
President's informal stocktaking plenary

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

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Dear Colleagues,

I welcome you all to this informal gathering. Thank you all for being here today. I extend a special warm welcome to Ministers who have arrived in Doha already. I have called this meeting for one hour in order to update you all on the status of work as of today. After these updates, I will open the floor for three minute statements by groups.

As I mentioned at the last informal, I am working closely with the Chairs and Co-chairs of the bodies and the secretariat to ensure that there is good progress within the AWGs. The SBSTA and SBI closed on Saturday. Many items were resolved in their sessions. I thank you for all your hard work. The Chairs have informed me that there were some issues that were forwarded by the bodies for consideration under the COP and the CMP. They will tell you more shortly. I have asked the Chairs to carry on work on these key technical issues. I have also asked the SB Chairs to conclude their consultations by Tuesday noon and report to me on the results of their work.

Work under the COP and the CMP is moving smoothly. Co-Chairs of the specific items have informed me that there is progress on most issues of the COP and CMP. I have also been in close contact with the two co-chairs on the issue of Finance together with the Chair of the AWG-LCA to discuss how to ensure high-level outreach on this important issue. I urge Parties to look for common ground and resolve issues by Thursday.

Work under the AWGs is also moving forward. There has been some text from the three AWGs, and plans for further ministerial outreach are ongoing. We will hear from the Chairs soon.

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I have heard the request of the AWG-KP Chair for early outreach of Ministers. Many Parties have also been asking me to arrange this. To respond to these requests I have therefore invited two Ministers: H.E. Mr. Luiz Figueiredo Machado from Brazil and H.E. Mr. Bard Vegar Solhjell from Norway to begin an informal Ministerial outreach process in collaboration with the Chair of the AWG-KP. These two Ministers will begin to assist Madeleine on discussions regarding extending the share of proceeds to other Kyoto Protocol mechanisms and access to the mechanisms by Kyoto Protocol Parties who will not be taking commitments in the CP2.

These are two issues which will require ministerial outreach at this stage. Other issues may require outreach by Ministers. I will be providing more information on further ministerial outreach on issues in light of the status of the negotiations.

I commend you all for your resolve in working to reach a deal. I sense that there is goodwill to work among Parties. There are only four days before the end of the Doha Conference. We have much work to do to finish the balanced package we all want. I urge you to continue to meet with one another, to find solutions so that we complete our work by Friday, 7 December. We must move forward. We must make progress. Let us find solutions. Let us not wait until the final hour. We must succeed.

My intention is to complete work on issues forwarded by the subsidiary bodies by Tuesday, and close the AWG-KP on Wednesday. We must complete all our work on time. This is our moment and our opportunity to deliver. I look forward to working with you all in this final week.

The next informal stocktaking plenary will be held on Wednesday. Updates on the status of negotiations will also be posted on the UNFCCC website. I thank you all very much for your support.