

Scenario note on the eleventh part of the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action

Note by the Co-Chairs

5 October 2015

I. Introduction

1. In accordance with its agreed work programme, the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) will resume its work at the eleventh part of its second session, to be held in Bonn, Germany, from 19 to 23 October 2015. At the tenth part of its second session, held in Bonn from 31 August to 4 September 2015, Parties were unanimous in their view that the pace of the negotiations was slow and that there was an urgent need, owing to serious time constraints, to accelerate it. Moreover, they called for a step change in the pace of negotiation. Following 34 bilateral meetings as well as a meeting of the heads of delegation, at the closing of the session Parties “requested the Co-Chairs in consultation with the facilitators and with the support of the secretariat to prepare a non-paper containing a basis of negotiation of the draft Paris climate package, on workstream 1 and workstream 2, based on the Geneva Negotiating Text, and taking into account the views and positions expressed by Parties at ADP 2.10 on the 24 July tool”.

2. Immediately after the closure of the ADP 2.10, on 4 September, we held a meeting with the facilitators on the preparation of the non-paper; inputs from the facilitators on the non-paper were received on 8 September. A draft document prepared by the secretariat containing a consolidation of such inputs was received by the Co-Chairs on 11 September. A teleconference between the Co-Chairs and the secretariat was held on 16 September, followed by a teleconference mostly on process and next steps with the Presidencies of the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its twentieth and twenty-first sessions on 22 September. Face-to-face meetings of the Co-Chairs were held in New York from 23 to 27 September. The zero draft of the non-paper prepared by the Co-Chairs and based on the inputs received was provided on 27 September to the Presidencies of COP 20 and 21, the facilitators and the secretariat. Comments from the facilitators were received on 1 October. The draft non-paper was discussed in two meetings convened by the Co-Chairs with the Presidencies of COP 20 and 21 and the secretariat in New York. The Presidencies of COP 20 and 21 provided general guidance on the draft text. The Co-Chairs then met on 2 October to finalize the draft non-paper.

3. We would like to convey our gratitude to the facilitators for their valuable contributions and to the Presidencies of COP 20 and 21 for their guidance and advice. We would like also to thank the secretariat for its hard work and professionalism. Furthermore, we would like once again to reiterate to Parties our sincere gratitude for the trust and confidence placed in us as well as for their continued support. We sincerely hope that Parties will find this non-paper, which holds no status, useful in fulfilling the expected outputs of the forthcoming session of the ADP.

4. As announced on 4 September at the closure of ADP 2.10, the non-paper containing the basis for negotiation of the draft Paris climate package, requested by Parties to be made available during the first week of October 2015, has been made available, as document ADP.2015.8.InformalNote. Pursuant to decision 1/CP.20, paragraph 20, the non-paper also contains a draft decision on workstream 2, which is also available as a separate document – ADP.2015.9.InformalNote. Furthermore, the non-paper was made available to Parties 15 days in advance of ADP 2.11. We would like to reiterate that the Geneva Negotiating Text, contained in document FCCC/ADP/2015/1, is the only official document before the ADP until withdrawn by Parties at COP 21.

5. It is our intention to conduct intensive pre-session consultations with all Parties prior to the opening of ADP 2.11. From 15 to 18 October, we intend to convene a series of bilateral meetings with negotiating groups, as well as with any interested Parties, with a view to seeking their views on and reactions to the non-paper.

6. We invite all Parties to share with us, before and during the pre-session consultations, their ideas, proposals and concerns. To this end, Parties wishing to contact us directly may do so at the following e-mail address established in May to facilitate direct interaction with Parties: <adp.chair.email@gmail.com>. It is our firm commitment to continue to use the open channel of communication with all Parties in order to seek their

views on the suggested mode of work of the ADP and to adjust it, if required, before the opening of ADP 2.11. The objective is to have an agreed modus operandi for this session before its opening so as to avoid any discussion of procedure and to start substantive negotiations immediately after a short opening plenary.

II. Objective of the session

7. The objective of the session is to intensify the pace of text-based negotiation among Parties with a view to preparing the draft Paris climate package for presentation at the opening of COP 21.

8. We would like to commend the 148 Parties that have to date submitted their intended nationally determined contributions (INDCs) and invite others to do so well in advance of COP 21. Parties wishing to make a presentation on their INDCs at ADP 2.11 are requested to inform the secretariat of this intention as soon as possible and no later than 17 October. These presentations will be organized as side events during the lunch period. In addition, we have invited the Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund to make a presentation during the lunch period on the preparations for the next meeting of the Green Climate Fund Board.

9. The forthcoming ADP session is the last scheduled session before COP 21. We call on all Parties to come fully prepared to engage in text-based negotiation so as to be able to deliver a draft agreement and accompanying decision(s) for finalization at COP 21. We also expect Parties to make the best use of the five working days available during the session and to demonstrate flexibility in the suggested mode of work in the light of the lack of time and the shared sense of urgency conveyed to us by all Parties.

III. Organization of the work

10. ADP 2.11 will be only five days long, and is the last scheduled ADP session before COP 21. It is thus crucial to make the best use of the very limited time available and to demonstrate flexibility regarding the mode of work if the ADP is to fulfill its mandate on time. Therefore, the ADP opening plenary will be very short and will start punctually at 10 a.m. on 19 October. It should last not more than half an hour. We strongly encourage Parties to post their statements and remarks on the UNFCCC website in lieu of presenting them orally. Immediately following the short opening plenary, two open-ended drafting committees, chaired by us, will be convened simultaneously. The first open-ended drafting committee will conduct the first reading of the non-paper containing the draft agreement and the accompanying draft decision. Following the first reading of the non-paper, spin-off groups chaired by the facilitators designated at ADP 2.9 will be subsequently convened for work on the relevant parts of the draft agreement as well as the accompanying draft decision. Depending on the progress achieved, we expect the spin-off groups on mitigation and adaptation to start their work in the afternoon of 19 October. The open-ended drafting committee on workstream 1 will reconvene as often as required and no later than in the morning of 21 October in order to receive a report on the progress achieved in the spin-off groups and to address issues not assigned to the spin-off groups.

11. A second open-ended drafting committee will also be convened immediately after the adjournment of the opening session so as to conduct the first reading of the suggested draft decision on workstream 2. Depending on the progress achieved, we expect the facilitators on workstream 2 to convene a spin-off group in the afternoon of 19 October.

12. ADP 2.11 is therefore a text-based negotiating session; the non-paper containing the basis for the negotiation of the draft Paris climate package will be on-screen during the meetings of the drafting committees and the spin-off groups.

13. A stocktaking meeting will be convened as often as required, between 6 and 7 p.m. Meetings of the heads of delegation may be also convened if needed. The proposed initial schedule of meetings is contained in the annex to this note. Additional meetings will be scheduled according to the needs of the spin-off groups and will be announced in advance.

14. We will meet daily with the facilitators to assess, plan and coordinate the schedule of meetings. The facilitators will remain available for Parties between meetings of the spin-off groups. To this end, a dedicated room for each facilitator will be available for the duration of the ADP session.

15. We also intend to continue our active engagement with observers in the ADP process. We intend to convene a briefing session for observers on 21 October 2015 to bring them up to speed on the progress achieved. We will also convene a press briefing on 23 October 2015.

IV. Closing of the session

16. The spin-off groups are expected to finalize their work and complete their assigned tasks by 4 p.m. on 23 October. Following a meeting of heads of delegation to be held from 4 to 5 p.m., a short closing plenary will be held at 5.30 p.m. on that day. The meeting will be closed at 6.00 p.m. We urge Parties to make the best use of the very limited time available and to come prepared to engage in text-based negotiation with a view to forwarding to COP 21 an advanced draft Paris climate package. We invite all Parties to make themselves available as early as possible for the pre-session consultations. We very much look forward to meeting Parties so as to finalize arrangements for the session. We thank you in advance for your continued support for the success of this crucial stage of the last leg of our common journey to Paris.

Annex – Draft schedule of work

| TIME | MONDAY 19 October | | TUESDAY 20 October | | | WEDNESDAY 21 October | THURSDAY 22 October | FRIDAY 23 October |
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| 10.00 to 10.30 | Opening plenary <i>followed by</i> Open-ended Drafting Committee FIRST READING - Workstream 1 and 2 | | | | | Open-ended Drafting Committee Workstream 1 | | |
| 10.30 to 13.00 | Open-ended Drafting Committee FIRST READING Workstream 1 | Open-ended Drafting Committee FIRST READING Workstream 2 | SOG on Finance | SOG on Loss and damage | SOG WS2 | <i>Followed by work in SOGs</i> | Work in SOGs | Work in SOGs |
| 13.00 to 15.00 | Lunch | | INDCs | | | Co-Chairs briefing to stakeholders | GCF | INDCs |
| 15.00 to 16.30 | Open-ended Drafting Committee FIRST READING Workstream 1 <i>continued</i> | Spin-off group (SOG) on Work stream 2 | SOG on Capacity-building | SOG on Transparency of action and support | SOG WS2 | Work in SOGs | Work in SOGs | 16.00-17.00 Heads of delegations meeting |
| 16.30 to 18.00 | | | SOG on Capacity-building <i>(continued as needed)</i> | SOG on Transparency <i>(continued as needed)</i> | SOG WS2 | | | 17.30-18.00 Closing plenary |
| 19.00 to 21.00 | SOG on Adaptation | SOG on Mitigation | SOG on Technology development and transfer | SOG on Facilitating implementation and compliance | | | | |