

CONFERENCE ROOM PAPER (CRP) SUBMISSION BY THE REPUBLIC OF MALI ON BEHALF OF THE AFRICAN GROUP TO APA AGENDA ITEM 8

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This submission by the African Group provides views on matters related to implementation of the Paris Agreement (APA), pursuant to item 8 of the APA's agenda.

These views are provided in line with paragraph 9 of decision 1/CMA.1 in which the CMA requests the COP to request the APA to continue its consideration of possible additional matters relation to the implementation of the Paris Agreement, and paragraph 7 of decision 1/CP.22 on the further work of the APA. They are further provided recalling the conclusions set out in paragraph 27 of the Report of APA 1-2 (FCCC/APA/2016/4) setting out conclusions with respect to agenda item 8, including conclusions on possible additional matters concerning the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Pursuant to the agreed working modalities for agenda item 8(b) noted in the opening contact group of APA 1.4 on 07 November 2017, the African group presents its views as a conference room paper for the outcome of the work of this agenda item, highlighting that the operationalization of Article 9.5 of the Paris Agreement is an important element of the comprehensive outcome of the APA's work.

Article 9.5 provides:

Developed country Parties shall biennially communicate indicative quantitative and qualitative information related to paragraphs 1 and 3 of this Article, as applicable, including, as available, projected levels of public financial resources to be provided to developing country Parties. Other Parties providing resources are encouraged to communicate biennially such information on a voluntary basis.

The African Group recognises the importance of discussion on these modalities, and their centrality to the conclusion of discussions on the following related aspects of the Paris Work Programme:

- Article 4.5 on recognition of linkage between level of ambition of developing countries and level of support provided by developed countries;
- Article 9.3 on the consideration of developing country needs in the provision of finance;
- Article 9.7 on the transparency provisions financial obligations under the Paris Agreement;
- Article 13.9 and 13.11 on the provision of finance information envisaged in Article 9, and consideration of such information in a technical review and multilateral consideration;
- Article 14 on inputs and modalities of the global stock take, including principles of progression outlined in Article 3 of the Paris Agreement;
- Article 15 in facilitate implementation of and promote compliance with the provisions of the Paris Agreement; and
- Paragraph 53 of decisions 1/CP.21 on the new collective goal.

In light of these matters, the African Group presents the following draft decision:

Draft decision

The *Ad Hoc* Group on the Paris Agreement

1. *Decides* to establish a process under the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement to define modalities for biennially communicating information on the provision of public financial resources to developing countries, in accordance with

Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement, with a view to making recommendations for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its first session;

2. *Further decides* that the objective of the modalities as referred in the paragraph above is to:
 - a. Support the communication, recording and consideration of information pursuant to Article 9.5 of the Paris Agreement;
 - b. Facilitate multilateral consideration of the biennial communications referred to in paragraph 1 above (the “biennial communications of indicative support”), such as recording of the communication, including through the establishment of a registry to be maintained by the Secretariat; and
 - c. Address timeframes related to the communication of support in accordance with Article 9.5.
3. *Affirms* that the information contained in the biennial communications of indicative support shall be based on decision 9/CP.21 on methodologies to report financial information by developed countries, taking into account relevant aspects of the modalities discussed under this agenda item.