
President's Informal Ministerial Stocktaking Plenary

**Opening and closing remarks by H.E. Mr. Abdullah Bin Hamad Al-Attiyah, COP 18/CMP 8
President**

7 December 2012, 18:00

Welcome to the informal ministerial stocktaking plenary. I hope you have had a productive few hours of work since we last met.

This informal plenary meeting is part of the process for ministers and heads of delegation to be engaged in completing the package of Doha outcomes. I have heard calls for me to work in an exclusive ministerial setting. I have heard calls for me to work with a small group of friends. Smaller groups could in the short term seem more effective, but in the long run I know how important it is to have full participation.

May I repeat that I am committed to an open, transparent and fully inclusive process here in Doha. I very much appreciate that so many distinguished Ministers have travelled to Doha. Your guidance and your leadership are critical at this point. May I call upon each one of you to lend your full support to the negotiations that are being led by colleague Ministers. I urge all ministers who want to be engaged in finding the solutions to do so. We need you.

This stocktaking will be very short. Consulting Ministers will inform you of progress. We must then make space for the completion of the negotiations tonight. I will say more about next steps after we have heard the reports from the Ministers.

Since our last meeting, the AWG-LCA has closed. I have heard that the majority of Parties' request to have Ministerial consultations on a limited set of critical concerns under the AWG-LCA. Therefore, I have now identified two Ministers who will assist me in consulting on these

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issues which require immediate attention before the outcome of the AWG-LCA is presented to the COP for adoption.

I have invited His Excellency Mr. Vivian Balakrishnan of Singapore and His Excellency Mr. Peter Altmaier of Germany to assist with ministerial outreach on issues in consultation with the AWG-LCA Chair and myself. I am confident that through these Ministerial consultations, we will find common ground. I support the work of Minister Molewa and encourage other Ministers to come and support you so that you can have a speedy conclusion of this item as it relates to the most disadvantaged of populations. The conference needs to give a strong signal that it cares.

I am encouraged by the work completed by the ministers and Co-Chairs. I prefer not to take statements as this will delay further work. I would ask the consulting Ministers to complete their work and report to another Ministerial stocktaking here in this room later tonight.

Colleagues, where are we now? The SBs are closed, the AWG-KP is closed, and the AWG-LCA is closed. My expectation is that the ADP will close in the next hour. All AWGs will then have sent their products to the CMP or the COP. I am pleased to inform you that all items under the COP and CMP except for those under Ministerial outreach have already been concluded with draft conclusions and decision texts ready for adoption. I would like to propose that as soon as the ADP closes we open the COP and CMP meetings to adopt those conclusions and decisions that you have already agreed to, so that we can already advance the work under the COP and the CMP while the Ministerial outreach process intensifies.

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Ambition and balance are the two keys to our success. There needs to be ambition and balance within each of the negotiating streams. To meet this challenge, I look to the consulting ministers. There also needs to be ambition and balance across the streams. To meet this challenge I look to the collective wisdom of all Ministers and heads of delegation.

As you now work inside each of the work streams, I invite you to also consider the progress we are making toward ambition and balance across the streams and to come to the next high-level stock taking Ministerial plenary tonight ready to give me your sense of the ambition and balance across the streams. You can be confident that I also want ambition and balance across the streams and will work with you toward that end.

May I say once more, I am committed to openness and transparency. In this setting we have all seen the full picture and we are on our way to adopting the Doha Climate Gateway.

We have no time left. We must now resolve the few outstanding issues remaining, and close our business this evening. I thank you all very much for your support and I urge all Parties to make the final push to deliver success in Doha. This brings us to the end of our meeting.