

Notes for the SBI Chair
Stock-taking informal meeting
Saturday 12 November, 11:30 – 12:30

Thank you Mr. President,

As you are aware, the SBI convened the first Part of its first closing plenary yesterday afternoon, which reflects the efforts of Parties at this session to advance swiftly on all items.

After 3 days of intense negotiations and events, Parties were able to advance or reach agreement under each of the objectives that had been set at this session:

First objective: demonstrate that the MRV system elaborated in Cancun is fully operational:

- On Thursday the second workshop of the **facilitative sharing of views** (FSV) went very smoothly, with 7 non-Annex I Parties presenting information on their Biennial Update Reports (BUR) and experiences related to the international consultation and analysis process.
- After Parties presentations, there were active interactions through several rounds of questions and answers, in which several developing and developed countries commended the efforts made by those Parties undergoing FSV in sharing the information in a very transparent manner and raised questions in the different thematic areas covered in the BUR and presentations.
- Mr. President, it was clear that both sides were making great efforts to make this workshop a success: all developing countries provided response to all

the questions raised to them, and on the other hand, the developed countries were full of appreciation and recognition of efforts.

- I am happy to report that the process in general was seen as a very positive one for All Parties and that it is building the path for the Transparency framework under the Paris Agreement.

- Also, Mr. President, and as we talk, in the plenary Casablanca where the FSV was also convened, the first of the 24 Annex I Parties under **multilateral assessment** here in Marrakesh are delivering a short oral presentation that summarizes the questions received and answers provided during the three-month question and answer period under the International Assessment and Review process.

- I would like to invite all Parties to join the session and participate in this interactive and interesting process that will continue throughout the day and Monday, and that showcases and helps us better understand the content, ambition and challenges of mitigation actions taken by developed countries in combating climate change worldwide.

- At its opening plenary, the **SBI also considered and took note of the overall trends in implementation** by developed countries of their 2020 targets and provision of support to developing countries, based two data reports prepared, one on emission trends and one on the annual compilation and accounting under the Kyoto Protocol,

- Mr. President, all Parties have agreed on the revised guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Annex-I Parties and are now left with agreeing on the issue of a common UN language in Parties may be encouraged to submit their national communications.

Second objective: advance work on the implementation of the Paris Agreement

- I am pleased to report that, thanks to the hard work of the SBI this year, in May as well as here in Marrakesh, the first meeting of the **Paris Committee on Capacity-Building (PCCB)** will be convened in May 2017, pending election of all its members at this conference, with a focus on capacity-building activities for the implementation of NDCs in the context of the Paris Agreement.
- The SBI is also advancing its consideration of the **modalities and procedures for the operation and use of the public registries under Articles 4, 12 and 7, 12 of the Paris agreement**, and agreed yesterday to continue its consideration of this matters at its next session.
- The SBI, jointly with the SBSTA, also agreed to continue its consideration of the **modalities, work programme and functions under the Paris Agreement of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures**, based, inter alia, on views expressed at this session and that will be captured in a reflection note to be considered at the next session of the subsidiary bodies.
- Finally, the SBI agreed to continue, at its next session, its consideration of the **scope and modalities of the technology mechanism in relation to supporting the implementation of the Paris Agreement**, in light of views by Parties and observers to be submitted by end January 2017.

Third objective: advance on implementation issues under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol

- Mr. President, the SBI already adopted a **number of conclusions or draft decisions**, be it procedural (*compilations and synthesis of BRs, CDM appeals*) as well as substantive (*LDC matters, financial and technical support, Poznan strategic programme on technology transfer and recommendations on national adaptation plans*).
- At the last meeting of the closing plenary on Monday, the SBI will consider and adopt work completed here on the following matters: *the 3rd review of the capacity-building framework under the Convention and the Kyoto protocol, an action plan on gender and climate change, on the constitution of an ad hoc group to meet at the next session of the subsidiary bodies to advance the technical work on the improved forum and work programme on response measures*.
- While Parties could not agree on any conclusions on the issue of the *revision of the modalities and procedures for the CDM*, which would therefore be included on the agenda of SBI 46, **negotiations are still ongoing** on the *Terms of Reference for the review of the Standing Committee on Finance* that should be undertaken at this COP; as well as on some *institutional, financial and administrative matters*. I hope to soon report on positive outcomes on these issues.

Fourth and last objective: consider the reports and progress of work of the constituted bodies

- The SBI recommended yesterday a number of **COP conclusions and decisions** (*review and membership of the consultative group of experts for the preparation of NAI national communications, report and review of the Adaptation Committee*). Yesterday, and jointly with SBSTA, the SBI also completed work on the *annual joint report of the TEC/CTCN*, and reached an agreement on the *report of the WIM Executive Committee*. Their recommendations, Mr. President, will be presented for adoption on Monday.
- Finally, Mr. President, let me share that Parties are also still working hard on reaching an agreement on *the review of the WIM on loss and damage*. I do hope that the negotiations will be successfully completed today.
- Thank you, Mr. President.