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¹ This agenda item will address the modalities, procedures and guidelines that the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) at its first session is expected to consider and take decisions on in accordance with the mandates contained in the Paris Agreement, as well as the draft decisions to be recommended by the subsidiary bodies through the Conference of the Parties to CMA 1 for its consideration and adoption in accordance with the work programme in decision 1/CP.21, including Article 4 of the Paris Agreement and decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 22–35; Article 6 and decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 36–40; Article 7 and decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 41, 42 and 45; Article 8 and decision 1/CP. 21, paragraphs 47–51; Article 9 and decision

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II. Proposed organization of the session: overview

1. The United Nations Climate Change Conference in Marrakech, Morocco, will be organized in a flexible manner, so that it can respond to evolving circumstances and developments, and continue to be guided by the principles of openness, transparency and inclusiveness.
 - (a) Consultations in preparation for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement
 2. The President of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) at its first session will continue to consult negotiating groups and Parties in preparation for CMA 1 during the pre-session period as well as during the two weeks of the Marrakech Conference to exchange views, share expectations and reach agreement on the expected outcomes of CMA 1.
 3. In this regard, the President will also convene open-ended, inclusive and transparent stocktaking plenaries to assess progress and share information. The President will also report to Parties prior to the opening of the CMA, in the expectation that most issues will have been resolved.
 - (b) Opening of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement and the high-level segment
 4. On 8 August 2016, the King of Morocco sent invitations to Heads of State and Government to attend the high-level segment on Tuesday, 15 November. The presence of world leaders and the Secretary-General of the United Nations will provide an opportune moment to celebrate the historic occasion of the entry into force of the Paris Agreement and the opening of CMA 1.
 5. CMA 1 will be opened on the morning of Tuesday, 15 November 2016, immediately prior to the inauguration of the high-level segment,² by the President of the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its twenty-second session and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) at its twelfth session, who will also serve as the President of CMA 1.

1/CP.21, paragraphs 52–64; Article 10 and decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 66–70; Articles 11 and 12 and decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 81–83; Article 13 and decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 84–98; Article 14 and decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 99–101; and Article 15 and decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 102 and 103. Any other matter concerning the implementation of the Paris Agreement could also be addressed by the CMA under this agenda item, as decided by the CMA. Further details on these mandates are included in the annotations to the provisional agenda in chapter III below.

² FCCC/CP/2016/1, paragraphs 115–124, and FCCC/KP/CMP/2016/1, paragraphs 63–70.

6. The President will open CMA 1 with a brief plenary meeting in which the CMA will take up some of the organizational and procedural items on its provisional agenda including the adoption of its agenda. The President will then close the opening plenary meeting of the CMA and immediately open the joint plenary meeting of the high-level segment of the COP, the CMP and the CMA to hear statements. Statements will first be delivered by dignitaries including His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco and the Secretary-General.

7. Following the opening statements, national statements by Heads of State and Government will be heard, followed by ministers and other heads of delegation. National statements will continue to be heard through to Wednesday, 16 November. Statements by intergovernmental and observer organizations will be heard on the morning of Thursday, 17 November.

(c) Continuation of work

8. The President will continue to consult Parties on any outstanding issues concerning the CMA on Wednesday, 16 November and Thursday, 17 November in parallel with the high-level segment. These consultations will aim to reach agreement on the outcomes of the Marrakech Conference as well as, inter alia, the continuation and completion of the work of CMA 1.

9. During the Marrakech Conference, meetings of all bodies will be organized in line with the conclusions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI)³ to ensure the observance of clear and effective time management practices, as well as the relevant procedures and working practices agreed to by all Parties.

10. In order to ensure that draft texts can be processed and made available in all United Nations official languages before presentation to the CMA for consideration and adoption, and to enable the timely closure of the conference, all negotiations in the CMA must conclude by Thursday, 17 November.

11. Separate meetings of the COP, the CMP and the CMA will be held in the afternoons of Thursday, 17 November and Friday, 18 November for consideration and adoption of recommended decisions and conclusions.

12. It should be noted that, in keeping with the conclusions adopted at SBI 40,⁴ all meetings are scheduled to end by 6 p.m. each day in order to give Parties and regional groups sufficient time to prepare for daily meetings, but may, in exceptional circumstances, and on a case-by-case basis, continue for two to three hours.

13. The SBI also recommended⁵ that the secretariat, when organizing sessional periods, follow the practice of holding no more than two meetings of plenary and/or contact groups concurrently, with the total number of meetings held concurrently, including informals, not exceeding six, to the extent possible. It further recommended that the secretariat continue to take into consideration, when scheduling meetings, the constraints faced by delegations and avoid clashes on similar issues, to the extent possible.

14. The principles of openness, transparency and inclusiveness will guide the organization of work during the Marrakech Conference. To this end, efforts will continue, as at recent conferences, to demonstrate these principles through the use of informal plenary meetings to take stock of progress and ensure transparency, the enhanced

³ FCCC/SBI/2014/8, paragraphs 218–221.

⁴ FCCC/SBI/2014/8, paragraph 219.

⁵ FCCC/SBI/2010/10, paragraph 164.

availability of electronic documentation, timely meeting announcements and the broadcasting of meeting information on closed-circuit television, the UNFCCC website and Twitter.

III. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session

15. CMA 1 will be opened by the President of CMA 1, Mr. Salaheddine Mezouar, who was nominated by the African States to serve as President of COP 22 and CMP 12, in accordance with the principle of rotation of the Presidency among regional groups. He will serve as President of CMA 1 pursuant to Article 16 of the Paris Agreement.

2. Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

16. *Background:* The secretariat, in agreement with the President of COP 21, Ms. Ségolène Royal, has drafted the provisional agenda for CMA 1, after consultations with the Bureau.

17. *Action:* The CMA will be invited to adopt its agenda.

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(b) Application of the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties

18. *Background:* In accordance with Article 16, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement, the rules of procedure of the COP shall be applied mutatis mutandis under the Agreement, except as may be otherwise decided by consensus by the CMA.

19. *Action:* The CMA will be invited to apply the draft rules of procedure of the COP and to take any other action it deems necessary.⁶

(c) Election of additional officers

20. *Background:* If any member of the COP/CMP Bureau represents a Party to the Convention that is not a Party to the Paris Agreement, consultations will be required to identify an additional nominee to the Bureau representing a Party to the Paris Agreement in accordance with Article 16, paragraph 3, of the Paris Agreement. Parties are invited to recall decisions 36/CP.7 and 23/CP.18 and give active consideration to the nomination of women for elective posts in any body established under the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol or the Paris Agreement. The election of other members of the Bureau of COP 22, CMP 12 and CMA 1 will take place at the completion of the consultations.⁷

21. *Action:* The CMA will be invited, as necessary, to elect additional members of the Bureau of COP 22, CMP 12 and CMA 1.

⁶ See document FCCC/CP/1996/2.

⁷ FCCC/CP/2016/1, paragraphs 21 and 22, and FCCC/KP/CMP/2016/1, paragraphs 15 and 16.

(d) Organization of work

22. *Background:* Information on the organization of the work of the session, including the proposed schedule of meetings (see paras. 4–14 above), will be shared with Parties.

23. *Action:* The CMA will be invited to organize the work in a manner that is flexible enough to respond to changing circumstances and new developments, that is guided by the principles of openness, transparency and inclusiveness, and that can ensure that mandates for CMA 1 are addressed.

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(e) Status of ratification of the Paris Agreement

24. *Background:* The secretariat will present an oral report on the instruments of ratification, acceptance, or approval received by the Depositary in respect of the Paris Agreement.

25. *Action:* The CMA may wish to take note of the information provided by the secretariat and to invite Parties to the Convention to expedite the deposit of their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Paris Agreement.

(f) Approval of the report on credentials

26. *Background:* The Bureau will examine the credentials submitted by Parties to the Paris Agreement and will submit its report on credentials for approval by the CMA.

27. *Action:* The CMA will be invited to approve the report on credentials of representatives of Parties attending CMA 1. Representatives may participate in the work of the session provisionally pending this action.

3. Matters relating to the implementation of the Paris Agreement

28. *Background:* In accordance with the mandates contained in the Paris Agreement and further to decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 11, CMA 1 is expected to consider and adopt decisions on the modalities, procedures and guidelines on the implementation of the Paris Agreement. Further, the subsidiary bodies will prepare draft decisions to be recommended through the COP to CMA 1 for consideration and adoption, in accordance with decision 1/CP.21, including with respect to:

- (a) Article 4 of the Paris Agreement and decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 22–35;

- (b) Article 6 and decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 36–40;
- (c) Article 7 and decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 41, 42 and 45;
- (d) Article 8 and decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 47–51;
- (e) Article 9 and decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 52–64;
- (f) Article 10 and decision 1/CP. 21, paragraphs 66–70;
- (g) Articles 11 and 12 and decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 81–83;
- (h) Article 13 and decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 84–98;
- (i) Article 14 and decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 99–101;
- (j) Article 15 and decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 102 and 103.

29. The CMA will also consider any other matter concerning the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

30. *Action:* The CMA may wish to take any action it deems appropriate, taking into account the rapid entry into force of the Paris Agreement and the impact that this may have on the above-mentioned mandates.

4. High-level segment

31. The inauguration of the high-level segment will take place in the morning of Tuesday, 15 November.

32. National statements will be heard in the joint plenary meetings of the COP, the CMP and the CMA to be held on Tuesday, 15 November, and Wednesday, 16 November. Parties should note that there will be one opportunity to deliver a national statement during the high-level segment. National statements may be delivered by the Head of State or Government, a minister or the head of delegation.

33. There will be one list of speakers and each Party, including Parties to the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, will speak only once. Parties may wish to note that, as per SBI guidance urging Parties and presiding officers to conclude conferences in a timely manner,⁸ statements must not exceed three minutes. Statements on behalf of groups, where other members of the group do not speak, are strongly encouraged and additional time will be provided for these. In fairness to all speakers, time limits will be strictly enforced. Following United Nations practice, a mechanism will be used to assist speakers in respecting this limit. A bell system will signal to speakers when the time limit is exceeded. Speakers will be interrupted should they exceed the time limit.

34. The full text of the official statements will be posted on the UNFCCC website and will not be circulated in hard copy. In order to have statements posted on the UNFCCC website, Parties speaking at the high-level segment are requested to send a copy of the statement in advance to <external-relations@unfccc.int>.

35. Registration for the list of speakers will remain open until Friday, 28 October 2016. Information related to the list, including a registration form, was included in a notification of the session sent to Parties.

36. Representatives of intergovernmental and observer organizations will be invited to make statements at the high-level segment. The COP, the CMP and the CMA will convene

⁸ FCCC/SBI/2014/8, paragraph 218.

in a joint plenary meeting on the morning of Thursday, 17 November, to hear these statements.

37. Arrangements should be made for the delivery of these statements with a time limit of two minutes. Time limits will be strictly enforced (see para. 33 above). The full text of the official statements will be posted on the UNFCCC website and will not be circulated in hard copy (see para. 34 above).

5. Other matters

38. Any other matters for the attention of the CMA will be taken up under this agenda item.

6. Conclusion of the session

(a) Adoption of the report of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement

39. *Background:* A draft report on the work conducted during the session in Marrakech will be prepared for consideration and adoption by the CMA at the end of the session.

40. *Action:* The CMA will be invited to consider the draft report and authorize the Rapporteur to complete the report after the session under the guidance of the President and with the assistance of the secretariat.

(b) Closure of the session

41. The CMA will be invited to make a determination on the continuation of work and closure of the session.
