



FACILITATIVE BRANCH

Twentieth meeting

7 September 2017
Bonn, Germany

Report on the meeting

1. Opening of the meeting

1. Mr. Ladislaus Kyaruzi, chairperson of the facilitative branch, declared the meeting open at 9:00 hrs. He welcomed the new alternate member, Mr. Ramiro Ramirez.

2. At the request of the chairperson, the secretariat provided information on participation and quorum, as well as on the 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.

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. The branch adopted the provisional agenda without changes (CC/FB/20/2017/1).

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. The branch continued consideration of how to provide advice and facilitation to Parties on implementing the Kyoto Protocol in the context of its overall mandate and the functions referred to section VI, paragraph 4 to 6 of the “Procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol” contained in the annex to decision 27/CMP.1 (hereinafter referred to as procedures and mechanisms).

6. The branch considered the document on the experience of the facilitative branch, prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the bureau of the facilitative branch and the members and alternate members of the branch, as requested by the branch at its last meeting,¹ and made available at the UNFCCC website on 1 August 2017 as document CC/FB/20/2017/2.² Members and alternate members expressed their appreciation for the preparation of the document, as a way to record the

¹ CC/FB/19/2016/2, paragraphs 6–8.

² Available at: <<http://unfccc.int/3786.php>>.



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history of the branch in a structured and comprehensive manner and to enhance the understanding of its work. They also noted that additional efforts may be needed to increase awareness and visibility of the facilitative branch and its functions.

7. In its discussion, the branch considered its strengths and weaknesses and explored the potential for improvements in the effectiveness of its work.

8. Members and alternative members noted that the broad mandate of the facilitative branch referred to in paragraph 5 above has been both an advantage and a disadvantage as it gives the branch certain flexibility but also lacks clarity as to the functions of the branch. It was also noted that, notwithstanding this lack of clarity and in the absence of further guidance from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), the branch has progressively been defining its role in providing advice and facilitation and continued to develop its practice.

9. However, the branch further noted that its offers to provide advice and facilitation have, so far, been under-utilized by Parties.

10. In the light of the discussions on its experience, the branch also considered how it could take its work forward and what its role and focus in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol should be.

11. One suggestion in this regard was that members and alternate members of the branch should engage in the analysis of review reports in more depth. This could allow the branch to identify issues that would benefit from facilitation and advice, and also to detect systemic issues being experienced by one or several Parties.

12. In its discussions, the branch identified an initial set of criteria that members and alternate members could use when considering the review reports forwarded to the Compliance Committee, noting that these criteria could evolve over time, namely:

- a. Elements of reports where any of the principles of transparency, accuracy, completeness, comparability and consistency (TACCC) are identified as not being adhered to;
- b. Issues that are identified as “not resolved”, including any relevant considerations or any related recommendations by the expert review team;
- c. Issues identified in relation to the national system of a Party or the national registry of a Party;
- d. Reiterated issues, i.e. where a certain issue has been repeatedly raised in review reports for a particular Party over a period of time.

13. In practical terms the branch agreed to divide among its members and alternate members the work related to in-depth analysis of the reports forwarded to the Compliance Committee pursuant to section VI, paragraph 3, of the procedures and mechanisms. As an initial arrangement to this end, the branch agreed that:



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- a. Four teams would be formed, each to be coordinated by one member or alternate member (two of these ‘coordinators’ being from Annex I Parties, and two from non-Annex I Parties). To the extent possible, the composition of teams should reflect different kinds of expertise;
 - b. The secretariat would randomly distribute the review reports to the teams;
 - c. The teams would analyze the reports, taking into account the above criteria and make recommendations to the branch on any aspects in the reports that the branch may wish to consider at its next meeting;
 - d. Such recommendations should be made available to the branch no later than six weeks before the next meeting of the branch, to allow sufficient time for preparation.
13. The branch noted that this mode of organizing its work is without prejudice to the right of any member or alternate member to bring any issue to the attention of the branch for its consideration in accordance with its mandate.
14. The branch also reaffirmed the importance of future discussions with the lead reviewers and proposed that the plenary of the Compliance Committee invite the members of the bureau of the Committee to attend relevant meetings of lead reviewers and to report back to the plenary or the branches, as appropriate. The branch further proposed that the bureau of the Committee be encouraged to explore the feasibility of organizing joint workshops between the Committee and the lead reviewers on a periodic basis, subject to the availability of financial resources.

5. Other matters

15. The branch authorized the chairperson and vice-chairperson to set the date for its twenty-first meeting, taking into account the dates of the meeting of the plenary, which will be considered by the plenary at its nineteenth meeting.

6. Closure of the meeting

16. The chairperson of the branch declared the meeting closed at 15:45 hrs.

7. Attendance

17. The names of members and alternate members present at the meeting are marked in bold below.

Members (in alphabetical order)	Alternate Members
1. AARHUS , Mona Ms.	SHIMADA , Kunihiko Mr.
2. BAASHAN, Sarah N. Ms.	GAO, Xiang Mr.
3. BART , Delano F. Mr.	PAZ CASTRO , Luis Mr.
4. BENJAMIN , Lisa Ms.	ST. LOUIS, Teddy Mr.
5. GUEYE , Mamadou Diobé Mr.	NIETO CARRASCO , Jimena Ms.



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Members (in alphabetical order)	Alternate Members
6. KYARUZI , Ladislaus Mr.	JALLOW , Bubu Pateh Mr.
7. NIKITSIN , Siarhei Mr.	SEDYAKIN , Valeriy Mr.
8. SARDELLITTI , Emanuela Ms.	KÄRNSTRÖM , Ida Ms.
9. VERWEY , Delano Ruben Mr.	GROBICKI , Grzegorz Mr.
10. YENGA-YENGA , Albert K. Mr. Mr.	RAMIREZ , Ramiro Mr.
