

Submission by the Arab Group

On the Work of the Ad-Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA) under APA Agenda Item 6

Views on matters relating to the global stocktake referred to in Article 14 of the Paris Agreement:

- (a) Identification of the sources of input for global stocktake
- (b) Development of modalities of the global stocktake

Submitted by Saudi Arabia

On behalf of the Arab Group

Our last intervention of today's Friday 10 November 2017

"Thank you, Mr. Co-Facilitator, speaking on behalf of Arab Group we align ourselves with the intervention made by the Philippines on behalf of G77 and China.

Mr. Co-Facilitator, we would like to thank you for the updated material, we would continue engaging in this document, but we have some serious concerns about not building on the progress that was already made. We would like to engage on the building blocks in the context of 3 models that we exerted a lot of time and efforts to agree on during May session APA 1-3.

Also, there are many items missing from this building block including, but not limited to:

- *Submissions and sources of inputs can be uploaded **online** using a dedicated **GST portal** are cost-effective and more efficient utilizing the UNFCCC website.*
- *Timing and duration of information gathering should not be prolonged and should **not create a burden on parties**, for us a **pragmatic approach** is the best way forward.*
- *The **three thematic roundtables** on **climate action**, **climate support**, and **impact of climate action** including the impact of **response measures**. It is important not to lose the gaps between these elements.*
- *We need a section on **principles** and **context** as it's extremely relevant to have an approach to building blocks.*
- *We need to have a way to **operationalize equity** and this needs to be captured in each of building blocks.*

Finally, just to emphasize once more we need to engage on these building blocks in the context of 3 models which is our understanding the direction we received in the contact group on capturing convergence, divergence, and optionality."

General concerns on building blocks

- **Optionality of design:** having concerns about excluding our simple design model that was captured in last session in May. We want to ensure all options are remain on table and continue building on the progress that was already agreed in last session in May (APA 1-3).
- **Flexibility:** we are ready to engage on the building blocks in the context of the three models captured in last session.

- **Simplicity of the design:** We want to ensure the simplicity of the design remains from start to end. Using one template for all models is not helpful and would not capture all elements under each model.
- **Timing and duration:** We believe the timing and duration of GST should be short in order to avoid undue burden on parties, and concise in order to ensure durability and resilience of the process. keeping in mind the cost implication and take advantage of UNFCCC websites

Inputs on building blocks

There are points of contention in various segments of the building blocks including, but not limited to:

- The overall view on the revised building blocks is still overcomplicated and over-engineered which negate our proposed simple designed model (cooperative discourse). We believe the GST should be maintained efficient, pragmatic, cost-effective with an outcome agreed by Parties.
- **Information gathering and compilation** segment, it is apparent having several steps would prolong the timing and duration of compilation. This should be the easiest step simply by uploading the identified sources of input online using a dedicated portal for Global Stocktake. Timing (*duration*): short, in order to avoid undue burden on parties, and concise in order to ensure durability and resilience of the process.
- Conducted by the CMA and a simple design ending with information delivered
- **Input:**
 - GST Portal for uploading sources of input including Party submissions, IPCC reports, reports from SBs. We believe the collected sources of inputs with a process should be kept facilitative, Party-driven and Party- specific;
 - A compilation of these inputs to be undertaken by Secretariat
- **Modality:**
 - Technical Consideration of compiled inputs to be carried out during COP/CMA session within three thematic round tables moderated by SBs Chairs and Co-Chairs:
 - Thematic round tables on:
 1. Climate Action,
 2. Climate Support, and
 3. Impact of Climate Action
- **Outcome:** we believe the outcome of the GST would consist of the following:
 - A summary report from thematic round tables to CMA; and
 - High Level Statement
- **The Characteristics of GST Outcome**
 - Inform Parties in a nationally determined manner
 - Includes best practices, and positive communication
 - Identifies gaps that exist between needs, action, and support; climate action-specific, and support for that action and the impact of that action
 - Review the effectiveness of adaption action and support
 - Review the overall progress made in achieving the global goal on adaptation
 - Review of climate action within the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication and economic diversification with an assessment of Parties resilience to the impact of response measures

Request

In order to ensure the optionality of the design on modalities, and to proceed on the way forward, we request the Co-Facilitators to reflect the below proposed dual approach + optionality in your informal notes.

Preliminary material in preparation for the first iteration of the informal note on this agenda item.

APA agenda item 6: Matters relating to the global stocktake referred to in Article 14 of the Paris Agreement:

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Revised building blocks for APA item 6 (GST)

The building blocks contained in the table below were derived from submissions and discussions to date under this agenda item. Note that these building blocks can be combined in various ways to construct elements of the text. Note also that they are intended to advance the negotiations and will not be part of the final text.

Possible building blocks	Details
I. Modalities	
<i>Overall activities/phases/adjustment of modalities relevant to all building blocks</i>	
[Guiding design features] [Guiding Principles to operationalize GST]	[Guiding Principles to operationalize GST] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Equity and common but differentiated responsibilities] • [Context of sustainable development and poverty eradication] • [Social and economic impact of response measures] • [Comprehensiveness and linkage between actions and support] • [Nationally determined and facilitative manner] • [Positive and pragmatic] • [Implementation-orientated] • [Openness, transparency and Party-driven process] • [...]

Possible building blocks	Details
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The level of participation, in particular in exchange of views, should not be determined by the Parties concerned
[Equity]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GST will give full consideration to the principle of equity in a cross-cutting manner and is informed by best available science ...
[Post-GST / during the ambition cycle events]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Placeholder on possible events outside the CMA or UNFCCC during the course of the ambition cycle
[...]	
Activity A – Preparatory phase/Information gathering and compilation/Technical input	
<p>[Timing and duration]</p> <p>[Preparing inputs]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Call for inputs] [Compilation and synthesis] [Identification of gaps and call for additional inputs] [Guidance for preparing inputs] [Consolidation of information] [...] <p>[Outputs]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Preparation] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity A should start <p>Views:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2021 or 2022 to ensure the adequate and timely consideration of the input from AR6 Before or after the SB sessions of the year in which the GST will be conducted, bearing in mind that Parties and relevant stakeholders may start to prepare for the GST several years earlier For the first GST, Activity A should run continuously from 2021 (or previous year to be agreed if pre-2020 inputs could be considered, as appropriate) and should end no later than [six][X] months before the CMA in 2023, unless critical information that requires consideration emerges after cut-off date for gathering information and compilation all submissions and other sources of input to be uploaded via UNFCCC website using a dedicated GST portal 1 to 2 months prior the CMA session. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite Parties, constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, UN Agencies, IPCC and other scientific bodies, civil society organizations and other identified sources of input to provide inputs [Input from sustainable development] [Input from the reporting under transparency framework] [Input on social and economic impact of response measures] [Input on economic diversification and adaptation co-benefit] [...] <p>Requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SBSTA and SBI/secretariat to compile information for Activity B the year in advance The secretariat to collate information into an agreed format and make it available on a GST web platform ...

Possible building blocks	Details
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Content] • [Format] • [by whom] • [...] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite the subsidiary bodies to identify potential information gaps and, where necessary and feasible, make requests for additional input • Invite SBSTA to develop guidance for preparing inputs for GST • ...
Activity B - Technical phase/Technical consideration of inputs, take stock, assess collective progress and prepare outputs/Technical Consideration/Prepare reports and key messages	
{Aim}	
<p>[Timing and duration]</p> <p>[Governance]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Institutional] • [Management (e.g., facilitation/chairing/moderating/...)] • [Terms of reference] • [...] <p>[Structure]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [themes/workstreams/workshops/dedicated dialogues/round tables...] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Consideration of compiled inputs to be carried out during COP/CMA session • GST to be conducted under CMA with the assistance of Subsidiary Bodies • GST to be conducted within three thematic round tables moderated by SBs Chairs and Co-Chairs: • Three Thematic Round Tables on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Climate Action; 2. Climate Support; and

Possible building blocks	Details
<p>[Consideration of inputs]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Presentation for consideration] • [Consideration] • [Identification of gaps and call for additional inputs] • [Consideration on various input including response measures] • [Facilitation] • [Assess collective progress] • [Reports by themes] • [Preparation of reports and key messages] • [...] <p>[Outputs]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Preparation] • [Content] • [Format] • [Agreement] • [by whom] • [...] 	<p>3. Impact of Climate Action including the impact on response measures</p>
<p>[Participation]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Dialogue among Parties] • [Exchange of views among parties] • [Technical views among parties] • [...] 	
<p>[Placeholder for operationalization of the advice from SBSTA on how the assessments of IPCC could inform the GST]</p>	
<p>[Placeholder for the modalities developed by AC and LEG] (move to overall if would include activities at the political level)</p>	
<p>[...]</p>	
<p>Activity C – Political phase/Consideration of outputs/Consideration of reports and key messages/Closure of the GST - Outcome</p>	
<p>[Timing and duration]</p>	<p>During the closing Plenary of CMA</p>
<p>[Governance]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Institutional] • [Management (e.g., facilitation/chairing/moderating/...)] • [Terms of reference] • [...] <p>[Structure]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [high level event/ roundtables/...] <p>[Presentation and consideration of inputs]</p> <p>[Preparation of output]</p>	<p>Closed by CMA Presidency during the high-level segment</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Content and format] • [by whom] • [...] 	
II. Sources of input	
<p>[existing sources of inputs]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The overall effect of the nationally determined contributions communicated by Parties; • The state of adaptation efforts, support, experiences and priorities from the communications referred to in Article 7, paragraphs 10 and 11, of the Agreement, and reports referred to in Article 13, paragraph 8, of the Agreement • The mobilization and provision of support; • The latest reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; • Reports of the subsidiary bodies. 	
<p>[Other inputs (information needs)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Information on sustainable development and poverty eradication] • [Information on social and economic impact of response measures] 	
<p>[Additional sources of inputs]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Process for identification of additional sources of input] • [Process for agreeing additional sources of input] • [...] 	
<p>[The non-exhaustive list of sources of inputs]</p>	