



Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action

First session

Bonn, 17–24 May 2012

Item 2(b) of the provisional agenda

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II. Background

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP), by decision 1/CP.17, launched a process to develop a protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force under the Convention applicable to all Parties through the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) established by the same decision.¹
2. The COP further decided that the ADP should start its work as a matter of urgency in the first half of 2012 and should complete its work as early as possible but no later than 2015 in order for the COP to adopt this protocol, legal instrument or agreed outcome with

¹ Decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 2.

legal force at its twenty-first session and for it to come into effect and be implemented from 2020.²

3. The COP also decided to launch a workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition and to explore options for a range of actions that can close the ambition gap with a view to ensuring the highest possible mitigation efforts by all Parties.³

III. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session

4. The first session of the ADP will be opened by the President of COP 17, Ms. Maite Nkoana-Mashabane, or by a nominee designated by the President.

2. Organizational matters

(a) Election of officers

5. *Background:* Pursuant to rule 27, paragraph 5, of the draft rules of procedure being applied,⁴ the Chair of any subsidiary body other than the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) shall be elected by that subsidiary body from among the representatives of the Parties present at the session, unless the COP decides otherwise. Rule 27, paragraph 6, also provides that each subsidiary body shall elect its own Vice-Chair and Rapporteur. Rule 27, paragraph 5, further provides that the Chair, Vice-Chair and Rapporteur shall be elected with due regard for the principle of equitable geographical representation and shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms of one year. 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 or its Kyoto Protocol.

6. *Action:* The ADP will be invited to elect its Chair, Vice-Chair and Rapporteur.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

7. The provisional agenda for the session will be presented for adoption.

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(c) Organization of the work of the session

8. *Background:* The first session of the ADP will be held in conjunction with the thirty-sixth sessions of the SBI and the SBSTA.

9. At the opening plenary, Parties will have the opportunity to make statements, starting with statements on behalf of groups of Parties. Delegations are requested to keep their oral statements as brief as possible and to provide a hard copy to the conference officers in advance to facilitate the work of the interpreters.

10. Delegates are also invited to refer to the overview of the session and the in-session Daily Programme posted on the UNFCCC website for a detailed and up-to-date schedule of the work of the ADP.

² Decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 4.

³ Decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 7.

⁴ FCCC/CP/1996/2.

11. The first session of the ADP will be organized in accordance with the recommendations made by the SBI at its thirty-second and thirty-fourth sessions.⁵

12. *Action:* The ADP will be invited to agree on the organization of the work of the session.

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3. Planning of work in accordance with decision 1/CP.17

13. *Background:* The COP, by decision 1/CP.17, decided that the ADP shall plan its work in the first half of 2012, including, inter alia, on mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, transparency of action and support, and capacity-building, drawing upon submissions from Parties and relevant technical, social and economic information and expertise.⁶

14. *Action:* The ADP will be invited to plan its work, drawing upon submissions from Parties, as contained in the document listed below, and relevant technical, social and economic information and expertise.

<i>FCCC/ADP/2012/MISC.3</i>	<i>Views on a workplan for the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action. Submissions from Parties</i>
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4. Workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition

15. *Background:* The COP, by decision 1/CP.17, noted with grave concern the significant gap between the aggregate effect of the mitigation pledges of Parties in terms of global annual emissions of greenhouse gases by 2020 and aggregate emission pathways consistent with having a likely chance of holding the increase in global average temperature below 2 °C or 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels. The COP decided to launch a workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition to identify and explore options for a range of actions that can close the ambition gap with a view to ensuring the highest possible mitigation efforts by all Parties.⁷

16. By the same decision, the COP requested Parties and observer organizations to submit, by 28 February 2012, their views on options and ways for further increasing the level of ambition.⁸

17. The COP further decided to hold an in-session workshop at the first negotiating session in 2012 to consider options and ways for increasing ambition and possible further actions.⁹

18. *Action:* The ADP is invited to consider options and ways for increasing ambition and possible actions in the context of the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition, taking into consideration the documents listed below as well as deliberations at the above-mentioned workshop.

⁵ FCCC/SBI/2010/10, paragraphs 164 and 165, and FCCC/SBI/2011/7, paragraph 167.

⁶ Decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 5.

⁷ Decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 7.

⁸ Decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 8.

⁹ As footnote 8 above. An information note on the workshop has been made available on the UNFCCC website at <http://unfccc.int/meetings/bonn_may_2012/workshop/6663.php>.

<i>FCCC/ADP/2012/MISC.1</i>	<i>Views on options and ways for further increasing the level of ambition. Submissions from Parties</i>
<i>FCCC/ADP/2012/MISC.2</i>	<i>Views on options and ways for further increasing the level of ambition. Submissions from intergovernmental organizations</i>

5. Other matters

19. Any other matters arising during the session will be taken up under this item.

6. Report on the session

20. *Background:* A draft report on the work of the session will be prepared for adoption by the ADP.

21. *Action:* The ADP will be invited to adopt the draft report and authorize the Rapporteur to complete the report, under the guidance of the Chair and with the assistance of the secretariat.

Annex

Documents prepared for the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action at its first session

Documents prepared for the session

FCCC/ADP/2012/1	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary
FCCC/ADP/2012/MISC.1	Views on options and ways for further increasing the level of ambition. Submissions from Parties
FCCC/ADP/2012/MISC.2	Views on options and ways for further increasing the level of ambition. Submissions from intergovernmental organizations
FCCC/ADP/2012/MISC.3	Views on a workplan for the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action. Submissions from Parties

Other documents before the session

FCCC/CP/2011/9 and Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its seventeenth session, held in Durban from 28 November to 11 December 2011
FCCC/CP/1996/2	Organizational matters. Adoption of the rules of procedure. Note by the secretariat
