

Ad-hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA)

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Agenda item 8(b) – Further matters related to implementation of the Paris Agreement:

Preparing for the convening of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement

Explanatory Note by the Co-Chairs

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Note: This explanatory note is our attempt to informally capture the views expressed by Parties on this agenda sub-item to date. The note has been prepared under our own responsibility and thus has no formal status. The content of the note is not intended to prejudge further work that Parties may want to undertake nor does it in any way prevent Parties from expressing other views they may have in future.

During discussions under agenda item 8 (b), Parties identified possible additional matters concerning implementation of the Paris Agreement and the convening of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA 1), which they were of the view may have not yet been addressed under the work programme under the Paris Agreement contained in decision 1/CP.21. It was emphasized that the APA should only identify and bring these possible additional matters to the attention of the Conference of the Parties (COP) for its consideration and any further action, without prejudice to any action to be taken by the COP.

A list of such possible additional matters is contained in the annex. The list is a compilation of views expressed by Parties. It does not reflect agreement among Parties on the matters contained in the list.

Some Parties proposed that the APA should forward this list through the COP to CMA1, and that the APA could recommend a process for taking these possible additional matters forward (including on allocation of work and timeline for completion).

In determining a possible way forward, Parties may wish to consider, inter alia:

- Whether any preparatory work on any of the matters identified in the list is currently being undertaken.
- If there is no preparatory work being undertaken on any of these matters, is there agreement by Parties on whether preparatory work is required, and if so, when such preparatory work should be undertaken and by which body?
- Whether there is agreement by Parties on a list of matters that can be forwarded by the APA through the COP to CMA 1, with a recommendation on a process for taking these matters forward, including on the allocation of work and the timeline for completion (e.g., by CMA 1 or thereafter).

List of possible additional matters relating to the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the convening of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement identified by Parties as not being addressed under the work programme of the Paris Agreement under decision 1/CP.21			
Matter (described in summary form)	Reference in the PA	Reference in Decision 1/CP.21	Note
Common time frames for NDCs for consideration at CMA1	Article 4, paragraph 10		
Guidance by the CMA on adjustment of existing NDCs	Article 4, paragraph 11		
Progress and procedural steps to enable the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures to serve the Paris Agreement	Article 4, paragraph 15	Paragraphs 33 and 34	The SBSTA and SBI are considering “Modalities, work programme and functions under the Paris Agreement of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures” for consideration and adoption at CMA 1 (see SBSTA 45 agenda item 9(b) and SBI 45 agenda item 15(b))
Modalities for the recognition of adaptation efforts of developing country Parties, for consideration and adoption at CMA 1	Article 7, paragraph 3	Paragraph 41	The Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) are considering jointly modalities to recognize the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties for consideration and adoption at CMA 1 (see documents FCCC/SB/2016/2 and FCCC/SBI/2016/18)
Initial guidance by the CMA to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism	Article 9, paragraph 8	Paragraphs 58 and 61	
Initial guidance by the CMA to the LDCF and SCCF	n/a	Paragraph 58	
Process for setting a new collective quantified goal on finance	n/a	Paragraph 53	
Modalities for biennially communicating information in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 5.	Article 9, paragraph 5	Paragraph 55	The COP is considering “Initiation of a process to identify the information to be provided by Parties in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement” (COP 22 agenda item 10(f)) for consideration and adoption at CMA 1 (see COP 22 agenda item 10(f))
Guidance by CMA 1 on education, training and public awareness	Article 12	Paragraph 83	