

Draft Decision on the Special Needs and Special Circumstances of African States

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,

Recalling Article 4, paragraph 1 (e) of the Convention,

Further recalling relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties, including decisions 1/CP.13, 4/CP.14, 1/CP.16, 3/CP.17, 7/CP.20, 8/CP.20, 17/CP.22, and decision 15/CMP.7, which recognized the special needs and circumstances of African States;

1. *Recalling* also the relevant decision of the Conference of the Parties taking into account the urgent and immediate needs of particularly vulnerable developing countries to the adverse effects of climate change;
2. *Having considered* the matter of the special circumstances and special needs of African States;
3. *Takes note* of the consultations undertaken on this matter by COP Presidencies since 2016;
4. *Welcomes* the call by the President of COP25, which urged Parties to recognise the special needs and special circumstances of Africa;
5. *Notes with serious concern* the findings of IPCC reports that highlights Africa will be impacted more than any other region, and its impacts will reduce economic growth;
6. *Acknowledges* the range and magnitude of the development constraints and challenges facing African States and the overall capacity for Africa to adapt to climate change;
7. *Decided to acknowledge* the special needs and circumstances of Africa States and, those of other developing countries in the context of the implementation of the Paris Agreement;

Relevant Documents

FCCC/CP/2016/10	Report of COP 22, paras. 154-155
FCCC/CP/2017/11	Report of COP 23, paras. 33-34
FCCC/CP/2007/6/Add.1	Decision 1/CP.13, The Bali Action Plan
FCCC/CP/2008/7/Add.1	Decision 4/CP.14, Additional guidance to the GEF
FCCC/CP/2010/7/Add.1	Decision 1/CP.16, The Cancun Agreements
FCCC/CP/2011/9/Add.1	Decision 3/CP.17, Launching the GCF
FCCC/CP/2014/10/Add.2.1	Decisions 7/CP.20, Report of the GCF to the COP
FCCC/CP/2014/10/Add.2	Decision 8/CP.20, Report of the GEF to the COP
FCCC/CP/2016/10/Add.2	Decision 17/CP.22, Improving the effectiveness of the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention