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The item was held in abeyance at COP 16, and in accordance with rule 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, it will be considered at COP 17. Detailed annotations can be found in paragraphs 55–57 below.

II. Proposed organization of the sessions: overview²

- 1. A welcoming ceremony will be held on the morning of Monday, 28 November 2011 to mark the opening of the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Durban.
- 2. The President of the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its sixteenth session will open COP 17. The COP will take up item 1 of the provisional agenda, as well as some procedural matters under item 2, including the election of the President of COP 17, the adoption of the agenda and the organization of work. Statements are not envisaged, except those on behalf of groups. The COP will refer items of its agenda to the subsidiary bodies as appropriate. The opening meeting will then be adjourned.
- 3. The seventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) will then be opened. The CMP will take up item 1 of its provisional agenda, as well as some procedural matters under item 2, including the adoption of the agenda and the organization of work. Statements are not envisaged, except those on behalf of groups. The CMP will refer items of its agenda to the subsidiary bodies as appropriate. The opening meeting will then be adjourned.
- 4. The following sessions of the subsidiary bodies have been scheduled in conjunction with COP 17 and CMP 7:
 - (a) Thirty-fifth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI);
- (b) Thirty-fifth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA);
- (c) Fourth part of its sixteenth session or the seventeenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP);³
- (d) Fourth part of its fourteenth session or the fifteenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA).⁴
- 5. Given that six bodies will be meeting during the sessional period, meeting time will be very limited, especially for contact groups. To maximize the time available for negotiations, the presiding officers, in consultation with the Parties, may propose time-saving measures and approaches to expedite work. Such proposals will be based on these consultations, and on relevant submissions and statements made during plenary meetings, and take into account any previous negotiations and/or conclusions.
- 6. Further information regarding the arrangements for COP 17 and CMP 7 may be provided in an addendum to this document.
- 7. The COP and the CMP will convene in plenary meetings during the first week to take up the items on their agendas that are not to be referred to the subsidiary bodies.

² As the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) will be held during the same sessional period, this overview addresses both meetings. For ease of reference for Parties and observers, the text of this overview is also contained in the annotations to the provisional agenda for CMP 7 (FCCC/KP/CMP/2011/1). Further details may be made available via the UNFCCC website.

Decision on the suspension or conclusion of the sixteenth session of the AWG-KP will be taken by the AWG-KP during the third part of the sixteenth session of the AWG-KP.

Decision on the suspension or conclusion of the fourteenth session of the AWG-LCA will be taken by the AWG-LCA during the third part of the fourteenth session of the AWG-LCA.

- 8. The inauguration of the high-level segment will take place in the afternoon of Tuesday, 6 December. Ministers and other heads of delegation will be invited to deliver national statements to joint meetings of the COP and the CMP on 7–8 December. The high-level segment will continue until Friday, 9 December. Based on experience at previous sessions, a joint COP and CMP meeting is envisaged for statements from observer organizations. Separate meetings of the COP and the CMP will be held on Friday, 9 December to adopt decisions and conclusions emerging from the current sessions.
- 9. In keeping with the conclusions adopted by the SBI at its thirty-second session,⁵ all meetings are scheduled to end at 6 p.m., particularly to give Parties and regional groups sufficient time to prepare for daily meetings, but may, in exceptional circumstances, and on a case-by-case basis, continue for two to three hours.
- 10. At its thirty-fourth session, the SBI also recalled its conclusions⁶ recommending that the secretariat, in organizing future sessional periods, follow the practice of holding no more than two meetings of plenary and/or contact groups concurrently, with the total number of meetings held concurrently, including informals, not exceeding six, to the extent possible.

III. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session

11. COP 17 will be opened by the President of COP 16, Ms. Patricia Espinosa Cantellano, Secretary of Foreign Affairs for Mexico.

2. Organizational matters

(a) <u>Election of the President of the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth session</u>

12. *Background*: The President of COP 16 will call for the election of Ms. Maite Nkoana-Mashabane, Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa, as the President of COP 17. Ms. Nkoana-Mashabane was nominated by the African Group, in accordance with the rotation of the Presidency among regional groups. She will also serve as President of CMP 7.

(b) Adoption of the rules of procedure

- 13. *Background*: At COP 16, Parties decided that, as at previous sessions, the draft rules of procedure should continue to be applied, with exception of draft rule 42. At that session, the President announced that she would undertake consultations with Parties during the intersessional period and report to COP 17 in the event of any new developments.
- 14. *Action*: The COP may wish to decide to continue applying the draft rules of procedure and invite the President of COP 17 to undertake consultations to try to achieve adoption of the rules.

FCCC/CP/1996/2	Organizational matters: adoption of the rules of
	procedure. Note by the secretariat

⁵ FCCC/SBI/2010/10, paragraph 165.

⁶ FCCC/SBI/2011/7, paragraph 167.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

- 15. *Background*: The secretariat, in agreement with the President of COP 16, has drafted the provisional agenda for COP 17, taking into account views expressed by the Parties, the Bureau and items proposed by Parties to be included on the provisional agenda.
- 16. Action: The COP will be invited to adopt its agenda.

FCCC/CP/2011/1	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the
	Executive Secretary

(d) Election of officers other than the President

- 17. *Background*: At the request of the President of COP 16, consultations on nominations to the Bureau of COP 17 and CMP 7 were initiated at the thirty-fourth sessions of the subsidiary bodies with regional group coordinators. If necessary, further consultations will be held during the session. Parties are invited to recall decision 36/CP.7 and to give active consideration to the nomination of women for elective posts in any body established under the Convention.
- 18. *Action*: The COP will be invited to elect the members of the Bureau of COP 17 and CMP 7 at the earliest opportunity following completion of consultations.

(e) Admission of organizations as observers

- 19. *Background*: The COP will have before it document FCCC/CP/2011/2 containing the list of organizations seeking admission as observers, following review and consideration by the Bureau.⁷
- 20. Action: The COP will be invited to consider the list and admit the organizations as observers.

FCCC/CP/2011/2	Admission of observers: organizations applying for
	admission as observers. Note by the secretariat

(f) Organization of work, including the sessions of the subsidiary bodies

21. *Action*: The COP will be invited to agree upon the organization of the work of the session, including the proposed schedule of meetings (see paras. 1–10 above).

FCCC/CP/2011/1	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary
FCCC/SBSTA/2011/3	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary
FCCC/SBI/2011/8	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary
FCCC/AWGLCA/2011/X ⁸	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary

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⁷ Under decision 36/CMP.1, a single process will be used for the admission of observer organizations to sessions of the COP and the CMP, with decisions on admission of observer organizations being taken by the COP.

⁸ See paragraph 4(d) above.

(g) Dates and venues of future sessions

- 22. *Background*: At COP 17, a decision will be required on the date and venue of COP 18, which will be held in conjunction with CMP 8 (26 November to 7 December 2012). In keeping with the rotation among regional groups, the President of COP 18 would come from the Asian Group. The SBI, at its thirty-fourth session, noted the ongoing consultations with regard to hosting COP 18 and CMP 8.9
- 23. Regarding other future sessional periods, in keeping with the principle of rotation among regional groups, the President of COP 19 and CMP 9 will come from the Eastern European Group.
- 24. The SBI, at the same session, also recommended the dates of future sessional periods for adoption by the COP at its seventeenth session as follows:¹⁰
 - Wednesday, 4 June to Sunday, 15 June, and Wednesday, 3 December to Sunday, 14 December, for the sessional periods in 2014;
 - Wednesday, 3 June to Sunday, 14 June, and Wednesday, 2 December, to Sunday, 13 December, for the sessional periods in 2015;
 - Wednesday, 18 May to Sunday, 29 May, and Wednesday, 30 November to Sunday, 11 December, for the sessional periods in 2016.
- 25. Action: The COP, at its seventeenth session, will need to decide on the host country for its eighteenth session. The COP will be invited to adopt a decision on the dates and venues of future sessions, including the venue of COP 18 and CMP 8. The COP may also consider any offers made to host COP 19 and CMP 9, and to take action as appropriate.

(h) Adoption of the report on credentials

- 26. Background: According to rule 19 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, the credentials of representatives of Parties, as well as the names of alternate representatives and advisers, shall be submitted to the secretariat not later than 24 hours after the opening of the session. Any later change in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the secretariat. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization. The Bureau will examine the credentials and submit its report on credentials for adoption by the COP (see rule 20 of the draft rules of procedure). Representatives shall be entitled to participate provisionally in the session, pending a decision by the COP to accept their credentials (see rule 21 of the draft rules of procedure). Only Parties with valid credentials would be able to participate in the adoption of a protocol or another legal instrument. The COP will have before it for adoption the report on credentials to be submitted by the Bureau.
- 27. *Action*: The COP will be invited to adopt the report on credentials of the representatives of Parties attending COP 17. Representatives may participate provisionally, pending this action.

⁹ FCCC/SBI/2011/7, paragraph 163.

¹⁰ FCCC/SBI/2011/7, paragraph 165.

3. Reports of the subsidiary bodies

(a) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

- 28. The COP will be invited to take note of the report of the SBSTA on its thirty-fourth session. The Chair of the SBSTA will also report back to the COP on the thirty-fifth session of the SBSTA.
- 29. The report by the Chair of the SBSTA on the thirty-fifth session of the SBSTA will include any recommendations of draft decisions or conclusions for adoption by the COP at its seventeenth session arising from the work conducted by the SBSTA based on the agendas adopted at the thirty-fourth (FCCC/SBSTA/2011/2) and thirty-fifth sessions of the SBSTA (FCCC/SBSTA/2011/3).
- 30. The report by the Chair of the SBSTA will address matters, inter alia, related to issues that have been mandated for consideration at COP 17.

FCCC/SBSTA/2011/2	Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and
	Technological Advice on its thirty-fourth session, held in
	Bonn from 6 to 16 June 2011

(b) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

- 31. The COP will be invited to take note of the report of the SBI on its thirty-fourth session. The Chair of the SBI will also report back to the COP on the thirty-fifth session of the SBI.
- 32. The report by the Chair of the SBI on the thirty-fifth session of the SBI will include any recommendations of draft decisions or conclusions for adoption by the COP at its seventeenth session arising from the work conducted by the SBI based on the agendas adopted at the thirty-fourth (FCCC/SBI/2011/7) and thirty-fifth sessions of the SBI (FCCC/SBI/2011/8).
- 33. The report by the Chair of the SBI will address matters, inter alia, related to issues that have been mandated for consideration at COP 17.

FCCC/SBI/2011/7 and	Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on its
Add.1	thirty-fourth session, held in Bonn from 6 to 17 June 2011

4. Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention

- 34. *Background*: The COP, at its thirteenth session, established the AWG-LCA to conduct a comprehensive process to enable the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention through long-term cooperative action, now, up to and beyond 2012, in order to reach an agreed outcome and adopt a decision at its fifteenth session.¹¹
- 35. At its sixteenth session, the COP requested the AWG-LCA to continue its work, drawing on the documents under its consideration, with a view to carrying out the undertakings contained in that decision and present the results to the COP for consideration at its seventeenth session.¹²

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Decision 1/CP.13 (Bali Action Plan), paragraphs 1–2. At its fifteenth session, the COP decided to extend the mandate of the AWG-LCA to enable it to continue its work with a view to presenting the outcome of its work to the COP for adoption at its sixteenth session (decision 1/CP.15, para. 1).

¹² Decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 143 and 144.

- 36. Throughout 2011, the AWG-LCA advanced its work on a comprehensive and balanced outcome to be presented to COP 17 for adoption, pursuant to the results of the thirteenth and sixteenth sessions of the COP and recognizing that the work of the AWG-LCA includes both implementation tasks and issues that are still to be concluded (item 3 of the agenda of the AWG-LCA at its fourteenth session, with respective sub-items).¹³
- 37. The report on the work of the AWG-LCA in 2011 is listed below. The AWG-LCA will meet again in Durban, South Africa, in conjunction with COP 17, and will present the results of its work to the COP for consideration.
- 38. *Action*: The COP will be invited to consider the results of the work of the AWG-LCA referred to in paragraph 35 above for adoption.

FCCC/CP/2010/7/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its sixteenth session, held in Cancun from 29 November to 10 December 2010. Addendum. Part Two: Action taken by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth session
FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/18	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on its thirteenth session, held in Cancun from 29 November to 10 December 2010
FCCC/AWGLCA/2011/9	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on the first and second parts of its fourteenth session, held in Bangkok from 5 to 8 April 2011, and Bonn, from 7 to 17 June 2011

5. Consideration of proposals by Parties under Article 17 of the Convention

- 39. *Background*: Article 17 of the Convention contains procedures for the adoption of protocols to the Convention. Article 17, paragraph 1, states that "The Conference of the Parties may, at any ordinary session, adopt protocols to the Convention." Article 17, paragraph 2, stipulates that "The text of any proposed protocol shall be communicated to the Parties by the secretariat at least six months before such a session."
- 40. In accordance with Article 17, Parties have submitted six proposals. Five proposals were submitted in 2009 and were communicated to Parties and signatories to the Convention by 6 June 2009 and, for information, to the Depositary on 25 June 2009. One proposal was submitted in 2010 and communicated to Parties and signatories to the Convention on 28 May 2010 and, for information, to the Depositary on 17 June 2010.
- 41. COP 16 considered the six proposals and agreed to include this item on the provisional agenda for COP 17, pursuant to rules 10(c) and 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied. In addition, by its decision 1/CP.16, the COP requested the AWG-LCA to continue discussing legal options with the aim of completing an agreed outcome based on decision 1/CP.13 (Bali Action Plan), the work done at the sixteenth session of the COP and proposals made by Parties under Article 17 of the Convention.¹⁴

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Adopted at the first part of the fourteenth session of the AWG-LCA held from 3 to 8 April 2011 in Bangkok, Thailand (see FCCC/AWGLCA/2011/9, para. 13).

¹⁴ FCCC/CP/2010/7/Add. 1, paragraph 145.

42. *Action*: The COP will be invited to consider the proposals listed below and take any action it deems appropriate.

FCCC/CP/2009/3	Draft protocol to the Convention prepared by the Government of Japan for adoption at the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/CP/2009/4	Draft protocol to the Convention presented by the Government of Tuvalu under Article 17 of the Convention. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/CP/2009/5	Draft protocol to the Convention prepared by the Government of Australia for adoption at the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/CP/2009/6	Draft protocol to the Convention prepared by the Government of Costa Rica to be adopted at the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/CP/2009/7	Draft implementing agreement under the Convention prepared by the Government of the United States of America for adoption at the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/CP/2010/3	Proposed protocol to the Convention submitted by Grenada for adoption at the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat

6. Consideration of proposals by Parties for amendments to the Convention under its Articles 15 and 16

- 43. *Background*: The procedures for amending the Convention and its annexes are contained in its Articles 15 and 16. Article 15, paragraph 1, provides that "Any Party may propose amendments to the Convention." Article 15, paragraph 2, states that "Amendments to the Convention shall be adopted at an ordinary session of the Conference of the Parties. The text of any proposed amendment to the Convention shall be communicated to the Parties by the secretariat at least six months before the meeting at which it is proposed for adoption. The secretariat shall also communicate proposed amendments to the signatories to the Convention and, for information, to the Depositary."
- 44. Article 16, paragraph 2, provides that "Annexes to the Convention shall be proposed and adopted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article 15, paragraphs 2, 3 and 4." Article 16, paragraph 4, of the Convention stipulates that "The proposal, adoption and entry into force of amendments to annexes to the Convention shall be subject to the same procedure as that for the proposal, adoption and entry into force of annexes to the Convention in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 above."
- 45. In accordance with Article 15, two proposals for amendments to the Convention were submitted and communicated by the secretariat to Parties and signatories to the Convention. By a letter dated 24 May 2011, the Russian Federation transmitted to the secretariat the text of a proposal for an amendment to Article 4, paragraph 2(f), of the Convention. Consequently, the secretariat communicated this proposal to all national focal points for climate change and permanent missions to the United Nations by a note verbale

- on 3 June 2011. By a letter dated 26 May 2011, Papua New Guinea and Mexico transmitted to the secretariat the text of a proposal for amendments to Articles 7 and 18 of the Convention. Consequently, the secretariat communicated this proposal to all national focal points for climate change and permanent missions to the United Nations by a note verbale on 30 May 2011.
- 46. In accordance with Articles 15 and 16, one proposal for an amendment to Annex I to the Convention was submitted and communicated by the secretariat to Parties and signatories to the Convention. By a letter dated 18 May 2011, Cyprus and the European Union submitted a proposal to amend Annex I to the Convention with a view to adding the name of Cyprus to that annex as of 1 January 2013, or on a later date. Consequently, the secretariat transmitted this proposal to all national focal points for climate change and permanent missions to the United Nations by a note verbale on 3 June 2011.
- 47. The text of each of the proposals was sent, for information, to the Depositary on 22 June 2011.
- 48. *Action*: The COP will be invited to consider the proposals and take any action it deems appropriate.

FCCC/CP/2011/5	Proposal from the Russian Federation to amend Article 4, paragraph 2(f), of the Convention. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/CP/2011/4	Proposal from Papua New Guinea and Mexico to amend Articles 7 and 18 of the Convention. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/CP/2011/3	Proposal from Cyprus and the European Union to amend Annex I to the Convention. Note by the secretariat

7. Technology Executive Committee – modalities and procedures

- 49. *Background*: The COP, by its decision 1/CP.16, decided to establish a Technology Mechanism, comprising a Technology Executive Committee (TEC) and a Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN). 15
- 50. By the same decision, the COP decided that the TEC shall convene its first meeting as soon as practicable following the election of its members and shall elaborate its modalities and procedures taking into account the need to achieve coherence and maintain interactions with other relevant institutional arrangements under and outside of the Convention, for consideration by the COP at its seventeenth session.¹⁶
- 51. Action: The COP will be invited to consider the report of the Technology Executive Committee below and to adopt a decision on the modalities and procedures of the Technology Executive Committee including taking any further action it deems appropriate.

FCCC/CP/2011/8	Report on modalities and procedures of the Technology
	Executive Committee

¹⁵ Decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 117.

¹⁶ Decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 125.

8. Green Climate Fund – report of the Transitional Committee

- 52. *Background*: The COP at its sixteenth session decided that the Green Climate Fund shall be designed by a Transitional Committee in accordance with the terms of reference contained in appendix III of decision 1/CP.16.
- 53. At the same session, the COP decided that the Transitional Committee shall develop and recommend to the COP, for its approval at its seventeenth session, operational documents that address, inter alia, issues outlined in the terms of reference contained in appendix III of decision 1/CP.16.
- 54. *Action*: The COP will be invited to consider the report of the Transitional Committee for the design of the Green Climate Fund, including its recommendations, and to take a decision as it deems appropriate.

ĺ	FCCC/CP/2011/6	Report of the Transitional Committee for the design of the
		Green Climate Fund. Note by the co-chairs of the
		Transitional Committee

9. Second review of the adequacy of Article 4, paragraph 2(a) and (b), of the Convention

- 55. Background: Article 4, paragraph 2(d), of the Convention provides that a second review of the adequacy of Article 4, paragraph 2(a) and (b), shall take place not later than 31 December 1998. At COP 4, the President informed the Parties that it had proved impossible to reach any agreed conclusions or decisions on this matter. During the consideration of the provisional agenda for COP 5, the Group of 77 and China proposed amending the item to read "Review of the adequacy of implementation of Article 4, paragraph 2(a) and (b), of the Convention". There was no agreement on this, and the COP adopted the agenda of that session with the item held in abeyance. At subsequent sessions of the COP, with the exception of COP 15,¹⁷ the item was included on the provisional agenda of the COP with a footnote reflecting the amendment proposed by the Group of 77 and China at COP 5. At these previous sessions, the agenda was adopted with the item held in abeyance, and the President undertook consultations on the matter and reported back to the Parties on the outcome of his consultations.
- 56. The item was held in abeyance at COP 16, and in accordance with rule 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, it will be considered at COP 17.
- 57. *Action*: The COP will be invited to consider this agenda item and take any action it deems appropriate.

10. Review of implementation of commitments and of other provisions of the Convention

- (a) Financial mechanism of the Convention
- (i) Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility
 - 58. *Background*: See the SBI 35 provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBI/2011/3).

¹⁷ At its fifteenth session the Conference of the Parties, on a proposal by the President, decided to defer consideration of this item to its sixteenth session (see FCCC/CP/2008/7, paragraphs 9–10).

59. *Action*: The COP will be invited to refer this sub-item to the SBI for its consideration and for recommendation of draft decisions or conclusions for adoption by the COP at its seventeenth session.

FCCC/CP/2011/7	Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/CP/2011/MISC.1	Views and recommendations on elements to be taken into account in developing guidance to the Global Environment Facility. Submissions from Parties

(b) National communications

(i) National communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

- 60. *Background*: See the SBI 35 provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBI/2011/8).
- 61. *Action*: The COP will be invited to refer this sub-item to the SBI for its consideration and for recommendation of draft decisions or conclusions for adoption by the COP at its seventeenth session.

(ii) National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

- 62. *Background*: See the SBI 35 provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBI/2011/8).
- 63. *Action*: The COP will be invited to refer this sub-item to the SBI for its consideration and for recommendation of draft decisions or conclusions for adoption by the COP at its seventeenth session.

(c) Development and transfer of technologies

- 64. *Background*: See the SBSTA 35 provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBSTA/2011/3) and the SBI 35 provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBI/2011/8).
- 65. *Action*: The COP will be invited to refer this sub-item to the SBSTA and the SBI for their consideration and for recommendation of draft decisions or conclusions for adoption by the COP at its seventeenth session.

FCCC/SB/2011/2	Report on activities and performance of the Technology
	Executive Committee for 2011

(d) Capacity-building under the Convention

- 66. *Background*: See the SBI 35 provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBI/2011/8).
- 67. *Action*: The COP will be invited to refer this sub-item to the SBI for its consideration and for recommendation of draft decisions or conclusions for adoption by the COP at its seventeenth session.
- (e) Implementation of Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention
- (i) <u>Implementation of the Buenos Aires programme of work on adaptation and response</u> measures (decision 1/CP.10)

- 68. *Background*: See the SBSTA 35 provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBSTA/2011/3) and the SBI 35 provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBI/2011/8).
- 69. Action: The COP will be invited to refer this sub-item to the SBSTA and the SBI for their consideration. The SBSTA, pursuant to decision 1/CP.10, paragraph 23, will address issues relating to the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change. The SBI will address other aspects of the implementation of decision 1/CP.10, relating to the adverse impacts of climate change and the impacts of the implementation of response measures.

(ii) Matters relating to the least developed countries

- 70. *Background*: See the SBI 35 provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBI/2011/8).
- 71. *Action*: The COP will be invited to refer this sub-item to the SBI for its consideration and for recommendation of draft decisions or conclusions for adoption by the COP at its seventeenth session.

(f) Other matters referred to the Conference of the Parties by the subsidiary bodies

- 72. *Background*: Any other matters concerning the Convention referred by the subsidiary bodies to the COP may be taken up under this item, including draft decisions and conclusions completed at the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions of the SBSTA and the SBI.
- 73. *Action*: The COP will be invited to adopt draft decisions or conclusions pertaining to the Convention forwarded by the SBSTA or the SBI at their thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions.

11. Accelerated access to critical mitigation and adaptation technologies and related intellectual property rights

- 74. *Background*: A proposal was received from India to include this item in the provisional agenda of the COP at its seventeenth session. Background information relating to the proposal has been provided by India and can be found in document FCCC/CP/2011/INF.2.
- 75. *Action*: The COP will be invited to consider this item and take any action it deems appropriate.

FCCC/CP/2011/INF.2	Proposals by India for inclusion of additional agenda
	items in the provisional agenda of the seventeenth
	session of the Conference of the Parties. Note by the
	secretariat

12. Equitable access to sustainable development

- 76. *Background*: A proposal was received from India to include this item in the provisional agenda of the COP at its seventeenth session. Background information relating to the proposal has been provided by India and can be found in document FCCC/CP/2011/INF.2.
- 77. *Action*: The COP will be invited to consider this item and take any action it deems appropriate.

FCCC/CP/2011/INF.2	Proposals by India for inclusion of additional agenda items in the provisional agenda of the seventeenth
	session of the Conference of the Parties. Note by the
	secretariat

13. Unilateral trade measures

- 78. *Background*: A proposal was received from India to include this item in the provisional agenda of the COP at its seventeenth session. Background information relating to the proposal has been provided by India and can be found in document FCCC/CP/2011/INF.2.
- 79. *Action*: The COP will be invited to consider this item and take any action it deems appropriate.

FCCC/CP/2011/INF.2	Proposals by India for inclusion of additional agenda
	items in the provisional agenda of the seventeenth
	session of the Conference of the Parties. Note by the
	secretariat

14. Administrative, financial and institutional matters:

(a) Budget performance for the biennium 2010–2011

- 80. *Background*: See the SBI 35 provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBI/2011/8).
- 81. *Action*: The COP will be invited to refer this sub-item to the SBI for its consideration and for recommendation of draft decisions or conclusions for adoption by the COP at its seventeenth session.

(b) Programme budget for the biennium 2012–2013

- 82. *Background*: The SBI, at its thirty-fourth session, recommended a draft decision on this issue for adoption by the COP at its seventeenth session (FCCC/SBI/2011/7/Add.1).
- 83. *Action*: The COP will be invited to adopt the recommended draft decision mentioned in paragraph 82 above.

15. High-level segment

- 84. The inauguration of the high-level segment will take place in the afternoon of Tuesday, 6 December 2011. National statements will be heard in joint meetings of the COP and the CMP during the high-level segment on 7–8 December. The high-level segment will continue until Friday, 9 December 2011.
- 85. The SBI, at its thirty-fourth session, agreed that arrangements be made for the delivery of concise national statements by ministers and other heads of delegation, with a recommended time limit of three minutes, and also concise statements by representatives of intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, with a recommended time limit of two minutes, in the joint meetings of the COP and the CMP during the high-level segment. Statements on behalf of groups, where the other members of the group do

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 $^{^{18}}$ Statements may also be made by other high-level representatives.

¹⁹ FCCC/SBI/2011/7, paragraph 159.

not speak, are strongly encouraged and additional time will be provided for these. The full texts of the official statements will be circulated in plenary if sufficient numbers of copies are provided to the secretariat in the course of the session. Statements will also be posted on the UNFCCC website if a scanned copy is provided to the secretariat in the course of the session.

- 86. The list of speakers will be open from Wednesday, 28 September to Friday, 11 November 2011.²⁰ Information about the list, including a registration form, will be included in the notification to Parties for the sessions.
- 87. Further information on the high-level segment may be made available in an addendum to this document after consideration by the Bureau and the host Government of COP 17 and CMP 7.

16. Statements by observer organizations

88. Representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations will be invited to address the joint meeting of the COP and the CMP during the high-level segment. Further information will be made available.

17. Other matters

89. Any other matters for the attention of the COP will be taken up under this item.

18. Conclusion of the session

- (a) Adoption of the report of the Conference of the Parties on its seventeenth session
 - 90. *Background*: A draft report on the work of the session will be prepared for adoption by the COP at the end of the session.
 - 91. Action: The COP will be invited to adopt the draft report and authorize the Rapporteur to complete the report after the session under the guidance of the President and with the assistance of the secretariat.

(b) Closure of the session

92. The President will declare the session closed.

Enquiries regarding this list may be directed to the Office of External Relations at the UNFCCC secretariat by telephone (+49 228 815 1611 or 1506), fax (+49 228 815 1999) or e-mail <sessions@unfccc.int>.

Annex

Documents before the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth session

Documents prepared for the session

FCCC/CP/2011/1 Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary FCCC/CP/2011/2 Admission of observers: organizations applying for admission as observers. Note by the secretariat FCCC/CP/2011/3 Proposal from Cyprus and the European Union to amend Annex I to the Convention. Note by the secretariat. FCCC/CP/2011/4 Proposal from Papua New Guinea and Mexico to amend Articles 7 and 18 of the Convention. Note by the secretariat FCCC/CP/2011/5 Proposal from the Russian Federation to amend Article 4, paragraph 2(f), of the Convention. Note by the secretariat FCCC/CP/2011/6 Report of the Transitional Committee for the design of the Green Climate Fund. Note by the co-chairs of the Transitional Committee FCCC/CP/2011/7 Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat FCCC/CP/2011/8 Report on modalities and procedures of the Technology **Executive Committee** FCCC/CP/2011/INF.1 Submissions on information from developed country Parties on the resources provided to fulfil the commitment referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 95. Note by the secretariat FCCC/CP/2011/INF.2 Proposals by India for inclusion of additional agenda items in the provisional agenda of the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat FCCC/CP/2011/MISC.1 Views and recommendations on elements to be taken into

Other documents before the session

FCCC/CP/1996/2

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FCCC/CP/2009/3	Draft protocol to the Convention prepared by the Government of Japan for adoption at the fifteenth session
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account in developing guidance to the Global Environment Facility. Submissions from Parties

Organizational matters: adoption of the rules of

FCCC/CP/2009/4 Draft protocol to the Convention presented by the Government of Tuvalu under Article 17 of the

	Convention. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/CP/2009/5	Draft protocol to the Convention prepared by the Government of Australia for adoption at the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/CP/2009/6	Draft protocol to the Convention prepared by the Government of Costa Rica to be adopted at the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/CP/2009/7	Draft implementing agreement under the Convention prepared by the Government of the United States of America for adoption at the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/CP/2010/7/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its sixteenth session, held in Cancun from 29 November to 10 December 2010. Addendum. Part Two: Action taken by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth session
FCCC/CP/2010/3	Proposed protocol to the Convention submitted by Grenada for adoption at the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/SB/2011/2	Report on activities and performance of the Technology Executive Committee for 2011
FCCC/SBSTA/2011/2	Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice on its thirty-fourth session, held in Bonn from 6 to 16 June 2011
FCCC/SBSTA/2011/3	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary
FCCC/SBI/2011/7 and Add.1	Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on its thirty-fourth session, held in Bonn from 6 to 17 June 2011
FCCC/SBI/2011/8	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary
FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/18	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on its thirteenth session, held in Cancun from 29 November to 10 December 2010
FCCC/AWGLCA/2011/9	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on the first and second parts of its fourteenth session, held in Bangkok from 5 to 8 April 2011, and Bonn from 7 to 17 June 2011
FCCC/AWGLCA/2011/X	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary