

**Informal consultations on the first session of the Conference of the Parties
serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA 1)**

Information Note by the President

7 November 2016

At the first plenary meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) on Monday, 7 November 2016, the President informed Parties that he would convene open-ended informal consultations with all Parties on CMA 1. The objective of these informal consultations is to agree on issues relating to the smooth launch of the inaugural session of the supreme body of the Paris Agreement. These consultations will be guided by the principles of transparency, inclusiveness and openness. They will be held in an informal plenary setting and open to all Convention Parties and Observers States.

The consultations will seek to reach agreement on the agenda of CMA 1, as well as the organization of work. Parties will also need to reach agreement on the modalities and arrangements for the continued development of the work programme on the Paris Agreement and the procedural decisions to be taken by CMA 1 and the COP in this regard.

The President will also convene informal consultations on the related item 4 of the COP 22 agenda (Preparations for the entry into force of the Paris Agreement and the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement). This agenda item will be launched by the COP at its meeting on Wednesday, 9 November 2016. Under that item, the COP will also address the arrangements to be agreed between the COP and the CMA on the work programme on the Paris Agreement as contained in decision 1/CP.21.

The consultations on CMA 1 and COP agenda item 4 will be carried out in the same setting and scheduled in a coordinated manner.

The President has invited Ambassador Aziz Mekouar to chair these consultations on his behalf.

The consultations will begin on Tuesday, 8 November and will continue until the opening of CMA 1 on Tuesday, 15 November 2016. The exact time and venue for the consultations will be announced in the Daily Programme and on CCTV.

After the opening of CMA 1, further consultations will be held during the second week, with a view to finalizing the outcomes for adoption by CMA 1 and COP 22 at their respective plenary meetings on Friday, 18 November 2016.

The President will keep Parties and observers informed of progress in the consultations during informal stocktaking plenary meetings of the COP.