

Draft decision on workstream 2 of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action

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[^{Pp1} *Recalling* decisions 1/CP.17, 2/CP.18, 1/CP.19 and 1/CP.20,

^{Pp2} *Resolving* to uphold and promote international cooperation and to mobilize stronger climate action by all,

^{Pp3} *Noting with grave concern the significant gap between the aggregate effect of Parties' mitigation pledges in terms of global annual emissions of greenhouse gases by 2020 and aggregate emission pathways consistent with having a likely chance of holding the increase in global average temperature below 2 °C or 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels,* ~~Noting that enhanced pre-2020 ambition can serve to increase post-2020 ambition and that actions taken to enhance pre-2020 ambition could be applicable in a post-2020 context,~~

~~Pp4 — Stressing the urgency of accelerating pre-2020 mitigation ambition,~~

^{Pp4} *Noting with concern the conclusions of the forty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation that many non-Annex I countries have not yet submitted their first Biennial Update Reports;*

^{Ppx4} *Emphasizing the importance of timely participation in agreed transparency processes for assessing the aggregate effect of Parties' mitigation action and for enhancing that action;*

^{Pp5} *Emphasizing* the enduring benefits of taking early action,

^{Pp6} *Urging* Parties to act with the highest possible ambition in the interest of promoting the transition to a low-emission global economy,

1. *Encourages all Parties to the Kyoto Protocol to ratify and implement the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol;* ~~Invites each Party that has not already done so to ratify the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol;~~

2. *Urges* each Party that has not already done so to make a pre-2020 mitigation pledge under the Cancun Agreements;

2.bis Urges all Parties that have engaged in international emissions trading to take steps to ensure that mitigation outcomes traded internationally are not double counted or double claimed and to communicate to the UNFCCC the number, geographic source and type of units purchased or sold during the period of their commitment or action;

3. *Reiterates* its resolve as set out in 1/CP.19, paragraphs 3 and 4, ~~to accelerate the full implementation of the decisions constituting the agreed outcome pursuant to decision 1/CP.13 and to enhance ambition in the pre-2020 period in order to ensure the highest possible mitigation efforts under the Convention by all Parties;~~

3.bis Invites non-Annex I countries that have not submitted their first Biennial Update Reports to complete and submit them as soon as possible;

4. ~~*Promotes*~~ **Invites Parties to promote** the voluntary cancellation of **assigned amount units, emission reduction units, or** certified emission reductions, without double counting, by Parties and non-Party stakeholders, ~~including of certified emission reductions issued under the clean development mechanism;~~

5. *Resolves* to strengthen, in the period 2016–2020, the technical examination of opportunities with high mitigation potential, including those with adaptation, health and sustainable development co-benefits, ~~with a focus on accelerating the implementation of actions,~~ including by:

(a) Encouraging Parties, Convention bodies, international organizations, international cooperative initiatives and non-Party stakeholders to engage actively and effectively in this process and to cooperate in facilitating the implementation of policies, practices and actions identified during this process, including in accordance with national sustainable development priorities;

(b) Striving to improve access to and participation in this process by **relevant developing country Party** experts;

- (c) Requesting the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network, in accordance with their respective mandates, to:
 - (i) Engage in the technical expert meetings in order to enhance the effective coordination and provision of support;
 - (ii) Enhance their efforts to facilitate and support Parties in scaling up the implementation of policies, practices and actions identified during this process;
 - (d) Encouraging Parties to make effective use of the Climate Technology Centre and Network in order to support the development of economically, environmentally and socially viable project proposals in the high potential areas identified in this process;
6. *Requests* the secretariat to facilitate the technical examination referred to in paragraph 5 above and disseminate its results, including by:
- (a) Organizing **in cooperation with the Technology Executive Committee** regular technical expert meetings focusing on specific policies, practices and actions representing best practice and with the potential to be scalable and replicable;
 - (b) Updating on an annual basis, following the meetings referred to in paragraph 6(a) above and in time to serve as input to the summary for policymakers referred to in paragraph 6(c) below, a technical paper on the ~~mitigation benefits of~~ policies, practices and actions **discussed in the technical expert meetings that can enhance mitigation ambition**;
 - (c) Preparing a summary for policymakers and publishing it well in advance of each meeting of the Conference of the Parties as input for the high-level dialogues referred to in paragraph 18 below;
 - (d) **Encouraging relevant Convention bodies to cooperate and coordinate as relevant to support the technical examination process** ~~Strengthening intra-convention cooperation and coordination, such as by organizing meetings with representatives of relevant Convention bodies to consider ways to accelerate the implementation of policies, practices and actions identified during this process and the provision of support necessary for their implementation;~~
7. *Decides* that the technical examination referred to in paragraph 5 above should be continued under the [COPSBI] and occur on an ongoing basis until 2020;
8. *Decides* to conduct, in 2018, an assessment of the technical examination referred to in paragraph 5 above with the aim of improving its effectiveness;
9. *Recognizes* the need to enhance finance, technology and capacity-building support to the efforts of developing country Parties related to pre-2020 action;
10. *Reiterates* its request to the Standing Committee on Finance to explore how it can enhance its work on the measurement, reporting and verification of support on the basis of the best available information on the mobilization of various resources, including private and alternative resources, through public interventions;
11. *Reemphasizes* its request to developed country Parties, in preparing their updated biennial submissions on strategies and approaches for scaling up climate finance for the period 2016–2020, to enhance the available quantitative and qualitative elements of a pathway, placing greater emphasis on the transparency and predictability of financial flows;
12. [*Decides* to conduct a facilitative and exploratory dialogue in conjunction with the twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties (2017) with a view to identifying ways to accelerate the implementation of commitments under the Convention in the pre-2020 period, including:
- (a) Opportunities to enhance the ambition of mitigation efforts by all Parties;
 - (b) Opportunities to enhance the provision and mobilization of finance, technology and capacity-building support to developing country Parties in a holistic manner;]¹
13. [*Invites* Parties and accredited observer organizations to submit to the secretariat by [x date] their views on the matter referred to in paragraph 12 above;]
14. [*Also invites* Convention bodies to provide expert inputs on the matter referred to in paragraph 12 above;]

15. *Welcomes* the efforts of non-Party stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector, financial institutions, cities and other subnational authorities, local communities and indigenous peoples, to scale up their climate actions and provide further opportunities for Parties to reduce emissions and/or to build resilience and decrease vulnerability to the adverse effects of climate change, **including those climate actions communicated to the Non-State Actor Zone for Climate Action (NAZCA) platform;**

15.bis Encourages Parties to work closely with non-Party stakeholders, including those mentioned in paragraph 14 above, to catalyze efforts to strengthen mitigation action.

16. *Invites* non-Party stakeholders to demonstrate their climate actions through mechanisms such as the Non-State Actor Zone for Climate Action (NAZCA) platform;
17. *Acknowledges* with appreciation the results of the Lima–Paris Action Agenda, which build on the climate summit convened on 23 September 2014 by the United Nations Secretary-General;
18. *Agrees* to convene, in conjunction with each meeting of the Conference of the Parties from 2016 to 2020 and building on the Lima–Paris Action Agenda and the event referred to in paragraph 19(a) below, high-level dialogues that:
- Provide an opportunity for announcing efforts, voluntary initiatives and coalitions of Parties and non-Party stakeholders, including policies, practices and actions arising from the technical examinations referred to in paragraph 5 above and presented in the summary for policymakers referred to in paragraph 6(b) above;
 - Take stock of progress and recognize the efforts, voluntary initiatives and coalitions referred to in paragraph 18(a) above;
 - Provide meaningful and regular opportunities for the effective engagement of experts from Parties, international organizations, international cooperative initiatives and non-Party stakeholders;
19. [~~*Decides* that two high-level champions shall be appointed to facilitate, through strengthened high level engagement, the scaling up and launching of initiatives~~ **build momentum for enhanced climate action, including those that implement by supporting implementation** policies, practices and actions arising from the technical examinations referred to in paragraph 5 above, including by:
- Working with the Executive Secretary and the current and incoming presidents of the Conference of the Parties to coordinate the annual high-level event on enhancing the implementation of climate action pursuant to decision 1/CP.20, paragraph 21, and the high-level dialogues referred to in paragraph 18 above;
 - ~~Coordinating with the secretariat on the organization of technical expert meetings referred to in paragraph 6(a) above;~~
 - Engaging ~~intensively~~ with Parties and non-Party stakeholders to further the activities referred to in paragraph 5 above;]

20. [*Also decides* that each incoming presidency of the Conference of the Parties shall appoint one of the champions referred to in paragraph 19 above to serve for a two-year term such that their terms overlap for a full year in the interest of promoting continuity and a smooth transition, and, accordingly:

 - Invites* the host of the twentieth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to appoint one champion, who shall serve from the date of the appointment until the first day of the twenty-second meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2016);
 - Invites* the host of the twenty-first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to appoint one champion, who shall serve from the date of the appointment until the first day of the twenty-third meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2017);
 - Invites* the host of the twenty-second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to appoint one champion, who shall serve from the first day of the twenty-second meeting of the Conference of the Parties until the first day of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2018);]

21. [*Invites* interested Parties and relevant organizations to provide support for the work of the champions referred to in paragraph 19 above;]

22. [*Requests* the secretariat, in consultation with the current and incoming presidents of the Conference of the Parties, to make arrangements facilitating the provision of support referred to in paragraph 21 above;]

23. *Notes* the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in this decision and requests that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.
24. ***Encourages Convention bodies to take note of the lessons learned from the Technical Examination Process and replicate applicable processes where appropriate. {This text is an alternative to inclusion of language in italics below}***

[Further discussion is needed on whether and how to address adaptation in the context of workstream 2. Potential concepts and language follow, for consideration by Parties:

- *Decides to conduct, in the period 2016–2020, a technical examination of opportunities to enhance adaptation action and*
- *support, including those with mitigation co-benefits, address gaps in implementation, knowledge, technology, capacity and finance, share best practices, and accelerate action on the ground, building on the lessons learned from the technical examination of opportunities with high mitigation potential, recognizing the unique characteristics, stakeholders, and needs of cooperative action on adaptation, and also recognizing the need to build on work, without duplication, being conducted under existing arrangements and institutions under the Convention;*
- *Requests the secretariat to facilitate the technical examination referred to in paragraph X above and disseminate its results, taking into account the work of, inter alia, the Adaptation Committee, Least Developed Countries Expert Group and activities under the Nairobi work programme, including by:*
 - (a) *Organizing regular technical expert meetings focusing on specific policies, practices and actions representing good practice and with the potential to be scalable and replicable;*
 - (b) *Preparing, on an annual basis, following the meetings referred to in paragraph (a) above and in time to serve as input to the summary for policymakers referred to in paragraph (c) below, a technical paper on opportunities to enhance adaptation action and support;*
 - (c) *Preparing a summary for policymakers and publishing it well in advance of each session of the Conference of the Parties as input for the high-level dialogues referred to in paragraph 18 above;*
 - (d) *Strengthening intra-convention cooperation and coordination to consider ways to accelerate the implementation of policies, practices and actions identified during this process and the provision of support necessary for their implementation.]]*
