

## Co-Facilitators' Informal Note on a Work Plan under APA Agenda Item 5

This informal note contains a draft work plan for APA agenda item 5: modalities, procedures, and guidelines (MPGs) for the transparency of action and support. This reflects Parties' discussions on this issue. This has been prepared under the responsibility of the co-facilitators. This work plan will be forwarded to the APA Co-Chairs.

### Organization of work:

- Parties emphasized the importance of organizing work in a manner that:
  - Ensures that the work proceeds in a balanced and logical manner that addresses all elements of Article 13 of the Paris Agreement and relevant paragraphs in decision 1/CP.21.
  - Starts discussions with reporting, recognizing that reporting is closely linked with technical expert review and facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress.
  - Recognizes that nothing is final until all of the MPGs are final.
  - Recognizes the urgency of our work, the significant amount of work required, and that our work must proceed expeditiously.
  - At the same time, recognizes possible linkages with other negotiation items and the need to ensure appropriate coordination to avoid duplication of work. Parties urged the co-facilitators to closely coordinate with the facilitators/chairs of other relevant agenda items, in particular to determine the appropriate point by which other agenda items' work should inform the MPGs and the point at which the MPGs will inform other agenda items' work, as appropriate. Parties urged the co-facilitators to work with the APA Co-Chairs and Secretariat in this effort as well.
  - Does not prejudice Parties' views on the final outcome of the MPGs.
  - Ensures the finalization of our work by COP-24 in 2018.
  - Promotes the effective participation of all Parties.

### Modalities:

- Parties expressed the need to utilize modalities such as, *inter alia*, targeted submissions, workshops, and technical papers to further progress our work.
- *Submissions:*
  - Parties emphasized the importance of a number of targeted submissions ahead of sessions in 2017 and 2018. These submissions would occur ahead of intersessional workshops to inform discussions.
- *Technical and synthesis papers:*
  - Parties recognized the value of technical and synthesis papers prepared by the Secretariat, but felt that they should be utilized starting in the second half of 2017 and in 2018.
- *Workshops:*
  - Parties emphasized the importance of utilizing workshops to further progress this item. Parties further recognized the value of workshop reports in informing in-session deliberations.
  - Parties felt the need to have one workshop before each APA session in 2017 and 2018

due to the volume of work, depending on resources. The need for additional workshops will be decided by future APA sessions.

- Parties emphasized the importance of ensuring that the experiences and views of the Secretariat are brought into the discussions, in particular on technical expert review and facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress.

Parties will decide the specific activities for the second half of 2017 and 2018 at later APA sessions.

Next steps:

- Submissions due by [XX] that address the following questions:
  - What should be the specific components of the modalities, procedures, and guidelines (MPGs) for the transparency of action and support under Article 13, paragraphs 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12?
  - How should the MPGs build on and enhance the transparency arrangements under the Convention, recognizing that the transparency arrangements under the Convention shall form part of the experience drawn upon for the development of the MPGs?
  - With respect to the MPGs, how should flexibility for those developing countries that need it in the light of their capacities be operationalized, and what other elements should be considered in the development of the MPGs, including, *inter alia*, those identified in paragraph 92 of 1/CP.21?
- A workshop on [XX, spring 2017] that will focus on themes covered in Parties' submissions, starting discussions on reporting and recognizing that it is closely linked with technical expert review and facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress. The APA Co-Chairs, with the support of the Secretariat, will prepare a workshop report for consideration at the APA session in May 2017. In the organization of the workshop, the APA Co-Chairs and Secretariat should recognize the linkages with other agenda items to avoid duplication of work.