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**Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement**

**First session**

**Bonn, 16–26 May 2016**

Item 2(b) of the provisional agenda

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## II. Background

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP), at its twenty-first session, adopted decision 1/CP.21, titled “Adoption of the Paris Agreement”, which contains the work programme to take forward the Paris Agreement as well as provisions to strengthen action on mitigation and adaptation in the pre-2020 period. The COP decided that it would oversee the implementation of the work programme resulting from the relevant requests contained in the same decision,<sup>1</sup> which will be carried out by the subsidiary and constituted bodies under the Convention. The COP established the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA)<sup>2</sup> to take forward certain elements of the above-mentioned work programme.

2. The COP decided that the APA shall hold its sessions starting in 2016 in conjunction with the sessions of the Convention subsidiary bodies and shall prepare draft decisions to be recommended through the COP to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) for consideration and adoption at its first session.<sup>3</sup> The COP also decided that the APA shall prepare for the entry into force of the Paris Agreement and for the convening of CMA 1.<sup>4</sup>

3. The COP requested the APA to report regularly to the COP on the progress of its work and to complete its work by CMA 1.<sup>5</sup>

## III. Annotations to the provisional agenda

### 1. Opening of the session

4. APA 1 will be opened by the President of COP 21, Ms. Ségolène Royal, or by a nominee designated by the President.

### 2. Organizational matters

#### (a) Election of officers

5. *Background:* The COP established the APA<sup>6</sup> under the same arrangement, mutatis mutandis, as those concerning the election of officers to the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action.<sup>7</sup> On 22 January 2016 the secretariat issued a communication to Parties inviting Parties to submit, through the Coordinators of the Annex I Parties constituency and the Coordinator of the non-Annex I Parties constituency, as applicable, nominations for the Co-Chairs and Rapporteur of the Bureau of the APA by 29 March 2016.<sup>8</sup> As at 7 April 2016, no nominations had been received by the secretariat.

6. *Action:* The APA will be invited to elect its Co-Chairs and Rapporteur.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 9.

<sup>2</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 7.

<sup>3</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 11.

<sup>4</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 8.

<sup>5</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 10.

<sup>6</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 7.

<sup>7</sup> Decision 2/CP.18, paragraph 2; see also <<http://unfccc.int/6558>>.

<sup>8</sup> <[http://unfccc.int/files/parties\\_and\\_observers/notifications/application/pdf/information\\_to\\_parties\\_elections\\_bureau\\_apa\\_cop21\\_cmp11.pdf](http://unfccc.int/files/parties_and_observers/notifications/application/pdf/information_to_parties_elections_bureau_apa_cop21_cmp11.pdf)>.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

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

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<i>Further information</i>	<i>&lt;www.unfccc.int/9400&gt;</i>

(c) Organization of the work of the session

8. The APA will be invited to consider the organization of its work on matters assigned to the APA by the COP.

9. Parties will have the opportunity to make statements, starting with statements on behalf of groups of Parties, and to post statements on the UNFCCC website. Delegations are requested to keep their oral statements as brief as possible, within the limit of three minutes for groups of Parties and two minutes for individual Parties.

10. Detailed information on the work of the session will be posted on the APA 1 web page.<sup>9</sup> Delegates are invited to refer to the overview schedule<sup>10</sup> and the in-session Daily Programme and to regularly consult the closed-circuit television screens for an up-to-date schedule of the work of the APA. In order to maximize negotiation time and ensure timely closure of the session, the presiding officers will propose, in consultation with Parties and in a transparent manner, time-saving approaches to the organization and scheduling of meetings during the session, taking into account previous relevant Subsidiary Body for Implementation conclusions.<sup>11</sup>

### 3. Further guidance relating to nationally determined contributions referred to in Article 4 of the Paris Agreement

11. *Background:* Article 4 of the Paris Agreement requires each Party to prepare, communicate and maintain successive nationally determined contributions (NDCs) that it intends to achieve, as well as to pursue domestic mitigation measures with the aim of achieving the objectives of such contributions.<sup>12</sup>

12. CMA 1 will consider common time frames for NDCs. The CMA will also adopt guidance on the adjustment by a Party, at any time, of its existing nationally determined contribution with a view to enhancing its level of ambition.<sup>13</sup>

13. COP 21 requested the APA:<sup>14</sup>

(a) To develop further guidance on features of the NDCs;

(b) To develop further guidance for the information to be provided by Parties in order to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding of NDCs;

<sup>9</sup> <www.unfccc.int/9400>.

<sup>10</sup> Available at <www.unfccc.int/9413>.

<sup>11</sup> FCCC/SBI/2014/8, paragraphs 218–221.

<sup>12</sup> Article 4, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement.

<sup>13</sup> Article 4, paragraphs 10 and 11, of the Paris Agreement.

<sup>14</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 26, 28 and 31. See also Article 4, paragraph 13, of the Paris Agreement.

(c) To elaborate, drawing from approaches established under the Convention and its related legal instruments as appropriate, guidance for accounting for Parties' NDCs.

14. The COP requested the APA to develop the guidance referred to in paragraph 13 above for consideration and adoption at CMA 1.<sup>15</sup>

15. *Action:* The APA will be invited to initiate the work referred to in paragraph 13 above.

#### **4. Modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement**

16. *Background:* Article 13 of the Paris Agreement established the transparency framework for action and support. COP 21 established a Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency<sup>16</sup> and provided guidance relating to the transparency of action and support under the Paris Agreement.<sup>17</sup> Building on experience from the arrangements related to transparency under the Convention, and elaborating on the provisions in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, CMA 1 is to adopt common modalities, procedures and guidelines, as appropriate, for the transparency of action and support.<sup>18</sup>

17. The COP requested the APA to develop recommendations for modalities, procedures and guidelines in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 13, of the Paris Agreement, and to define the year of their first and subsequent review and update, as appropriate, at regular intervals, for consideration at COP 24, with a view to forwarding them to CMA 1 for consideration and adoption.<sup>19</sup> The COP also requested the APA to report on the progress of work on these modalities, procedures and guidelines to future sessions of the COP, and that this work is concluded no later than 2018.<sup>20</sup>

18. *Action:* The APA will be invited to initiate the work referred to in paragraph 17 above.

#### **5. Matters relating to the global stocktake referred to in Article 14 of the Paris Agreement**

19. *Background:* Article 14, paragraph 1, of the Paris Agreement, requires the CMA to periodically take stock of the implementation of the Paris Agreement to assess the collective progress towards achieving its purpose and its long-term goals (the “global stocktake”), in a comprehensive and facilitative manner, considering mitigation, adaptation and the means of implementation and support, and in the light of equity and the best available science. The CMA is to undertake the first global stocktake in 2023 and subsequent global stocktakes every five years thereafter unless otherwise decided by the CMA.<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 26, 28 and 31.

<sup>16</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 84–88.

<sup>17</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 89–98.

<sup>18</sup> Article 13, paragraph 13 of the Paris Agreement.

<sup>19</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 91.

<sup>20</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 96.

<sup>21</sup> Article 14, paragraph 2 of the Paris Agreement.

20. The COP requested the APA to identify the sources of input for the global stocktake, to develop its modalities and to report to the COP with a view to the COP making a recommendation to CMA 1 for consideration and adoption.<sup>22</sup>

21. The COP also requested the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to provide advice on how the assessments of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change can inform the global stocktake and to report on this matter to APA 2.<sup>23</sup>

22. *Action:* The APA will be invited to initiate the work referred to in paragraph 20 above.

## **6. Modalities and procedures for the effective operation of the mechanism to facilitate implementation and promote compliance referred to in Article 15 of the Paris Agreement**

23. *Background:* Article 15, paragraph 1, of the Paris Agreement establishes a mechanism to facilitate implementation of and promote compliance with the provisions of the Agreement. Paragraph 2 of the same Article provides that the mechanism will consist of a committee, that, in accordance with paragraph 3 of the same Article, will operate under the modalities and procedures adopted at CMA 1.

24. The COP requested the APA<sup>24</sup> to develop the modalities and procedures for the effective operation of the committee referred to in paragraph 23 above with a view to the APA completing its work on such modalities and procedures for consideration and adoption at CMA 1.

25. *Action:* The APA will be invited to initiate the work referred to in paragraph 24 above.

## **7. Preparing for the entry into force of the Paris Agreement and for the convening of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement**

26. *Background.* The COP decided that the APA shall prepare for the entry into force of the Paris Agreement and for the convening of CMA 1. The COP also decided to oversee the implementation of the work programme resulting from the relevant requests contained in decision 1/CP.21, to be carried out by the subsidiary and constituted bodies under the Convention.<sup>25</sup>

27. *Action.* The APA will be invited to identify any necessary action related to the preparations referred to in paragraph 26 above, including on any relevant legal, process and administration matters.

## **8. Other matters**

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

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<sup>22</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 99 and 101.

<sup>23</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 100.

<sup>24</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 103.

<sup>25</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 8 and 9.

**9. Closure of and report on the session**

29. After the draft report on the session is presented to the APA for consideration and adoption, the Co-Chairs will declare the session closed.

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