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## **Record of the facilitative sharing of views during the forty-fifth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation: Argentina**

**Note by the secretariat**

### **I. Background and mandate**

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP) decided by decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 63, to conduct under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) international consultation and analysis (ICA) of biennial update reports (BURs) from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) in a manner that is non-intrusive, non-punitive and respectful of national sovereignty. This process aims to increase transparency of the mitigation actions and their effects reported by non-Annex I Parties.
2. The COP, by decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 56, adopted the modalities and guidelines for international consultation and analysis contained in annex IV to the same decision (hereinafter referred to as the ICA modalities and guidelines). The COP further decided that the first round of ICA would be conducted for developing country Parties commencing within six months of the submission of the first round of BURs by developing country Parties.<sup>1</sup>
3. According to the ICA modalities and guidelines, the ICA process consists of two steps: a technical analysis of the BURs of non-Annex I Parties by a team of technical experts, resulting in a summary report for each Party; and a facilitative sharing of views, with BURs and summary reports serving as an input.<sup>2</sup>
4. Pursuant to the ICA modalities and guidelines, the SBI convened on 10 November 2016 in Marrakech, Morocco, at SBI 45, the second workshop for the facilitative sharing of views, open to all Parties, for the seven non-Annex I Parties, including Argentina, for which there was a BUR and a final summary report by 30 September 2016.<sup>3</sup> Interested Parties were able to submit written questions in advance. As a result, Argentina received 23 written questions in advance from the following Parties: European Union, Germany, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Switzerland and United States of America.
5. The workshop, chaired by the SBI Chair, Mr. Tomasz Chruszczow, comprised two three-hour sessions.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 58(a).

<sup>2</sup> Decision 2/CP.17, annex IV, paragraph 3.

<sup>3</sup> The BURs and the summary reports are available at <http://unfccc.int/8722.php> and <http://unfccc.int/10054.php>, respectively.

6. This record of the facilitative sharing of views for Argentina summarizes the proceedings and together with the summary report on the technical analysis of its BUR<sup>4</sup> constitutes the outcome of the first round of ICA for Argentina.

## II. Summary of proceedings

7. At this workshop for the facilitative sharing of views, Argentina made a brief presentation on its BUR, focused on the institutional framework and arrangements for the preparation of the BUR and national communications, including the preparation of greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories and the implementation of mitigation actions, and on work towards the implementation of the Paris Agreement. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

8. In its presentation Argentina provided an overview of its national circumstances, institutional arrangements, and inventory of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of all GHGs not controlled by the Montreal Protocol. Argentina presented the total GHG emissions in 2012, estimated using the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* (hereinafter referred to as the 2006 IPCC Guidelines), as 338.922 kt carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub> eq), excluding emissions and removals from the land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) sector. Emissions from the individual sectors were: 199.422 kt CO<sub>2</sub> eq from the energy sector; 88.699 kt CO<sub>2</sub> eq from the agriculture sector; 82.107 kt CO<sub>2</sub> eq from the LULUCF sector; 14.537 kt CO<sub>2</sub> eq from the industrial processes and product use sector; and 13.746 kt CO<sub>2</sub> eq from the waste sector. Argentina also presented a comparison of the 2012 GHG inventory estimated using the *Revised 1996 Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* (presented in the first BUR) and the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (used for the second BUR, which was not yet submitted at this time). In its presentation, Argentina provided a detailed description of the National Cabinet for Climate Change, which was created to address climate change by thematic areas and through round tables (e.g. adaptation, agriculture, education, energy, finance, production, transport and waste). According to the Party, the national determined contribution was revised, taking into account the results from the activities implemented by the cabinet, and the second BUR would be submitted in December 2016. Mitigation actions were also presented and Argentina highlighted strategic planning for the development of a domestic measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) system and capacity-building within the ministries responsible for the preparation of reports mandated by the UNFCCC.

9. Over the course of the presentation, Argentina addressed written questions submitted to it in advance through the secretariat by interested Parties.

10. Following the presentation, the following Parties made interventions commending Argentina for its efforts and asked for further clarification: China, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland and United States of America. The questions were mainly focused on the following areas: the impact of mitigation actions and the assessment of the implementation of those actions; institutional arrangements for MRV; and experiences with and lessons learned from using higher tiers in the preparation of GHG inventories.

11. The full details of the presentation and of the subsequent interventions are available in the webcast of this workshop.<sup>5</sup>

12. In closing the workshop, the SBI Chair congratulated Argentina for successfully undergoing the facilitative sharing of views and completing the first round of its ICA process. He thanked Argentina and all other participating Parties for engaging in the workshop in a truly facilitative manner. He also thanked the secretariat for its support.

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<sup>4</sup> FCCC/SBI/ICA/2016/TASR.1/ARG.

<sup>5</sup> <http://unfccc.cloud.streamworld.de/webcast/sbi-facilitative-sharing-of-views-part-1>.