

Decision -/CP.20

Dates and venues of future sessions

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Convention,

Also recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985 on the pattern of conferences,

Further recalling rule 22, paragraph 1, of the draft rules of procedure being applied regarding the rotation of the office of President among the five regional groups,

I. Dates and venues of future sessions

A. Twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties and twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

1. *Notes with appreciation* the expression of interest received from the Government of Morocco in relation to hosting the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties and the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, which will be held from Monday, 7 November to Friday, 18 November 2016;

2. *Requests* the secretariat to initiate a fact-finding mission to Morocco and to report to the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, by June 2015, on whether all logistical, technical, legal and financial elements for hosting the sessions are available there, in conformity with United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243;

3. *Also requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to consider, at its forty-second session (June 2015), the issue of the host of the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties and the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and to recommend a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-first session (November–December 2015);

B. Twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties and thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

4. *Notes* that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among regional groups, the President of the twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties and the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol would come from the Asia-Pacific States;

5. *Invites* Parties to undertake further consultations on the hosting of those sessions, which will be held from Monday, 6 November to Friday, 17 November 2017;

6. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its forty-second session, to consider the issue of the host of the twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties and the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and to recommend a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-first session;

II. Calendar of meetings of the Convention and Kyoto Protocol bodies

7. *Takes note* that, as recommended by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its fortieth session,¹ future May/June sessions of the subsidiary bodies should commence on a Monday, and that, in order to enhance efficiency and time management, work should be completed one day earlier than previously, so as to finish the sessions on the Thursday of the second week, and that all meetings at those sessions taking place on the Saturday should be completed by midday in order to enhance the efficiency, timeliness and transparency of the work;

8. *Decides* to adopt the following dates for the sessional periods in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019:

(a) 2015: Monday, 1 June to Thursday, 11 June and Monday, 30 November to Friday, 11 December;

(b) 2016: Monday, 16 May to Thursday, 26 May and Monday, 7 November to Friday, 18 November;

(c) 2017: Monday, 8 May to Thursday, 18 May and Monday, 6 November to Friday, 17 November;

(d) 2018: Monday, 30 April to Thursday, 10 May and Monday, 5 November to Friday, 16 November;

(e) 2019: Monday, 17 June to Thursday, 27 June and Monday, 11 November to Friday, 22 November.

¹ FCCC/SBI/2014/8, paragraphs 212 and 213.