same time, to look at more specific issues arising from the review reports.

5. Other matters

10. The branch authorized the chairperson and vice-chairperson to set the date for its nineteenth meeting, taking into account the need for continuation of the discussion under agenda item 4 and the dates of the September meeting of the plenary, which will be considered by the plenary at its seventeenth meeting.

6. Closure of the meeting

11. The chairperson of the branch declared the meeting closed at 17:40 hrs.

7. Attendance

12. The names of members and alternate members present at the meeting are bolded below.

Members (in alphabetical order)	Alternate Members
1) AARHUS , Mona Ms.	SHIMADA , Kunihiko Mr.
2) BAASHAN , Sarah Nabil Ms.	GAO , Xiang Mr.
3) BENJAMIN , Lisa Ms.	ST. LOUIS , Teddy Mr.
4) GUEYE , Mamadou Diobe Mr.	NIETO , Jimena Ms.
5) JALOUTA , Najmadeen B. M. Mr.	<i>nomination pending</i> [±]
6) KYARUZI , Ladislaus Mr.	JALLOW , Bubu Pateh Mr.
7) PAZ CASTRO , Luis Raul Mr.	BART , Delano Mr.
8) SARDELLITTI , Emanuela Ms.	HALLSTRÖM , Per Mr.
9) SEDYAKIN , Valeriy Mr.	NIKITSIN , Siarhei Mr.
10) VERWEY , Delano Ruben Mr.	DYBKA , Dariusz Mr.

¹ CC/FB/17/2015/2, paragraph 6.

[±] No nomination was put forward at the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.