

In-session submission by Saudi Arabia on behalf of Arab Group

Draft elements for APA agenda item 6

Matters relating to the global stocktake referred to in Article 14 of the Paris Agreement:

a) Identification of the sources of input for the global stocktake

b) Development of the modalities of the global stocktake

Informal note by the co - facilitators

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An in-session submission by Saudi Arabia on behalf of Arab Group on identification of the sources of input for the global stocktake and development of the modalities of the global stocktake (GST).

II. Modalities

The below model has been proposed and agreed upon last May session during APA 1-3.

Model 3: Simple design (Cooperative discourse)

Objective

- Take stock of the implementation of Paris Agreement to assess the collective progress towards achieving the purpose of this Agreement and its long-term goals.
- It shall do so 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.

Principles, linkages and context

Principles, linkages and context are part of modalities and the GST process:

- Equity
- Common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities (CBDR-RC)
- Context of sustainable development and poverty eradication
- Social and economic impact of response measures
- Comprehensiveness and linkage between actions and support
- Nationally determined and facilitative manner

- Positive and pragmatic
- Implementation-orientated
- Openness, transparency and Party-driven process

Features

- Simple design (Cooperative discourse), with neither phases nor work streams
- Conducted by the CMA and a simple design ending with information delivered and communicated to Parties
- Efficient design, pragmatic, cost-effective approach with the outcome agreed by Parties
- Collected sources of inputs with a process that is facilitative, Party-driven and Party-specific
- Conducted in a transparent manner and with full participation of Parties
- Level of participation, in particular in the exchange of views, should be determined by the Parties concerned
- Parties are to prepare and consider the information sources identified for the GST
- *Timing (duration):*
 - Short, in order to avoid undue burden on parties, and concise in order to ensure durability and resilience of the process.
 - Overall duration should be kept to minimum, not more than six months in total.

Characteristics of Outcome:

- Informative (will inform in a nationally determined manner) and include best practices, and positive communication
- Identifies gaps that exist between needs, action, and support; climate action-specific, and support that action
- Enhancement of international climate action
- Enhance implementation of adaptation action
- Review the effectiveness of adaptation action and support
- Review the overall progress made within the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication and economic diversification with an assessment of Parties resilience to the impact of response measures
- Identifying pre-2020 gaps
- Without a post-phase or action

The GST process will consist of:

Activity A - Information gathering and compilation

Activity B - Technical consideration;

Activity C - GST Final Statement by CMA– Outcome

Activity A - Information gathering and compilation

- **Aim:** is to gather and compile the information for GST
- **Timing and duration:**
 - For gathering information and compilation all submissions and other sources of input to be uploaded via UNFCCC website using a dedicated GST portal 1 to 2 months prior the CMA session.
 - Utilize UNFCCC website and a dedicated GST portal allowing Parties to upload their submissions, and upload IPCC reports, reports from SBs and other resources of input such as reports from the forum on response measures.
- **Compilation:**
 - The deadline for submission of information could be one month before the plenary of the relevant session of the CMA
 - The compilation of inputs to be undertaken by Secretariat
 - The secretariat to collate the input in a balanced manner

Activity B - Technical consideration

- **Aim:** is to assess the collective progress
- **Timing and duration:** Technical consideration of the compiled inputs to be carried out during COP/CMA session, i.e. in conjunction with the CMA of the year in which GST will be conducted.
- **Structure:** Activity B will comprise three thematic roundtables:
 1. Climate Action;
 2. Climate Support; and
 3. Impact of Climate Action, including impact of response measures
- **Practical arrangements:** These roundtables will be moderated by SBs Chairs and Co-Chairs.
- **Activity B output:** A summary report from the three thematic roundtables to be submitted to the CMA for consideration.
- **Participation:** the event will be open, inclusive, transparent and facilitative and will allow Parties to engage and discuss with experts from IPCC to assess the collective progress.

Activity C – Final Statement on GST - Outcome

- **Aim:** is to inform Parties in updating and enhancing in a nationally determined manner, their actions and support as well as in enhancing international cooperation for climate action
- **Timing and duration:** during the closing Plenary of CMA
- **Practical arrangements:** the GST will be closed by CMA Presidency during the high-level segment

- **Structure:** A final statement on the GST outcome by CMA Presidency during closing Plenary

III. Sources of input

- **Existing sources of input:**
 - (a) Information on:
 - (i) The overall effect of the nationally determined contributions communicated by Parties;
 - (ii) The state of adaptation efforts, support, experiences and priorities from the communications referred to in Article 7, paragraphs 10 and 11, of the Agreement, and reports referred to in Article 13, paragraph 8, of the Agreement
 - (iii) The mobilization and provision of support;
 - (b) The latest reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change;
 - (c) Reports of the subsidiary bodies.
- **Additional sources of input:**
 - Submissions from Parties
 - Reports from the forum on response measures
 - Information on social and economic impacts of response measures
 - Information on economic diversification
 - Information on sustainable development including SDGs