



***FACILITATIVE BRANCH***

**Seventeenth meeting**

5 March 2015  
Bonn, Germany

**Report on the meeting**

**1. Opening of the meeting**

1. Mr. Delano Ruben Verwey, chairperson of the facilitative branch, declared the meeting open at 10:15 hrs. He welcomed Mr. Mamadou Diobe Gueye, a member of the branch, who was attending his first meeting of the branch.
2. At the request of the chairperson, the secretariat provided information on participation and quorum, as well as key administrative, logistical and housekeeping arrangements. The secretariat confirmed that there was a quorum for the meeting, that the meeting was being webcast live on the Internet, and that an audio recording was being made of the entire meeting.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

3. The branch reviewed and adopted the provisional agenda (CC/FB/17/2015/1).

**3. Organization of work**

4. The branch agreed to organize its consideration of the items on the agenda in the order in which they had been set out in the provisional agenda referred to in paragraph 3 above.

**4. Provisions related to facilitation: Advice and facilitation**

5. As agreed at its sixteenth meeting, the branch considered information and recommendations contained in the reports of the individual reviews of annual submissions and the reports of the technical reviews of national communications (hereinafter referred to as "review reports") in the context of providing advice and facilitation to Parties on implementing the Kyoto Protocol. Before starting its consideration, the branch noted that a member and alternate member, namely, Ms. Sarah Baashan and Mr. Xiang Gao, had been part of the expert review teams that reviewed the sixth national communications of Norway and Iceland, respectively. The branch noted that if there were any discussion on these two reports, Ms. Baashan and Mr. Gao, respectively, would recuse themselves from the discussion.
6. During its discussion, the branch noted the need for further work in order to advance its understanding on how to exercise its mandate referred to in paragraph 5 above. Such work could include the identification of issues contained in review reports where the branch may have a role in offering advice and facilitation, for example, if a review report notes that the national communication



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or annual report does not provide the required information or if there are repeated recommendations contained in review reports that have not been addressed by the Party under review. The branch also noted that it would be useful to have ‘case studies’ to help advance its understanding. In this regard, members or alternate members could identify issues in the review reports relating to the implementation of the Kyoto Protocol and bring them to the attention of the branch. The branch could consider these issues and decide whether to engage in a dialogue with the relevant review teams, seek other expert input and/or offer advice and facilitation to the Party concerned. The secretariat, with the agreement of the chairperson, was requested to communicate a timeframe for members and alternate members to bring such matters to the attention of the branch before the next meeting of the branch.

7. The branch also raised concerns on the use of language in the review reports and the need for consistency in its use across reports. In this regard, the branch welcomed the joint workshop between inventory lead reviewers and the members and alternate members of the Compliance Committee held on 4 March 2015 and noted the need for an on-going dialogue with lead reviewers.

### 5. Other matters

8. The branch agreed to meet again in conjunction with the meeting of the plenary in September 2015. It authorized the chairperson and vice-chairperson to set the date for its eighteenth meeting after the dates of the September meeting of the plenary are agreed upon by the plenary.

### 6. Closure of the meeting

9. The chairperson of the branch declared the meeting closed at 11:45 hrs.

### 7. Attendance

10. The names of members and alternate members present at the meeting are bolded below.

<b>Members (in alphabetical order)</b>	<b>Alternate Members</b>
1) <b>AARHUS</b> , Mona Ms.	<b>SHIMADA</b> , Kunihiko Mr.
2) <b>BAASHAN</b> , Sarah Nabil Ms.	<b>GAO</b> , Xiang Mr.
3) <b>BENJAMIN</b> , Lisa Ms.	<b>ST. LOUIS</b> , Teddy Mr.
4) <b>GUEYE</b> , Mamadou Diobe Mr.	<b>NIETO</b> , Jimena Ms.
5) <b>JALOUTA</b> , Najmadeen B. M. Mr.	<i>nomination pending</i> <sup>±</sup>
6) <b>KYARUZI</b> , Ladislaus Mr.	<b>JALLOW</b> , Bubu Pateh Mr.
7) <b>PAZ CASTRO</b> , Luis Raul Mr.	<b>BART</b> , Delano Mr.
8) <b>SARDELLITTI</b> , Emanuela Ms.	<b>HALLSTRÖM</b> , Per Mr.
9) <b>SEDYAKIN</b> , Valeriy Mr.	<b>NIKITSIN</b> , Siarhei Mr.
10) <b>VERWEY</b> , Delano Ruben Mr.	<b>DYBKA</b> , Dariusz Mr.

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<sup>±</sup> No nomination was put forward at the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.