

Working document

Workstream 2

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Main observations:

- Parties continued sharing general views on the elements text.¹
- Parties generally held that the text provides a good basis for negotiations but needs strengthening in key areas. The focus of the facilitate group was primarily on the existing mitigation technical examination process, the role of non-State actors and high-level engagement.
- On the mitigation technical examination process, many Parties expressed the view that the current technical examination process, focusing on the identification of policy options, is meaningful, and some Parties emphasized the significance of the implementation of policy options identified through the technical examination process. Parties also offered views on the appropriate institutional home for the process after the Paris Conference. Many Parties noted the relationship between that process and other Convention processes, such as the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network. Some Parties offered specific views on the topics that ought to be covered in future technical examination meetings and provided suggestions on how their role could be enhanced and how participation by non-State actors could be encouraged. Parties expressed various views on the application of a technical examination process to adaptation.
- On the role of non-State actors, many Parties urged that their role should be more prominently recognized, both as a means of providing greater visibility to their efforts as well as a means of further enhancing ambition and action. Some Parties cautioned against double counting the efforts of non-State actors and the efforts of national governments.
- On high-level engagement, many Parties held that a clear and concrete mandate should be elaborated. The link between this issue and other issues, most notably taking forward the results of the mitigation technical examination process and engaging with non-State actors, was also explored.
- An overall observation was offered that workstream 2 should tackle unexplored/unexploited mitigation opportunities. Such opportunities could be domestic, arising on account of a lack of finance, technology or capacity, or could reflect inadequate cooperative action. In this regard, future work to further elaborate the draft decision text should include how to address the implementation of opportunities that were identified in the technical examination process, including means to encourage greater cooperative action.
- To take work forward, it was agreed that informal consultations would be conducted on Wednesday, 2 September, with the results being communicated at a future facilitated meeting at this session.

¹ ADP.2015.5.InformalNote (available at <http://unfccc.int/bodies/awg/items/9176.php>).