



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

**Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement on the fourth part of its first session, held in Bonn from 7 to 18 November 2017**

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## **I. Opening of the session**

(Agenda item 1)

1. The fourth part of the first session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA) was held at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Bonn, Germany, from 7 to 18 November 2017.
2. The Co-Chairs of the APA, Ms. Sarah Baashan (Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention) and Ms. Jo Tyndall (Parties included in Annex I to the Convention), opened the resumed session on Tuesday, 7 November, and welcomed all Parties and observers. The Co-Chairs also welcomed Ms. Anna Serzysko (Parties included in Annex I to the Convention) as Rapporteur.

## **II. Organizational matters**

(Agenda item 2)

### **A. Election of officers**

(Agenda sub-item 2(a))

3. The APA considered this agenda sub-item at its 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 7 November. The Co-Chairs recalled rule 27, paragraph 5, of the draft rules of procedure being applied, whereby the APA was expected to elect its Bureau.
4. At that meeting, the Vice-President of the Conference of the Parties (COP), Mr. Helmut Hojesky, recalled that at APA 1.3 it was agreed to elect, at the opening of APA 1.4, Ms. Baashan and Ms. Tyndall as the APA Co-Chairs.<sup>1</sup> Upon the proposal of Mr. Hojesky, the APA elected Ms. Baashan and Ms. Tyndall as Co-Chairs for a second consecutive term of one year.
5. At the same meeting, the APA noted that the consultations on the nominations for Rapporteur were ongoing.
6. At its resumed 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 18 November, the APA elected Ms. Serzysko as Rapporteur for a second consecutive term of one year.

### **B. Adoption of the agenda**

(Agenda sub-item 2(b))

7. The APA adopted the agenda for its first session at its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, on 20 May 2016.<sup>2</sup>
8. It agreed to continue working at the session in accordance with the agenda adopted at APA 1.1 and amended at APA 1.2.<sup>3</sup>

### **C. Organization of the work of the session**

(Agenda sub-item 2(c))

9. The APA considered this agenda sub-item at its 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.
10. It agreed to continue to apply at the session the modalities for the organization of its work that were adopted at APA 1.1.<sup>4</sup> Consequently, a contact group was set up to consider

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/APA/2017/2, paragraphs 4–6.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/APA/2016/2, paragraph 9.

<sup>3</sup> Following the entry into force of the Paris Agreement on 4 November 2016, APA 1.2 agreed that no further work was required under the agenda sub-item “Preparing for the entry into force of the Paris Agreement”. Further, the APA agreed to consider matters relating to the Adaptation Fund under agenda item 8(a), “Preparing for the convening of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement”.

<sup>4</sup> FCCC/APA/2016/2, paragraph 21.

agenda items 3–8 in a single setting and to launch informal consultations on the individual agenda items.

11. At the same meeting, statements were made by 17 Parties, including 13 on behalf of groups of Parties, namely: the African Group; the Alliance of Small Island States; the Arab Group; Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay; the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – Peoples’ Trade Treaty; the Coalition for Rainforest Nations; the Environmental Integrity Group; the European Union and its member States; the Group of 77 and China; the Independent Association for Latin America and the Caribbean; the least developed countries; the Like-minded Developing Countries; and the Umbrella Group. Statements were also made on behalf of environmental non-governmental organizations (NGOs), indigenous peoples organizations, trade union NGOs, women and gender NGOs, business and industry NGOs, local government and municipal authorities, and youth NGOs.

12. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the contact group referred to in paragraph 10 above, which took place immediately following the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the APA, the APA agreed that the informal consultations referred to in paragraph 10 above would be facilitated by the following co-facilitators:

(a) Agenda item 3: Mr. Sin Liang Cheah (Singapore) and Ms. Getraud Wollansky (Austria);

(b) Agenda item 4: Mr. Julio Cordano (Chile) and Ms. Beth Lavender (Canada);

(c) Agenda item 5: Mr. Xiang Gao (China) and Mr. Andrew Rakestraw (United States of America);

(d) Agenda item 6: Mr. Richard Muyungi (United Republic of Tanzania) and Ms. Outi Honkatukia (Finland);

(e) Agenda item 7: Ms. Janine Felson (Belize) and Mr. Peter Horne (Australia);

(f) Agenda item 8 (matters relating to the Adaptation Fund): Ms. Maria del Pilar Bueno (Argentina) and Mr. Pieter Terpstra (Netherlands);

(g) Agenda item 8 (other matters): Ms. Baashan (Saudi Arabia) and Ms. Tyndall (New Zealand).

13. Subsequently, this contact group met twice during the session to take stock of progress. At the second stocktaking meeting of the contact group, the presiding officers of the subsidiary bodies were invited to assess progress on matters relating to the Paris Agreement work programme (PAWP) jointly with the APA presiding officers. At its fourth meeting, the contact group considered the APA conclusions.

### **III. Report on agenda items 3 to 8**

(Agenda items 3–8)

#### **1. Proceedings**

14. The APA considered these agenda items at its 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 15 and 18 November, and adopted the conclusions below.

15. Statements were made by 11 Parties, including 10 on behalf of groups of Parties, namely: the Arab Group; Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay; the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – Peoples’ Trade Treaty; the Environmental Integrity Group; the European Union and its member States; the Group of 77 and China; the Independent Association for Latin America and the Caribbean; the least developed countries; the Like-minded Developing Countries; and the Umbrella Group.

16. In response to a Party’s enquiry, the APA Co-Chairs clarified that all the possible additional matters deliberated under agenda sub-item 8(a) at the session would continue to be deliberated under that agenda sub-item at APA 1.5 (April–May 2018).

## 2. Conclusions

17. Recalling decision 1/CP.22, paragraph 12, on the timeline for concluding the work programme under the Paris Agreement, the APA reaffirmed its commitment to working diligently and expeditiously to fulfil its mandate by COP 24 (December 2018).

18. The APA welcomed the more than 80 submissions received from Parties<sup>5</sup> and non-Party stakeholders<sup>6</sup> for the session and took note of:

(a) The documents prepared in advance of the session;<sup>7</sup>

(b) The pre-session round tables on agenda items 3–7 that took place between 4 and 6 November 2017.

19. The APA agreed that the documents and pre-session round tables referred to in paragraph 18 above helped to facilitate a better understanding of, and clarify Parties' views on, the respective agenda items and provided useful inputs to the negotiations under the APA.

20. The APA noted the progress made at the session as reflected in document FCCC/APA/2017/L.4/Add.1. At the same time, the APA noted that substantive progress in the deliberations under agenda items 3–8 needs to be accelerated to ensure all issues achieve a sufficient degree of maturity and detail to allow for the timely completion of the work by December 2018.

21. The APA reiterated its recognition of the need to progress on all items in a coherent and balanced manner and to ensure a coordinated approach to the consideration of matters relating to the PAWP by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the COP. To that end, the APA recommended that the President of the COP consider options for bringing together, under his own responsibility and without prejudice to the future work of the subsidiary bodies, the outcomes of the work of the APA, the SBI, the SBSTA and the COP on PAWP-related matters at the session.

22. The APA noted the intention of its Co-Chairs to issue, by early April 2018, a reflections note with an overview of the outcomes of the session and to suggest options for the way forward on the basis of the views and ideas that Parties put forward at the session and in their submissions for the session, including as reflected in the informal notes prepared at the session. The note will aim to advance the work of the APA without prejudging any options or proposals Parties may put forward in the future.

23. Recalling the APA's general call for submissions from Parties,<sup>8</sup> the APA noted that focused textual proposals would be most helpful in allowing Parties to focus on substance in their deliberations on the APA agenda items.

24. Recognizing the considerable amount of work required to fulfil its mandate by COP 24, the APA expressed its view that additional negotiating time in 2018 may be useful, depending on the progress being made and the feasibility of convening an additional session in a cost-effective manner while also allowing effective participation of experts from developing countries.

25. The APA reiterated its commitment to continuing to work in an inclusive, transparent, Party-driven and efficient manner. To that end, it agreed to continue to apply at APA 1.5 the modalities for the organization of its work that were adopted at APA 1.1.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Available at <http://unfccc.int/5900>.

<sup>6</sup> Available at <http://unfccc.int/7478>.

<sup>7</sup> FCCC/TP/2017/7, APA.2017.3.InformalNote, APA.2017.4.InformalNote and APA.2017.5.InformalNote.

<sup>8</sup> FCCC/APA/2016/2, paragraph 23.

<sup>9</sup> FCCC/APA/2016/2, paragraph 21.

**IV. Other matters**

(Agenda item 9)

26. The APA considered this agenda item at its 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. No other matters were raised or considered.

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

(Agenda item 10)

27. At its 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, the APA considered and adopted the draft report on the fourth part of its first session and authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report thereon with the assistance of the secretariat and under the guidance of the Co-Chairs.

28. At the same meeting, the APA decided to suspend the session and resume it in Bonn in April–May 2018 in conjunction with SBSTA 48 and SBI 48.

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