



Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action

Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the twelfth part of its second session, held in Paris from 29 November to 5 December 2015

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I. Opening of the session

(Agenda item 1)

1. The twelfth part of the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) was held at the United Nations Climate Change Conference, Paris–Le Bourget, France, from 29 November to 5 December 2015.¹
2. The Co-Chairs of the ADP, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaflaf (non-Annex I) and Mr. Daniel Reifsnyder (Annex I), resumed the second session of the ADP by opening its 23rd plenary meeting on 29 November.² They welcomed all Parties and observers. They also welcomed Ms. Yang Liu (non-Annex I) as Rapporteur of the ADP.³
3. In order to fulfil the mandates and meet the timelines agreed on at the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP)⁴ and at COP 18,⁵ 19⁶ and 20,⁷ the Co-Chairs recalled the objective set in their scenario note⁸ for this session of the ADP, which was to finalize the draft Paris climate package containing a draft Paris agreement and an accompanying draft decision on workstreams 1 and 2, and to transmit the outcome of the work of the ADP to the COP for further consideration and adoption.
4. Statements were made by representatives of eight Parties, including on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the European Union and its 28 member States, the Alliance of Small Island States, the Independent Association for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Coalition for Rainforest Nations, the BASIC countries (Brazil, China, India and South Africa), the Umbrella Group and Indonesia. Parties made their full group statements available on the UNFCCC website. In addition, statements on behalf of environmental non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and business and industry NGOs were made available on the UNFCCC website.⁹
5. Statements were also made on behalf of the Presidency of COP 20 and the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), and the incoming Presidency of COP 21 and CMP 11.

¹ The report on the first and second parts of the second session of the ADP is contained in document FCCC/ADP/2013/2; the reports on the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh parts of the second session are contained in documents FCCC/ADP/2013/3, FCCC/ADP/2014/1, FCCC/ADP/2014/2, FCCC/ADP/2014/3, FCCC/ADP/2014/4, FCCC/ADP/2015/2, FCCC/ADP/2015/3, FCCC/ADP/2015/4 and FCCC/ADP/2015/5, respectively.

² The date of the opening plenary was advanced in order to make effective use of time, as proposed by the ADP Co-Chairs and agreed by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties. See document ADP.2015.13.InformalNote.

³ The Bureau of the ADP was elected in accordance with the arrangement set out in document FCCC/ADP/2012/2, paragraph 7, which was endorsed by decision 2/CP.18. The ADP elected the current members of its Bureau at the seventh part of its second session, as reflected in document FCCC/ADP/2014/4.

⁴ Decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 4.

⁵ Decision 2/CP.18, paragraph 4.

⁶ Decision 1/CP.19, paragraph 2.

⁷ Decision 1/CP.20, paragraph 1.

⁸ ADP.2015.13.InformalNote.

⁹ All the statements are available at <http://www4.unfccc.int/submissions/SitePages/sessions.aspx?years=2015&focalBodies=ADP>.

II. Organizational matters

(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2(b))

6. The agenda for the second session of the ADP was adopted by the ADP at the 1st meeting of the session, on 29 April 2013.¹⁰

B. Organization of the work of the session

(Agenda item 2(c))

7. At the 23rd meeting, the Co-Chairs drew the delegates' attention to the scenario note prepared for the twelfth part of the session. They outlined the arrangements for the mode of work of the session, which had been developed via pre-session consultations with Parties and an informal consultation, convened on 28 November, with the Presidency of COP 20 and CMP 10 and the incoming Presidency of COP 21 and CMP 11.¹¹

8. The organization of the work on agenda item 3, as clarified by the Co-Chairs following the aforementioned consultations, included an open-ended contact group established at the fourth part of the session.¹² The Co-Chairs recalled that the open-ended contact group was established as a central forum to provide direction to the work of the ADP, and to harvest the results of the various workstreams. This method of organization was designed to enable a collective, transparent and comprehensive overview of the status and progress of work. It was also designed to enhance the coherence of ADP deliberations, in particular with respect to cross-cutting issues.

9. In order to make the best use of limited time, the Co-Chairs proposed utilizing the well-established method of spin-off groups, seeking assistance from facilitators in taking work forward on specific issues. During this final phase of the ADP, the Co-Chairs noted that tasks assigned to spin-off groups should be very specific, time-bound and focused, maintaining the clear expectation of text-based results. The spin-off groups were to report back to the open-ended contact group with solutions and clean text wherever possible. The ADP proceeded on the basis of this proposal.

10. Ahead of the twelfth part of the session, the Co-Chairs, with the assistance of the facilitators and the support of the secretariat and the Presidencies, released a non-paper containing an edited draft agreement and draft decision¹³ as well as an edited draft decision text on workstream 2 of the ADP.¹⁴

11. At the same time, Parties requested the secretariat to prepare a technical paper identifying closely related paragraphs and duplications within sections, as well as possible areas for streamlining. Parties clearly stated that this paper should be restricted to an

¹⁰ FCCC/ADP/2013/2, paragraphs 8 and 9.

¹¹ See <http://unfccc.int/files/bodies/awg/application/pdf/speaking_notes_informal_adp_mtg_28_11_2015.pdf>.

¹² FCCC/ADP/2014/1, paragraph 19.

¹³ ADP.2015.11.InformalNote.

¹⁴ ADP.2015.10.InformalNote.

editorial exercise to clean up the text without changing its content. This document was made available on 6 November 2015.¹⁵

III. Implementation of all the elements of decision 1/CP.17

(Agenda item 3)

1. Proceedings

12. The ADP considered this agenda item at its 23rd meeting as well as its 24th meeting, held on 5 December. It had before it the documents referred to in paragraphs 7, 10 and 11 above, namely the technical paper identifying closely related concepts, duplication and possible areas for streamlining in the draft agreement and draft decision, the edited draft agreement, draft decision on workstreams 1 and 2 of the ADP, the edited draft decision on workstream 2 of the ADP, the scenario noted prepared for the twelfth part of the session and the Co-Chairs' note for the informal consultation held on 28 November 2015.

13. Throughout the session, inputs by Parties¹⁶ as well as the work of the spin-off group meetings were captured and made publicly available daily on the UNFCCC website.¹⁷ Three iterations of the draft agreement and draft decision were published on 3, 4 and 5 December. In addition, on 4 December a version of the draft agreement and draft decision containing bridging proposals by the spin-off group facilitators and a version containing bridging proposals highlighted in the draft agreement and draft decision were published. All iterations were made available on the UNFCCC website.¹⁸

2. Conclusions

14. At its 24th plenary meeting, the ADP had before it the draft conclusions proposed by the Co-Chairs as contained in document FCCC/ADP/2015/L.6.

15. At the same meeting, after consideration of the draft conclusions referred to in paragraph 14 above, the ADP agreed to transmit the text contained in annex I to the draft conclusions to COP 21 for further consideration. It also agreed to transmit the text contained in annex II to the draft conclusions to COP 21.¹⁹

16. Closing statements were made on behalf of the COP 21/CMP 11 Presidency. In addition, statements were made by representatives of 25 Parties, including on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group, the Group of 77 and China, the European Union and its 28 member States, the Umbrella Group, the African Group, the least developed countries, the Alliance of Small Island States, the Coalition for Rainforest Nations, the Independent Association of Latin America and the Caribbean, the Like-minded Developing Countries, the League of Arab States and the BASIC countries.

IV. Other matters

(Agenda item 4)

17. The ADP considered this agenda item at its 23rd meeting. No other matters were raised.

¹⁵ ADP.2015.12.InformalNote.

¹⁶ See <<http://www4.unfccc.int/submissions/SitePages/sessions.aspx?years=2015&focalBodies=ADP>>.

¹⁷ <http://unfccc.int/meetings/paris_nov_2015/items/9326.php>.

¹⁸ <http://unfccc.int/meetings/paris_nov_2015/items/9340.php>.

¹⁹ As contained in document FCCC/ADP/2015/L.6/Rev.1 and Add.1.

V. Report on the twelfth part of the second session

(Agenda item 5)

18. At its 24th meeting, the ADP considered and adopted the draft report on the twelfth part of its second session.²⁰ At the same meeting, following the proposal of the Co-Chairs, the ADP authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report on the twelfth part of the session with the assistance of the secretariat and under the guidance of the Co-Chairs.

VI. Closure of the session

19. At the 24th meeting, the Co-Chairs expressed their gratitude to previous Co-Chairs of the ADP and to those delegates who had co-facilitated the work of the ADP throughout the year, lauding their dedication and hard work in guiding the informal meetings of the ADP.

20. The Co-Chairs also thanked the Parties for their outstanding work and dedication.

21. At the same meeting, the Co-Chairs declared the second session of the ADP closed.

²⁰ FCCC/ADP/2015/L.5.

Annex I

Documents before the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action at the twelfth part of its second session

Documents prepared for the twelfth part of the session

FCCC/ADP/2015/L.5 Draft report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the twelfth part of its second session, held in Paris from 29 November to 5 December 2015

Other documents before the session

FCCC/CP/2014/10 and Add.1 Report of the Conference of the Parties on its twentieth session, held in Lima from 1 to 14 December 2014

FCCC/CP/2013/10 and Add.1 Report of the Conference of the Parties on its nineteenth session, held in Warsaw from 11 to 23 November 2013

FCCC/CP/2012/8 and Add.1 Report of the Conference of the Parties on its eighteenth session, held in Doha from 26 November to 8 December 2012

FCCC/CP/2011/9 and Add.1 and 2 Report of the Conference of the Parties on its seventeenth session, held in Durban from 28 November to 11 December 2011

FCCC/ADP/2015/5 Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the eleventh part of its second session, held in Bonn from 19 to 23 October 2015

FCCC/ADP/2015/4 Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the tenth part of its second session, held in Bonn from 31 August to 4 September 2015

FCCC/ADP/2015/3 Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the ninth part of its second session, held in Bonn from 1 to 11 June 2015

FCCC/ADP/2015/2 Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the eighth part of its second session, held in Geneva from 8 to 13 February 2015

FCCC/ADP/2015/1 Negotiating text

FCCC/ADP/2014/4 Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the seventh part of its second session, held in Lima

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| | from 2 to 13 December 2014 |
| FCCC/ADP/2014/3 | Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the sixth part of its second session, held in Bonn from 20 to 25 October 2014 |
| FCCC/ADP/2014/2 | Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the fifth part of its second session, held in Bonn from 4 to 14 June 2014 |
| FCCC/ADP/2014/1 | Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the fourth part of its second session, held in Bonn from 10 to 14 March 2014 |
| FCCC/ADP/2013/3 | Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the third part of its second session, held in Warsaw from 12 to 23 November 2013 |
| FCCC/ADP/2013/2 | Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the first and second parts of its second session, held in Bonn from 29 April to 3 May 2013 and from 4 to 13 June 2013 |
| FCCC/ADP/2012/3 | Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the second part of its first session, held in Doha from 27 November to 7 December 2012 |
| FCCC/ADP/2012/2 | Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the first part of its first session, held in Bonn from 17 to 25 May 2012 |

Annex II

Informal notes prepared for the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action at the twelfth part of its second session

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| ADP.2015.10.InformalNote | Draft decision on workstream 2 of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action |
| ADP.2015.11.InformalNote | Draft agreement and draft decision on workstreams 1 and 2 of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action |
| ADP.2015.12.InformalNote | Technical paper identifying closely related concepts, duplication and possible areas for streamlining in the draft Agreement and draft Decision |
| ADP.2015.13.InformalNote | Scenario note on the twelfth part of the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action. Note by the Co-Chairs |
