

Round table under agenda item 5 of the
Ad-hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA)

“Modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement”¹

4-5 November 2017; Chamber Hall

Agenda

Saturday, 4 November: 9:30 – 13:00

1. Opening by the APA Co-Chairs
2. Transparency of support provided and received, covering: (a) information on financial, technology transfer and capacity-building support provided to developing country Parties under Articles 9, 10 and 11, and (b) information on financial, technology transfer and capacity-building support needed and received under Articles 9, 10 and 11 (Article 13.10):²
 - Framing remarks by co-facilitators
 - Discussion
 - Concluding remarks

Framing questions for discussion drawing from the work done so far and Parties’ submissions:*

Support provided and mobilized

- What information will developed countries report on financial, technology transfer and capacity-building support provided under Articles 9–11 of the Paris Agreement? How and when will the outcome of the modalities for the accounting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 7, of the Paris Agreement, currently under development by SBSTA, be incorporated into the MPGs? What other work is also relevant?
- Will the MPGs for developed country parties be the same as or different from those for other Parties that provide support, recognising the different legal provisions in the Paris Agreement?
- Should reporting on capacity-building and technology support provided be separate from reporting on finance? What quantitative and/or qualitative approaches to reporting would best capture the specific nature of these two areas?

Support needed and received

- What should developing countries report, and how could that include use, impacts and estimated results?
- Should reporting on capacity-building and technology support needed and received be separate from reporting on finance? What quantitative and/or qualitative approaches to reporting would best capture the specific nature of these two areas?
- Would common tabular formats facilitate developing country reporting on support needed and received? If so, what would they look like?

13:00 – 14:00: Lunch break

Saturday, 4 November: 14:00 – 18:00

3. Technical expert review, and facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress, both including a focus on transparency of support (Article 13, paragraphs 11 and 12):
 - Framing remarks by co-facilitators
 - Discussion

¹ Information relating to APA agenda item 5 is available here: <<http://unfccc.int/10163.php>>.

² Delegates following SBSTA agenda item 12, modalities for the accounting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 7, of the Paris Agreement, are encouraged to participate in this session of the round table.

* See additional note on page 3.

- Concluding remarks

Framing questions for discussion drawing from the work done so far and Parties' submissions:*

Technical expert review, including a focus on transparency of support

- How often will the technical expert review take place, considering the number, timing, and frequency of Article 13 report(s)? Where will the technical expert reviews take place and what format will they use, i.e., will they be in-country, centralized, desk, or other?
- What "areas for improvement" can the technical expert team identify? When and how will the identified areas of improvement be implemented? Should Parties regularly submit plans/areas where they intend to improve transparency over time, and if so, what should they contain?
- How should the technical expert review MPGs operationalize flexibility for those developing countries that need it in the light of their capacities?

Facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress, including a focus on transparency of support

- How often will the facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress take place? In what forum or context will the FMCP take place? How would sequencing with the technical expert review be managed?
- How should the FMCP MPGs operationalize flexibility for those developing countries that need it in the light of their capacities?
- What kind of output from the FMCP will there be, if any?

Sunday, 5 November: 9:30 – 13:00

4. Transparency of action in relation to adaptation, covering climate change impacts and adaptation under Article 7, as appropriate (Article 13.8)³
 - Framing remarks by co-facilitators
 - Discussion
 - Concluding remarks

Framing questions for discussion drawing from the work done so far and Parties' submissions:*

- What is the linkage between the MPGs for Article 13.8 under APA agenda item 5 and the 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, currently being considered under APA agenda item 4? How and when will the outcome of the relevant aspects be incorporated into the MPGs?
- How should the MPGs for climate change impacts and adaptation under Article 7, as appropriate, operationalize flexibility for those developing countries that need it in the light of their capacities?

13:00 – 14:00: Lunch break

Sunday, 5 November: 14:00 – 18:00

5. Transparency of action in relation to mitigation, covering: (a) national greenhouse gas inventory reports (Article 13.7(a)); and (b) information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving its nationally determined contribution under Article 4 (13.7(b)):⁴
 - Framing remarks by co-facilitators
 - Discussion
 - Concluding remarks

Framing questions for discussion drawing from the work done so far and Parties' submissions:*

* See additional note on page 3.

³ Delegates following APA agenda 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, are encouraged to participate in this session of the round table.

* See additional note on page 3.

⁴ Delegates following APA agenda item 3, further guidance in relation to the mitigation section of decision 1/CP.21, and SBSTA agenda item 11, matters relating to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, are encouraged to participate in this session of the round table.

Information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving NDCs under Article 4

- How will the MPGs incorporate the outcomes of work on matters relating to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and accounting for Parties' nationally determined contributions, as specified in decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 31, currently being developed by SBSTA and APA, respectively? What other ongoing work is also relevant?
- Should the MPGs require countries to include projections for their expected progress in implementing and achieving NDCs under Article 4?
- What are developing countries' capacity constraints in tracking progress made in implementing and achieving NDCs under Article 4? How should the tracking progress MPGs operationalize flexibility for those developing countries that need it in the light of their capacities?

National greenhouse gas inventory reports

- Which IPCC guidance and metrics should Parties use in preparing their national GHG inventory reports?
- Which years should be reported in national GHG inventory reports? Which gases should be reported in national GHG inventory reports?
- What are developing countries' capacity constraints in preparing national GHG inventory reports, including with regards to methods, data, and assumptions used to estimate national emissions and removals and their documentation? How should the national GHG inventory report MPGs operationalize flexibility for those developing countries that need it in the light of their capacities?

6. Closing by the APA Co-Chairs⁵

* **Additional note:** In each agenda item of this roundtable, as appropriate, the delegates are invited to reflect on these cross-cutting matters identified in the submission of views from Parties:

- Is there a single, comprehensive Article 13 report or multiple Article 13 reports? When is/are the first Article 13 report(s) due, and when will subsequent report(s) be due?
- What would be the benefits, if any, of including principles and/or objectives in the MPGs? If they were included, on what basis would it be determined that they should apply to the MPGs as a whole, or specific to each section of the MPGs?
- Which aspects of the existing MRV system will be superseded (and under what conditions), which will continue, and how will this be reflected in MPGs?

Logistical note: While no registration is required for attendance, interested Parties are kindly invited to inform the secretariat of the names of the delegates who will attend this event. This would help the secretariat in the logistical preparations and planning for the round table. Parties are invited to send such information by email to tisu@unfccc.int, if possible by 1 November 2017.

* See additional note below.

⁵ According to the conclusions from the APA session in May 2017 (see paragraph 22(b) in FCCC/APA/2017/2), "If Parties agree, the co-facilitators designated for each relevant agenda item at APA 1.4 will prepare, under their own responsibility and the guidance of the APA Co-Chairs, an informal note reflecting the views expressed at the relevant round table and make that note available to Parties as soon as possible thereafter".