

Working document

[Section E - Adaptation and loss and damage]

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Main observations:

- The facilitated group on adaptation and loss and damage met today, 3 September, from 10 a.m to 11.30 a.m. Parties heard reports from the informal meetings (spin-off groups) on loss and damage and on the global goal on adaptation/long-term vision for adaptation/collective efforts. After the reports, the meeting was adjourned in order to allow groups of Parties time to coordinate.
- The facilitator of the informal meeting on loss and damage, Mr. Leon Charles, reported:
 - That all Parties engaged constructively throughout in distilling the options and that a frank and cooperative atmosphere characterized the deliberations. The informal group developed the following two bridging proposals to facilitate negotiations on loss and damage from here onward:
 1. A proposal by the G77 and China, which will contain provisions in the:
 - Draft Agreement on the establishment of a new mechanism to take over the operation of the Warsaw International Mechanism after 2020, which includes a climate change displacement coordination facility;
 - Draft Decisions:
 - To operationalize the institutions anchored in the Agreement;
 - On a clearing house for risk transfer schemes under the Warsaw International Mechanism;
 2. A proposal by the US/EU/Switzerland/Australia, which will contain COP provisions in a COP decision, including on, among others:
 - Recognizing the importance of loss and damage;
 - Recalling decisions 2/CP.19 and 2/CP.20;
 - A decision to continue implementing the Warsaw International Mechanism under the Convention;
 - Assurances of the permanence of the Warsaw International Mechanism and of responsiveness to the evolving concerns and needs of the most vulnerable countries;
 - That these two groups of Parties agreed to make their respective textual proposals available before the end of this session.
 - That, in response to a request made by a Party, the G77 and China will provide a working description of the proposed climate change displacement coordination facility before the ADP session in October, which will allow all Parties to further enhance their understanding of this important arrangement proposed to be established by the Paris Agreement.
- The Co-Facilitator, Ms. Andrea Guerrero, reported on behalf of the facilitator of the informal meeting on the global goal on adaptation/long-term vision for adaptation/collective efforts, Mr. Richard Muyungi, as follows:
 - Parties engaged in a detailed and focused discussion on the elements of the global goal and collective efforts. Some Parties outlined very clear and concise lists of elements, which provided a good basis for discussion and future drafting;

- Parties see these issues to be very much interconnected with individual efforts, institutions, support, and monitoring and evaluation. This makes it challenging to focus on drafting more concise text, but also provides an opportunity to understand the bigger picture;
 - Some Parties considered that having language on screen would make discussions more focused;
 - The Co-Facilitator summarized the meeting by reading out the elements on which there seemed to be convergence in the room:
 1. The long-term [global goal][vision] for adaptation is to reduce vulnerability to the adverse impacts of climate change, to increase adaptive capacity, to enhance resilience, and to protect people, ecosystems and livelihoods based on best available science;
 2. In order to achieve the long-term [global goal][vision] for adaptation, Parties shall commit to cooperate by sharing knowledge, recognizing adaptation efforts and investments, providing adequate support in the context of means of implementation, improving science, and strengthening institutions, including those within the UNFCCC;
 - The G77 and China stated that they are working on a proposal on the global goal and collective efforts, as well as individual efforts, and stated that they will consult with other Parties and aim to have a text ready in the morning of 4 September.
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