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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA) noted that the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its twenty-second session:

(a) Requested the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), the APA and the constituted bodies under the Convention to accelerate their work on the work programme described in decision 1/CMA.1, paragraphs 5–7, and to forward the outcomes to COP 24 (December 2018) at the latest;¹

(b) Decided to conclude the work programme under the Paris Agreement as soon as possible and to forward the outcomes, at the latest, to the third part of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement to be convened in conjunction with COP 24, for its consideration and adoption.²

2. The APA agreed to accelerate its work accordingly, and re-affirmed its commitment to working diligently and expeditiously to fulfil its mandate as soon as possible but no later than COP 24.

3. The APA took note of:

(a) The intersessional workshop on agenda item 5, “Modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement” and its report;³

(b) The pre-session round table on agenda item 3, “Further guidance in relation to the mitigation section of decision 1/CP.21”;

(c) The pre-session workshop on agenda item 4, “Further guidance in relation to the adaptation communication, including, inter alia, as a component of nationally determined contributions, referred to in Article 7, paragraphs 10 and 11, of the Paris Agreement”;

(d) The documents prepared for the session.⁴

4. The APA welcomed more than one hundred submissions received from Parties⁵ and non-Party stakeholders⁶ for this session.

5. The APA agreed that the intersessional and pre-session events and documents referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 above helped in facilitating a better understanding of, and clarifying Parties’ views on, the respective agenda items, and provided useful inputs for the negotiations under the APA. The APA noted that it is important to ensure effective participation of Parties in such events, and that the organization of events should enable such participation. The APA requested the APA Co-Chairs to release an informal note reflecting the views expressed at the pre-session workshop referred to in paragraph 3(c) above.

6. The APA noted that substantive progress has been achieved at this session in making a transition from conceptual discussions to focused technical work, including as appropriate

¹ Decision 1/CP.22, paragraph 10.

² Decision 1/CP.22, paragraph 12.

³ See document FCCC/APA/2017/INF.2 and Add.1.

⁴ FCCC/APA/2017/INF.1, FCCC/APA/2017/INF.2 and Add.1, and FCCC/APA/2017/INF.3.

⁵ Available at <http://unfccc.int/5900>.

⁶ Available at <http://unfccc.int/7478>.

on textual elements. APA emphasized the need to make progress on all items in a coherent and balanced manner, and to ensure a coordinated and coherent approach regarding the related matters considered under the SBI and the SBSTA. The organization of the APA contact group on linkages with constituted bodies and of the informal joint plenary of the SBI, SBSTA and the APA during this session was appreciated, and the APA recommended that such events also be considered during future sessions.

7. The APA reiterated its commitment to continuing to work in an inclusive, transparent, Party-driven and efficient manner. To that end, it agreed to continue to apply at APA 1.4 (November 2017) the modalities for the organization of its work that were adopted at APA 1.1.⁷

8. The APA noted the progress made on all substantive items on the APA agenda as reflected in the informal notes and the snapshot document prepared, under their own responsibility, by the co-facilitators of the informal consultations on those items.⁸ It agreed that these documents will be helpful for the future work of the APA.⁹

Further work required on individual items

9. With respect to agenda item 3, the APA:

(a) Invited Parties to make focused submission¹⁰, by XX [August][September] 2017, taking into consideration the contents of the informal note on this agenda item prepared by the co-facilitators at this session, including on the elements and issues outlined in that note, and how these would be reflected in the guidance, without prejudice to further work under this agenda item;

(b) Requested the secretariat to prepare and make available on its website, by XXX [September] [October] a non-paper based on Parties submissions that should capture convergence, divergence and options where appropriate, should not prejudice or create something new, should aim at the identification of options based on Parties' views, where appropriate, without omitting or prejudging Parties' views on matters discussed under this agenda item;

(c) Requested the secretariat to organize, under the guidance of the APA Co-Chairs, a pre-session round table, open to Parties and observer States only, to take place on 3 November 2017 to facilitate work under this agenda item. There will be no outcome paper prepared from the round table.

10. With respect to agenda item 4, the APA invited Parties to submit, by XX [August][September] 2017, their views regarding the possible elements and structure contained in the informal note on this agenda item prepared by the co-facilitators at this session.

11. With respect to agenda item 5, the APA:

(a) Invited Parties to submit, by XX [August][September] 2017, their views regarding the possible "headings and sub-headings" contained in the annex to the informal note on this agenda item prepared by the co-facilitators at this session. In submitting their views, Parties are also invited to elaborate, as appropriate, the specific operational details under the possible headings and sub-headings;

⁷ FCCC/APA/2016/2, paragraph 21.

⁸ The notes prepared by the co-facilitators attempt to informally capture the views expressed by some Parties to date on the respective agenda items and they do not necessarily reflect the views of all Parties. The notes are not intended to prejudice further work that Parties may wish to undertake or to prevent Parties from expressing other views they may have in the future. The views presented in the notes are not in any order of importance and they do not signify any consensus among Parties or imply the basis for any future negotiations.

⁹ Available at http://unfccc.int/meetings/bonn_may_2017/in-session/items/10277.php.

¹⁰ <http://unfccc.int/5900>

(b) Requested the secretariat to organize, under the guidance of the APA Co-Chairs, a pre-session round table, open to Parties and observer States only, to take place on 3 and 4 November 2017 to facilitate work under this agenda item, with the principal focus on transparency with respect to adaptation (on 3 November) and transparency with respect to support (on 4 November), on the basis of the views from Parties referred to in subparagraph a) above and Parties' relevant earlier submissions. Within this two-day round table, the other issues under the transparency framework will also be addressed. The APA requested its Co-Chairs to prepare, under their own responsibility, an informal note reflecting the views expressed at the round table, and to make that note available to Parties as soon as possible thereafter.

12. With respect to agenda item 6, the APA:

(a) Requested the secretariat to organize, under the guidance of the APA Co-Chairs, a pre-session round table, open to Parties and observer States only, to take place on 5 November 2017 to facilitate work under this agenda item. The APA requested its Co-Chairs to prepare, under their own responsibility, an informal note reflecting the views expressed at the round table, and to make that note available to Parties as soon as possible thereafter.

(b) Requested the secretariat to prepare, by 1 October 2017, an information note on experiences and lessons learned from the 2013-2015 review.

13. With respect to agenda item 7, the APA:

(a) Invited Parties to submit, by XX [August][September] 2017, their views regarding [issues contained in the informal note on this agenda item prepared by the co-facilitators at this session] [*list of specific issues to focus the submissions*];

(b) Requested the secretariat to organize, under the guidance of the APA Co-Chairs, a pre-session round table, open to Parties and observer States only, to take place on 4 November 2017 to facilitate work under this agenda item. The APA requested its Co-Chairs to prepare, under their own responsibility, an informal note reflecting the views expressed at the round table, and to make that note available to Parties as soon as possible thereafter.

14. With respect to agenda item 8, the APA took note of the views of Parties on possible matters relating to the implementation of the Paris Agreement, and:

(a) [*Adaptation Fund*] Requested the secretariat to compile and make available on its website a list of all previous decisions that have been taken on the Adaptation Fund that are relevant to the mandated work of the APA on this matter;

(b) [*Other matters under agenda item 8*] Agreed to bring the following possible additional matters to the attention of the COP, at its 23rd session, for its consideration and guidance:

(i) Progress and procedural steps to enable the forum on the implementation of response measures to serve the Paris Agreement further to decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 33 and 34;

(ii) Procedural steps for the preparation of the draft decision on the modalities for the recognition of adaptation efforts of developing country Parties under Article 7, paragraph 3, and decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 41, for consideration and adoption by CMA 1;

(iii) Guidance by the CMA to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism (the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Global Environment Fund (GEF)) under Article 9, paragraph 8, and decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 58 and 61, and guidance to the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) in accordance with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 58, On these matters, the APA noted that the CMA, at the third part of its first session, may wish to request the SCF to prepare draft guidance to the operating entities of the financial mechanism, the LDCF, and the SCCF for its consideration and adoption at its second session.

15. The APA invited Parties to raise the matter noted in paragraph 14(b)(i) above during the negotiations of the related issue by the SBSTA and SBI, without prejudice to the clear intent of the Parties to have the forum serve the Paris Agreement as mandated by decision 1/CP.21.

16. The APA agreed to close its consideration of the matters referred to in paragraph 14 above, and to continue its consideration of the remaining three possible additional matters contained in the informal note of the Co-Chairs at its fourth resumed session.¹¹

17. The APA invited Parties to submit, by XXX [August][September] their views on how to progress work in the period after the fourth resumed session of the APA (November 2017) in a coherent, balanced and coordinated manner, bearing in mind the related matters being considered by the SBI and the SBSTA.

18. The APA reiterated its earlier invitation¹² to Parties and admitted observer organizations to provide information, views and proposals on any work of the APA before each of its sessions.

19. The APA noted the intention of the APA Co-Chairs to release a reflections note to provide an overview of the outcomes of this session and suggest options for the way forward, based on the views and ideas that Parties put forward at, and expressed through their submissions for, this session. The note will aim to advance the work of the APA, without prejudice to any options or proposals that Parties may put forward in the future.

20. The APA took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat pursuant to the provisions contained in paragraphs X, X and X above.

21. The APA requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

Annex. Pre-sessional workshops under the APA.

1. The figure below illustrates the organization of the pre-sessional workshops referred to in these conclusions.

	Venue / room 1	Venue / room 2
Day 1 (Friday, 3 Nov.)	- workshop on item 3 (mitigation aspects)	- workshop on item 5 / adaptation and other matters
Day 2 (Saturday, 4 Nov.)	- workshop on item 7 (implementation/compliance)	- workshop on item 5 / support and other matters
Day 3 (Sunday, 5 Nov.)	- workshop on item 6 (global stocktake)	

¹¹ See Informal Note dated 15 May 2017 [insert link]

¹² FCCC/APA/2016/2, paragraph 23.