

Annex B: Informal Reflections Note on Informal Written Inputs Received on Long-Term Finance

Introduction

1. Based on the joint Presidencies' Plan for Informal Intersessional work on Climate Finance Matters¹, the COP 25 Presidency and the Incoming COP 26 Presidency invited Parties to submit informal written inputs on the LTF², including reflections on the following questions:
 - A. What is your view on the future status of the LTF work programme and the associated agenda item under the COP, taking into account the new processes put in place by decision 12/CMA.1?
 - B. What decisions, if any, do you feel are needed at COP 26 in order that Parties have sufficient and appropriate space to consider key matters related to long-term climate finance?
 - C. What, if any, further informal intersessional work do you feel should be undertaken by the Presidencies on this matter?
2. The informal written inputs we received have been compiled by the UNFCCC secretariat and can be found on the UNFCCC website³. This paper provides reflections, under the authority of the Presidencies, of views expressed by Parties in these informal written inputs. It should be read as a non-exhaustive summary, created to highlight the key issues on which we feel Parties will need to continue to engage in Glasgow. As with all work under the joint Presidencies informal work plan, this is an informal product with no formal status which we hope Parties will find useful as a reference point when they begin their formal discussions in Glasgow.

Future status of the Long Term Finance work programme and agenda item

3. On the matter of the future status of the LTF work programme and associated agenda item under the COP, there are different views amongst Parties' positions.
4. Several Groups and Parties were of the view that the LTF work programme ended in 2020 and the associated agenda item under the COP should be closed at COP 26, pointing to decision 3/CP.19. These Groups and Parties felt that decisions taken in Katowice, particularly through 12/CMA.1, transferred the relevant elements of the LTF over to the 9.5 work programme under the CMA, providing both the technical and political space to discuss matters related to long term climate finance.
5. On the other hand, several Groups and Parties were of the view that the LTF work programme and agenda item remain an important place for parties to the Convention to discuss, in accordance with its principles and provisions, the effective implementation of the Convention and its objective. This meant that the LTF work programme and agenda item should continue under the COP beyond 2020.
6. Several Groups and Parties felt that the LTF agenda item and work programme under the COP constituted an important place to provide transparency and take stock of progress on the delivery of the

¹ Joint Presidencies Plan for Informal Intersessional work on Climate Finance: Matters: <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/2021-06-29%20Presidencies%20Plan%20for%20Informal%20Intersessional%20Work%20on%20Climate%20Finance%20Matters.pdf>.

² Invitation from the COP 25 Presidency and the Incoming COP 26 Presidency for Informal Written Inputs on Long-Term Finance <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/2021-08-17%20LTF%20Invitation%20for%20Informal%20Written%20Inputs.pdf>

³ <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/supreme-bodies/conference-of-the-parties-cop/presidency-consultations-and-other-presidency-meetings/informal-consultations-by-the-cop-25-presidency-and-the-cop-26-incoming-presidency>

USD 100 billion goal in the period 2020-2025, as well as a strategic forum to assess the overall climate finance landscape.

7. Several Parties felt that the activities and scope of the LTF work programmes under the COP was different to those established under the CMA, and that this provided a clear indication of the relevance and continued existence of the LTF under the Convention.
8. A number of Parties identified specific issues they felt should be covered by the continuation of the LTF, including the definition of climate finance; balance between support for adaptation and mitigation; the quality and adequacy of support; and the assessment of progress towards new finance targets beyond 2025.
9. One Party felt that because the USD 100 billion per year goal remains valid until 2025, as per COP decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 53, the LTF agenda item should also continue to be open until 2025. Another felt the work programme should be used to devise a strategy to close the gap, taking into account the needs of the developing countries.

Decisions required at COP 26

10. Regarding what decisions were required at COP 26, there was some convergence on the need to streamline discussions within the UNFCCC on climate finance.
11. In line with the views on the future status of the LTF, there are different views on how this should be achieved.
12. Those Groups and Parties that felt that the LTF ended in 2020 were of the view that the LTF agenda item under the COP should conclude at COP 26, ending the associated work programme. They felt this would streamline and concentrate efforts to implement the Convention and the Paris Agreement. One of these Parties did express a willingness to discuss whether there are any finance-related issues that are missing in the set-up agreed under the CMA.
13. Those Groups and Parties that saw a continuing role for an LTF agenda item under the Convention, felt that COP 26 should deliver a decision that would allow this. Many of these Groups and Parties felt that because of the activities established by decision 12/CMA.1, there should be some tailoring or recalibration of the current activities within the associated LTF work programme, to drive forward and improve the effectiveness of discussions, whilst avoiding repetition.
14. For example, one Group suggested that one biennial set of in-session workshops and high-level ministerial dialogues should holistically cover the delivery of the USD 100 billion goal up to 2025 and the overall implementation of Article 9 of the Paris Agreement.
15. This Group also called for an official UNFCCC Synthesis Report on the delivery of the USD 100 billion mobilization goal as of 2020, to be presented by the Secretariat in 2022, as well as subsequent UNFCCC annual Synthesis Reports that assess the delivery of this goal from 2020-2025.
16. Another Party suggested a decision that mandates a time-bound negotiating process on resolving outstanding issues on the LTF with a clear outcome, timetable and pre-requisite inputs and support from mandated entities.

Further informal intersessional work

17. Some Groups and Parties felt that no further informal intersessional work should be undertaken. Others felt that given the importance of this issue, there should be further work, with suggested modalities for this including bilateral dialogues with the presidencies or workshops.
18. Some asked the Presidencies to make a decision on this matter based on our assessment of the informal written inputs. We will continue to discuss with parties and Groups as we prepare for COP 26.