

Stocktaking Plenary of the President

12 November 2016, 11:30 - 12:30

Plenary Marrakech

Speaking notes for APA CCs

- Mr President
- Distinguished delegates
- Ladies and gentlemen
- My co-chair Ms. Sarah Baeshan and I would like to thank the COP President for organizing this stocktaking Plenary to assess progress.
- President, your commitment in ensuring that the conduct and implementation of work across all Bodies is achieved in an effective and coherent manner is indeed of critical importance for the successful implementation of the Paris Agreement.
- I am delighted to report that the APA has made good progress so far this week.

- The opening contact group of the APA, which took place on Tuesday, 8 November successfully launched technical work on all agenda items through informal consultations, each facilitated by two co-facilitators.
- The informal consultations have so far met between 4-6 times on each agenda item and work will continue today and on Monday till noon.
- Under some agenda items, Parties have also met in informal informal setting to progress work.
- Initial versions of co-facilitators' notes reflecting factual summary of deliberations are emerging on some agenda items and such notes have been made available on UNFCCC websites. We expect to have co-facilitators notes on all agenda items by Searly Monday afternoon.
- Further, I and my co-chair tabled draft procedural conclusions reflecting progress made at this session and to capture further work required in respect of individual items.

- The proposed draft conclusions also contain, in an annex, a draft decision on the application by the CMA of the draft rules of procedure by the COP. This is the first direct input that is being developed by the APA for recommendations to the CMA.
- The draft decision on the application of the rules of procedure proposes a streamlined approach for the election by the CMA of additional members of the Bureau, integrated approach on the submission of credentials by Parties, and clear procedures for the admission of observers.
- We will table revised draft conclusions that reflect Parties views at this evening's contact group. We expect to finalize work on it latest by Monday afternoon so that it can be forwarded to the APA plenary for adoption in Monday evening.
- I would like to thank Parties for enthusiastic engagement and for good progress made so far despite the complexity of the work and the evident challenge of the limited time available.

- We the APA co-chairs are committed to continuing to serve Parties and to ensure that the APA fulfils its mandate.
- To that end, we will continue working closely with you, Mr. President and the chairs of Subsidiary Bodies, as well as relevant constituted bodies in our collective efforts to achieve the ultimate objective of the Convention.
- I thank you.