

Information on the second part of the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action

Note by the Co-Chairs

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I. Introduction

1. On 3 May 2013, the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) completed the first part of its second session. During the session, Parties identified practical actions that could be undertaken to bridge the ambition gap and provided details of the main contours and central elements of the 2015 agreement.
2. On 22 and 23 May 2013, we issued summaries of the round tables held during the first part of the second session of the ADP, and the facilitators of the workshop discussions issued summary reports on their workshops. We have also made available a summary of our special event for observer organizations.¹
3. Further, we issued an informal note on 22 May that provided our reflections on the status of the work of the ADP, including areas of perceived common ground, and identified possible areas where common ground could be further deepened and expanded and topics to further focus, as well as areas that may require further discussion with the objective of reaching common ground.²
4. Complementing those reflections, we seek to further assist delegates, through the present information note, in preparing for the upcoming second part of the second session of the ADP (June 2013) by sharing our ideas and proposals on how to organize the work of the ADP in the June session in order to continue facilitating a more focused mode of work. We have adjusted the approach to the session followed in April/May in light of useful suggestions by Parties on ways to maintain balance and to enhance focus.

II. Goals for the June session

5. As decided in Doha, the ADP is moving to a more focused mode of work. A goal for the April session was to engage in more specific and detailed work on the core elements of the 2015 agreement and a practical and results-orientated approach to increasing pre-2020 ambition. This goal was achieved. The ADP is ready to go further in deepening its focused work.

¹ The summaries are available at <<http://unfccc.int/7387>>.

² Reflections on the first part of the second session of the ADP, ADP.2013.8.InformalNote available at <<http://unfccc.int/7387>>

6. At the last round table meetings on 3 May, based on the fruitful exchange among Parties, we outlined perceived areas of common ground in both workstream 1 and workstream 2, which we included in our note of 22 May 2013. We hope that, in June, Parties will build on these by engaging on topics where differences can be bridged and where common ground can be further enlarged.
7. Since the next session of the ADP will be held in conjunction with the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties, to be held in November in Warsaw, Poland (COP 19), the June session also needs to provide a solid basis for work and possible decision-making at COP 19. Such a solid basis could comprise:
 - (a) For workstream 1, building on the areas of common ground identified during the first part of the second session, and further progress during its second part, a set of initial elements covering substantive areas of the 2015 agreement in order to facilitate movement towards textual work.
 - (b) For workstream 2, elements of a possible draft decision with a view to identifying further activities in 2014.

III. Organization of work

8. The second session of the ADP will resume for its second part in Bonn, Germany, on 4 June 2013, with a plenary meeting. This session will be held in conjunction with the thirty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the thirty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI).
9. In accordance with the conclusions of the ADP in Doha and to continue the work initiated in April, the organization of the work in the June session will include round tables and workshops. During the April session, we heard useful views and suggestions on potential improvements to the format of workshops in order to allow for a richer exchange of views among Parties, which we have attempted to implement to the best of our abilities. In this regard, we have made arrangements for the workshops to concentrate on inputs from Parties and the United Nations system, and to allow for sufficient time for the exchange of views among Parties. Owing to the intense and important work planned for the SBI and the SBSTA during the June session, we have limited the number of workshops under the ADP to one in each workstream.
10. We will also continue our efforts to keep delegates informed of the relevant work being undertaken by other bodies. For this purpose, we have made arrangements to hold several briefings on the relevant work of other bodies, in particular those under the Convention.
11. With regards to workstream 1 we have made arrangements for a round-table discussion on the variety of enhanced actions, including commitments, and how these could be stimulated and strengthened through international rules to ensure a robust 2015 agreement, and how actions will be supported through enhanced finance, technology and capacity-building support. We envisage this discussion to include, inter alia:
 - (a) A variety of enhanced actions under international rules guided by the principles of the Convention, exploring proposals for bottom-up and top-down elements, the

- notion of types of commitments and aspects of timing (for how long to commit; when to commit);
- (b) Transparency and accountability for delivery, exploring proposals for measuring, reporting and how to enable comparability of enhanced actions;
 - (c) Managing ambition in accordance with science and equity, exploring proposals for a possible process to consult, assess and adjust enhanced actions, in light of an assessment of the overall effect;
 - (d) Enablement and support for enhanced actions, exploring proposals for strengthening finance, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support for enhanced action.
12. The above round table will be complemented with a workshop on enhancing adaptation through the 2015 agreement, including ways to strengthen existing institutions, arrangements and support.
 13. As announced in the closing plenary on 3 May and as mentioned in our reflections note, we will also invite Parties to explore linkages with existing arrangements, including concrete ways on how the 2015 agreement will be linked with existing institutions and mechanisms and how it will build on the technical and methodological foundations of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol. This could be a broader discussion, which we envisage for the second week of the June session.
 14. Another aspect that parties may start considering as part of this broader context is the question of what should be the core content of the 2015 agreement and what could be additional functions/work required for its implementation, including the technical and methodological work that may need to be undertaken after 2015.
 15. For workstream 2 we have made arrangements to continue the round table on building a practical and results-oriented approach to increasing pre-2020 ambition. This discussion will be informed by a set of relevant briefings, including a briefing on the first version of the technical paper by the secretariat containing a compilation of information on the mitigation benefits of the actions, initiatives and options to enhance mitigation ambition identified in submissions from parties and accredited observer organizations. We would like to encourage Parties to give due consideration during the round-table discussions to the information compiled in the first version of the technical paper.
 16. This round table will be complemented with a workshop and briefings on energy transformation (including scaling up renewable energy, enhancing energy efficiency and the consideration of carbon capture and storage).
 17. The discussion will subsequently be continued by a round table on shifting investment patterns, attracting climate-friendly investments and enhancing finance, technology and capacity-building.
 18. As noted in the reflections note, the above work on a practical and results-oriented approach to increasing pre-2020 ambition under workstream 2 could be advanced through identifying concrete outcomes on:
 - (a) Catalysing action at the national level, including through new and/or enhanced pledges, and addressing barriers;

- (b) Enhanced finance, technology, and capacity-building enablement and support;
 - (c) Recognizing and strengthening international cooperative initiatives, including through enhanced interaction and visibility, the sharing of best practices, and stakeholder engagement;
 - (d) Building momentum and enhancing political engagement, including through the delivery of policy-relevant outputs, information-sharing and the systematization of technical knowledge.
19. As emphasised during the session in April and in our reflection note, enhanced finance, technology and capacity-building support is an essential and integral part of all these discussions and particular attention will be devoted thereto at the session in June, including through briefings on institutions under the Convention relevant to the provision of support for mitigation and adaptation action.
20. During the June session we would also like to invite Parties to consider further appropriate modalities for the organization of the ADP to advance our work. We have asked the secretariat to provide a space in our schedule to consider matters relevant to both workstreams, including possible additional meetings during 2014, specific requests to the secretariat to support the work of the ADP or how to best use the time between the June session and the Warsaw Conference in November. We will seek, bilaterally and collectively, guidance from Parties on this matter.
21. As has been our practice, we will again convene a special event to seek views from observers, and we will endeavour to continue virtual participation. As mentioned at the April/May session, the event is aimed to provide an opportunity for observers to present concrete ideas and proposals of how non-State actors further contribute to collective action on climate change and how such action could be enhanced and promoted. We will make available further information on the event on the UNFCCC website.
22. Lastly, in the reflection note we have encouraged Parties to join us in our efforts to enable the new Co-Chairs to rapidly begin their work after the end of the June session on the solid foundation laid already in order to achieve the desired results. We will seek your suggestions and guidance, during bilateral and collective discussions, as to how Parties would like us to proceed further in this matter during the June session.