

**Co-Chairs' Speaking Notes for
Informal Open-Ended ADP Meeting
6:30 PM, 28 November 2015
UNESCO Headquarters – Paris¹**

- We would like to welcome all of you to tonight's open-ended informal consultation.
- Like the pre-session meetings, this informal meeting is convened jointly by the Presidency of COP 20, the incoming Presidency of COP 21 and the ADP Co-Chairs. We would like to acknowledge and welcome the presence of Ms. Laurence Tubiana and Mr. Romulo Acurio. I would first like to ask Romulo to make a few remarks. Romulo you have the floor.
- Thank you very much. I would next like to invite Laurence to make a few remarks. Laurence, you have the floor.
- Thank you very much. I would also like to invite my Co-Chair Ahmed Djoghlaoui to make some remarks. Ahmed you have the floor.
- Thank you, Ahmed. Now, we would also like to thank all of you for your time and your engagement during the 33 pre-session meetings held the last four days. In addition, the co-facilitators have been available during the last two days to reach out to Parties and make sure that they have a very good understanding of your issues and concerns, which, in turn, is needed to ensure that your negotiations can be organized in a manner that is the most efficient and most conducive to achieving an outcome agreeable to all. Ahmed and I are extremely grateful to our co-facilitators for their continued support.
- The purpose of tonight's open-ended informal consultation is to present the results of these pre-session bilateral consultations and ensure that all Parties have a common understanding of the mode of work for this last and crucial session of the ADP.
- We would like also to convey our gratitude to the Bureau and to all Parties for the decision to resume the session of the ADP on Sunday. This is a clear demonstration of the commitment of all Parties to making the best use of the very limited time remaining for the ADP to successfully fulfil its mandate on Saturday, 5 December. We would like to thank the incoming Presidency and the secretariat for making the necessary arrangements for this unprecedented meeting.
- The purpose of the plenary is to open the twelfth part of the second session of the ADP. By opening on Sunday instead of Tuesday, we allow Parties to start work in the spin-off groups on Monday, 30 November.
- At this last session of the ADP, we will continue to work in an open-ended contact group and in spin-off groups.
- During this session, we will have limited time available for negotiations given that the ADP is working in parallel with the two other subsidiary bodies and the COP and the CMP. We would therefore like to convey our deep gratitude to Parties and especially the smaller delegations for their flexibility and understanding.

¹ Although these speaking notes reflect the information conveyed at the informal consultation held on Saturday, 28 December, they have been slightly adjusted to make them suitable for publication.

- To maximize the use of available time, we believe it is necessary to give very specific tasks to the spin-off groups, taking into account the time limitations, so as to ensure that they are able to deliver.
- In this regard, as indicated in the scenario note on the twelfth part of the session, the following issues will be taken up in the spin-off groups on Monday between 7 PM and 9 PM:
 - Technology development and transfer and capacity-building
 - Facilitating implementation and compliance and final clauses
 - Workstream 2
- Following intensive consultations during the last few days, we are suggesting that the spin-off group on Article 2 and 2 bis also meet on Monday between 7 PM and 9 PM. Early in the week, this spin-off group will also consider the preambular section of the agreement.
- The open-ended contact group will convene daily:
 - From 10 AM to 1 PM,
 - From 3 PM to 6 PM, and
 - From 7 PM to 9 PM.
- At its first meeting, the open-ended contact group will consider the following issues in this order:
 - Mitigation,
 - Adaptation, and loss and damage,
 - Finance,
 - Transparency of action and support,
 - Preamble, definitions, and global stocktaking.
- Before convening the meeting on the preamble, definitions, and global stocktaking, the Monday's spin-off groups will report back to the open-ended contact group.
- The contact group will also be the platform for addressing potential overlaps and cross-cutting issues.
- In addition to being addressed at these spin-off groups, we propose that specific issues identified during the open-ended contact group that require more in-depth consideration be taken up in time-bound spin-off meetings. Any such spin-off meetings will be asked to report back to the contact group at a specific time.
- We would like to emphasize that it is critical that paragraphs of the draft decision text that are not related to workstream 2 and are directly connected to the articles of the draft agreement be considered together with the relevant article or articles of the agreement.
- We will issue an overview of agreement articles and related decision paragraphs and we will ask the secretariat to prepare individual files with those articles and paragraphs on the basis of the version of 10 November of the negotiating text for assigned tasks.
- In response to a request of several Parties, the finance section of the text of 23 October will be used as a starting point for negotiations.

- Remaining paragraphs of the draft decision will be taken up in the open-ended contact group.
- To facilitate interaction among Parties the contact group will meet in a square-table format. We have used this setting for negotiations at previous sessions. We believe that a square table format will be more conducive to text-based negotiations and will help Parties to reach compromises.
- Arrangements have been made for an overflow room in which the contact group meeting will be broadcast.
- In addition, CCTV monitors in public areas of the conference centre will be broadcasting the meeting to allow for maximum participation.
- As was the case at all our previous meetings, we feel that observer organizations play an important role in the process.
- Given the capacity of the square room, observers will have the opportunity to follow our work from a reserved area in the overflow room.
- Documents reflecting progress on text made in the contact group and the spin-off groups will be made available on a daily basis on the ADP website.
- All spin-off groups will need to complete their work by 6 PM on Thursday, 3 December.
- Negotiations on issues in the open-ended contact group will need to conclude by 9 PM on Thursday, 3 December.
- Thursday's product will be a compilation that allows Parties to see the big picture.

Friday, 4 December

- Following the closing of the contact group, a consolidated revised version will be prepared. This version will incorporate progress made by the open-ended contact group and the spin-off groups. The text will be made available on Friday, 4 December, by 8 AM.

Saturday, 5 December

- From Friday, 4 December, to Saturday, 5 December, we will work on further developing the draft Paris agreement and decision in the contact group.
- The work of the contact group needs to be finalized before Saturday, 5 December, 10 AM in order to prepare the final version of the text that we will forward to the COP.
- The closing plenary of the ADP will be held at noon on Saturday, 5 December. The outcome of the work of the ADP will be submitted for consideration by the COP at a COP plenary meeting currently envisioned for the afternoon of the same day – Saturday, 5 December.
- We would like to thank all Parties for their support and their acceptance of the suggested mode of work. We also thank you for your continued trust and confidence and very much look forward to assisting you until the closure of the ADP in fulfilling your heavy and historical responsibility.

- We now open the floor for any comments you may have.

After interventions

- Thank you all for your cooperation. We are grateful for the trust and confidence placed in us.
- The meeting is adjourned.