
President's informal stocktaking plenary

Statement by H.E. Mr. Abdullah Bin Hamad Al-Attiyah, COP 18/CMP 8 President

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I welcome you to this informal gathering. As of this moment, we have one more day left until the closing of the Doha conference on Friday. I am pleased to inform you that most of the work under the COP and the CMP has been completed. I thank all the facilitators that led these issues on my behalf.

On the item on elections of the COP Bureau and the officers of other Convention and Kyoto Protocol bodies, I have been informed that consultations are ongoing. However, many nominations are still outstanding for all bodies, in particular for the COP and CMP Bureau. I urge all Parties to reach agreement on the outstanding nominations by this evening.

As you may recall, I invited Ministers to assist me in resolving issues on the Kyoto Protocol, issues forwarded by the SBI and the SUB-STA for further consideration by the COP and CMP, as well as cross-cutting finance issues. I will first invite the Chairs and Co-Chairs of the AWGs to report on the status of work in their bodies. Immediately after that, I will invite Ministers to update us on the results of their outreach. After that, I will give the floor for statements by groups.

We have known for a long time that the amendment of the Kyoto Protocol and the second commitment period are key outcomes of this conference. The final negotiations are well underway. The closure of the AWG-LCA is our next formal step, now that the AWG-KP has closed. For this to happen, it must have a text that has widespread support. We need to have this text by tomorrow morning. Based on what I hear from the Co-Chairs of the ADP, I am convinced that their work can be concluded soon.

The pieces of the package are coming together. It is my hope that we will have a balanced set of outcomes from the various streams of work for adoption in the COP and CMP tomorrow.

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Before going into a plenary, I will present all of the pieces from the different streams in an informal setting. You will have an overall picture of the whole. Nothing will be adopted until Parties have the full picture.

There is very little time left. I urge you to increase your efforts to find common ground. I would like to request all ministers to complete their work tonight and deliver outcomes with clear political choices by 8 AM tomorrow morning. I will convene another informal meeting tomorrow to update you on our progress on the last day and to present the overall picture in all streams. I thank you all very much for your support and wish you productive consultations in the coming hours. The work tonight is crucial. I look to all Parties to play your part in delivering successful outcomes. This brings us to the end of our meeting.