

Ad-hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA)

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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

Informal Note by the Co-Facilitators - First iteration

Reflections of the Co-Facilitators on the discussion in the informal consultations

Note: This informal note is our attempt to informally capture the views expressed by Parties on this agenda item to date. The note has been prepared under our own responsibility and thus has no formal status. The content of the note is not intended to prejudge further work that Parties may want to undertake nor does it in any way prevent Parties from expressing other views they may have in future.

Summary of discussion to date

Our work here in Bonn began with a pre-session workshop on Saturday 6 May. At the workshop Parties discussed all themes identified in Marrakech, namely purpose, elements, linkages, vehicle, and flexibilities, and, based on views expressed by Parties in the morning, focused discussions in small groups on purpose and elements in the afternoon.

The group has so far met twice for informal consultations at this session. The first informal consultation, held on Wednesday 10 May at 10-11 am, focused on the general approach to this session, as well as on reflections from the workshop.

In terms of the plan of work for the session, it was agreed that we will cover all the themes in the course of the session, and that progress will be reflected in informal co-facilitators notes and APA conclusions, as needed.

With regard to the workshop, Parties expressed their appreciation for the workshop, and indicated that this may be a useful mode of work for other issues going forward. We distributed to Parties, for their reference, a table which summarizes all the outputs of the small group discussion on purpose and elements at the workshop. This table was also sent via email to delegates and posted on the APA item 4 webpage, and it is contained in the annex to this informal note.

At the second meeting, held on 11 May at 10-11 am, Parties focused on consideration of the purpose. Some Parties came up with a proposal to group similar purposes in the workshop table under a number of clusters. Other Parties outlined which purposes they consider most important, indicating that internal group discussions on other purposes are still ongoing. Parties agreed to continue working in their groups to prepare for more focused discussion on purposes together with elements tomorrow.

The ideas expressed on purpose so far indicate that there is a lot of common ground. We are convinced that if the right formulation is found, Parties can identify a draft purpose statement that can be refined further.

Moving towards capturing progress at APA 1.3

This is the first iteration of our informal note. In accordance with the guidance from the APA Co-Chairs, in preparing further iterations of this note over the course of this session, we will seek further input from Parties to allow us to capture progress. Content to be added in further iterations could take the form of skeleton outlines or chapter headings, supplemented with textual proposals where possible, in order to meet the Co-Chairs' stated goals for this session.

Annex – table distributed at informal consultations on 10 May 2017, 10-11 am

Compiled outputs on Purpose and Elements of small groups at the APA workshop on item 4, 6 May 2017

P = Purpose, E = Element

Group	1	2	3	5	6	7	8-9-10
P1	Provide priorities, implementation and support needs, plans and actions (7.10 PA)	Enhance the profile/visibility	Enhance the implementation of adaptation actions toward achievement GGA	Provide information to measure progress (operationalize) towards the GGA including as input of to the GST and other relevant processes.	Support the achievement of the GGA, as stated in 7.1	Enhance profile & visibility & balance with mitigation	Identify needs, vulnerabilities, and recognize efforts (backward)
E1	Impacts, vulnerabilities and risks (short- and long-term)	national circumstances including impacts and vulnerability	National circumstances, including impacts, vulnerabilities, and risks	Adaptation implementation and support needs	IMPLEMENTATION AND SUPPORT NEEDS – support Mol: F-TT-CB (discussion on support received by developing and provided by developed countries)	Adaptation efforts, concrete information, success stories, lessons learned	List of past adaptation actions
E2	Priorities, plans and actions, and programmes and strategies	Information each country needs to communicate to enhance the profile	Priorities, plans, actions, programmes, and strategies	Vulnerability and risk assessments	Adaptation capacity/ resilience challenge-DRR / vulnerability / context of the temp scenario	Monitoring and evaluation of actions and support	Vulnerability and needs assessments
E3	Implementation and support needs and adaptation needs		Support and adaptation need	Progress in implementation of adaptation actions	Impacts, vulnerability, risk assessments (temp scenario)	Vulnerabilities, impacts and adaptation strategies	Lessons learnt, good practices and knowledge
E4			M&E on adaptation actions, processes		Progress in implementation of adaptation efforts		

			used and findings				
E5			Indicative level of support to be provided				
P2	Provide input for the GST so that to address the requirements embedded in 7.14 PA	Enhance progress/ catalyze adaptation actions and support	Facilitate cooperation and support for implementation on adaptation actions	Recognize adaptation efforts in order to raise the profile and visibility of adaptation and encourage ambitious adaptation action, with the view to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing/ catalyzing adaptation action, support, MOI • Achieving parity between mitigation and adaptation 	7.10: Communicate: priorities, implementation and support needs, plans and actions, without creating any additional burden for developing country Parties.	Identify and communicate priorities and support needs (Article 7.10)	Identify objectives and plans
E1	Indicative level and adequacy of support provided	Priorities, implementation needs, plans and actions.	Support and adaptation needs	Adaptation priorities, plans, programmes (how they advance sustainable national development strategies)	Priorities, plans and actions	Adaptation needs and costs	Adaptation plans (including costs)
E2	M&E of adaptation, process used and findings	Progress in terms of adaptation results	Priorities, plans, programme and strategies	Indicative level of support for adaptation	Impacts, vulnerability, risk assessments (temp scenario)	Impact analysis, vulnerability, risk assessment, planning process	National circumstances (development priorities)
E3	Adaptation efforts for their recognition, progress in implementation of adaptation efforts and clear reflection of inputs and outputs progression	Support required	Indicative level of support to be provided	Policy frameworks and institutional arrangements	M&E	Adequacy of actions and support	

E4					National circumstances		
					IMPLEMENTATION AND SUPPORT NEEDS – support Mol: F-TT-CB		
P3	Raise the profile of adaptation	Understand adaptation as a long term learning process/GGA/ collaborative dimension		Facilitating sharing of knowledge, lesson learnt, best practices etc.	Enhance profile and visibility of adaptation and recognition of adaptation efforts.	Recognize actions and efforts (past, present and future)	Enhance cooperation and support (considering the 3 means of implementation)
E1	Through the GST, based on the "information loop" (see the purpose no. 2 above: element 3	Contribution to GGA		M&E of adaptation (outputs and outcomes of M&E process	Good practices	Monitoring and evaluation of actions and support	Regional and global cooperation (policy and institutional arrangements)
E2	provides input to the GST in a manner that enable the GST to constantly improve the clarity of reflection with respect to progression in inputs and outputs)	Adaptation efforts (for their recognition)		MOI	Adaptation efforts, (implemented adaptation measures and strategies)	Success stories, lessons learned from adaptation efforts	Domestic resources (public and private)
E3		M&E and its findings		Progress in implementation of adaptation actions	Impacts, vulnerability, risk assessments (temp scenario	Upscaling efforts and good practices	Requirement for international resources (under the principle that implementation will not be additional burden for developing nations)
E4					IMPLEMENTATION		

					AND SUPPORT NEEDS – support Mol: F-TT- CB.		
Other infor- ma- tion			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhancing profile of adaptation: outcome - Recognition of adaptation efforts by developing countries - Link to transp. framework - Link to GST 				