



Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement

First session

Bonn, 16–26 May 2016

Agenda items 3–8¹

Items 3 to 8 of the agenda

Draft conclusions proposed by the Co-Chairs

1. The Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA) noted that it had successfully launched its work and had set out modalities for the organization of its work for all substantive items on the APA agenda.
2. The APA invited its Co-Chairs to prepare a scenario note setting out their proposed approach for the resumed first session.
3. The APA welcomed the signature of the Paris Agreement by 177 Parties to the Convention and the ratification of the Paris Agreement by 17 Parties to the Convention.
4. The APA encouraged Parties that have not yet signed the Paris Agreement to do so as soon as possible, and also encouraged Parties to deposit their instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval with the Depositary, recognizing that Parties need to undertake their legislative and/or constitutional procedures necessary to allow for depositing such instruments.
5. The APA noted that there is a need to ensure that all relevant rules and modalities are in place for the completion of the work programme under the Paris Agreement and that this is particularly important in view of the possible early entry into force of the Paris Agreement. It welcomed the consultations being undertaken by the Presidency of the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the incoming Presidency of COP 22 on options for ensuring that all Parties to the Convention can continue to participate fully in the development of the work programme under the Paris Agreement.
6. The APA took note of the presentation made by the secretariat on procedural, institutional and administrative requirements for the convening of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement.

¹ See document FCCC/APA/2016/L.1 for the titles of the agenda items.



7. The APA agreed on the following modalities for the organization of its work at its resumed first session:

(a) The APA will continue working in a single contact group on agenda items 3–8;

(b) The contact group will meet at least three times as follows: at an opening meeting to set the direction of work; at a mid-session meeting to assess progress and adjust guidance, if needed; and at a closing meeting to assess the results of the session and adopt conclusions;

(c) The mid-session meeting of the contact group will take an overarching view across all items on the APA agenda, including cross-cutting issues, and the direction of technical work will be adjusted as needed;

(d) The contact group will conduct technical work for each of the six substantive agenda items through informal consultations, each to be facilitated by two co-facilitators. The APA Co-Chairs will announce the team of facilitators in a communication to Parties well in advance of the resumed first session. The APA Co-Chairs will facilitate the informal consultations on agenda item 8;

(e) Efforts will be made to ensure that no more than two informal consultations referred to in paragraph 7(d) above take place at the same time; conducting consultations at the same time on two items with substantive linkages between them should be avoided;

(f) The APA Co-Chairs will provide, through the contact group meeting, a clear mandate and guidance to the co-facilitators on the direction of the work and the expected outcomes. As the work evolves, the guidance will be reassessed and, if needed, adjusted through the mid-session meeting of the contact group. This mode of work will allow conclusions and other outcomes, as relevant, to be developed for each substantive agenda item;

(g) At the closing contact group meeting, the APA will consider the organization of work for its next session and may change the organizational approach if necessary.

8. The APA invited Parties to submit,² by 30 September 2016, their views on the following items on the APA agenda, in order to focus the work of the APA:

(a) Item 3, “Further guidance in relation to the mitigation section of decision 1/CP.21 on: (a) features of nationally determined contributions, as specified in paragraph 26; (b) information to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding of nationally determined contributions, as specified in paragraph 28; and (c) accounting for Parties’ nationally determined contributions, as specified in paragraph 31”;

(b) Item 4, “Further guidance in relation to the adaptation communication, including, inter alia, as a component of nationally determined contributions, referred to in Article 7, paragraphs 10 and 11, of the Paris Agreement”;

(c) Item 5, “Modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement”;

(d) Item 6, “Matters relating to the global stocktake referred to in Article 14 of the Paris Agreement: (a) identification of the sources of input for the global stocktake; and (b) development of the modalities of the global stocktake”, noting the work under Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice agenda item 6(b), “Matters relating to science and review: advice on how the assessments of the Intergovernmental

² Parties should submit their views via the submissions portal at <<http://www.unfccc.int/5900>>.

Panel on Climate Change can inform the global stocktake referred to in Article 14 of the Paris Agreement”³.

9. The APA also invited Parties and admitted observer organizations⁴ to provide information, views and proposals on any work of the APA before each of its sessions.

10. The APA requested the secretariat to compile, by 7 October 2016, the submissions of Parties’ views referred to in paragraph 8 above into information documents, with views on each agenda item of the APA to be compiled in a separate information document.

11. The APA also requested its Co-Chairs to prepare, by 30 August 2016, a set of guiding questions to assist Parties in further developing their conceptual thinking on features and elements of the committee to facilitate implementation and promote compliance.

³ See document FCCC/SBSTA/2016/L.16.

⁴ Observer organizations should e-mail their submissions to <secretariat@unfccc.int>.