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### SBI 56 agenda item 19 Arrangements for intergovernmental meetings

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1. The SBI took note of the document on arrangements for intergovernmental meetings.<sup>1</sup>
2. The SBI noted with appreciation the preparations by the Government of Egypt for ensuring the success of the United Nations Climate Change Conference to be held in Sharm el-Sheikh from 6 to 18 November 2022, which will include the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties (COP), the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) and the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA).
3. The SBI also noted that the Government of Egypt would invite Heads of State and Government to attend a summit to be held from 7 to 8 November 2022.
4. The SBI invited the incoming Presidency of COP 27, CMP 17 and CMA 4, in consultation with the secretariat and the Bureau, to finalize the details of the arrangements of the Conference and to keep Parties informed.
5. The SBI requested the secretariat to take note of the views of and proposals from Parties on the possible elements of the provisional agendas for COP 27, CMP 17 and CMA 4.
6. The SBI emphasized the importance of openness, transparency and inclusiveness, and adhering to established procedures on decision-making in making arrangements for the Conference.
7. The SBI welcomed the continued efforts of the Presidency, the incoming Presidency and the presiding officers of the subsidiary bodies to ensure efficiency, coordination, coherence, management and due process in the consideration of issues under discussion.
8. The SBI reiterated the need to ensure efficient time management during the Conference and requested the presiding officers, with the support of the secretariat, to continue to enhance efforts in this regard, noting the improvements made during past sessions.
9. The SBI invited the secretariat to make arrangements for the delivery of concise national statements by ministers and other heads of delegation during the high-level segment of the Conference with a recommended time limit of three minutes, and statements by representatives of intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations with a recommended time limit of two minutes. The SBI encouraged Parties, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to keep within their respective time allocations.
10. The SBI noted that, in keeping with the established practice of rotation among the regional groups, the President of COP 29 would come from the Eastern European States. The SBI encouraged the Eastern European States to present an offer to host COP 29 as soon as possible and no later than at COP 28 in order to facilitate timely planning.
11. The SBI also noted that the President of COP 30 would come from the Latin American and Caribbean States. The SBI encouraged the Latin American and Caribbean States to initiate their consultations with a view to taking an early decision regarding proposing a host for COP 30.
12. The SBI reiterated that early identification of a host country minimizes logistical and financial risks and enables the secretariat to conduct fact-finding missions in a timely manner.
13. The SBI recommended the following dates for the sessional periods in 2025 for consideration and adoption at COP 27:

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SBI/2022/5.

- (a) First sessional period: Monday, 16 June, to Thursday, 26 June;
- (b) Second sessional period: Monday, 10 November, to Friday, 21 November.

14. The SBI encouraged the secretariat and hosts of future sessions of the governing bodies to take into consideration logistical arrangements that would facilitate the inclusive and effective participation of all Parties, as well as observer organizations.

15. The SBI noted the importance of ensuring the full participation of all Parties, as well as observer organizations, in sessions of the governing and subsidiary bodies and reiterated the need for hosts of future sessions, and the Host Government of the secretariat, to ensure the timely issuance of visas, availability of affordable accommodation and ease of access to the conference venue and meeting rooms.

16. The SBI took note of the submissions from Parties and observer organizations on approaches and initiatives for increasing the efficiency of the UNFCCC process towards enhancing ambition and strengthening implementation and invited Parties to submit further views on this matter including on streamlining the agendas of the governing and subsidiary bodies.

17. The SBI also took note of the rich exchange of views among Parties and observer organizations and the range of options proposed by them at the session, on increasing efficiency in the UNFCCC process, including:

- (a) Streamlining the agendas of the governing and subsidiary bodies;
- (b) Enforcing efficient time management in meetings;
- (c) Ensuring the timely availability of official documents while noting the importance of providing adequate time for groups to coordinate relevant input into these documents;
- (d) Encouraging the adoption of the rules of procedure by the COP.

18. The SBI requested the secretariat to prepare an information paper that could inform future discussions on the matter of increasing efficiency in the UNFCCC process, including on the following elements:

- (a) Information on past sessions, including number of agenda items, number of requests for new agenda items, number of facilitators required, number of participants, venue size and capacity, and size and number of meeting rooms;
- (b) Information on regional distribution of admitted and accredited observer organizations over time;
- (c)

**Option 1:** Options for enhancing the effective participation of observer organizations in the UNFCCC process, taking into account balanced geographical representation, including ways to support the participation of observer organizations from developing countries.

**Option 2:** Options for improving the balance in terms of effective participation in the UNFCCC between observers from developing countries and observers from developed countries, including ways to provide financial support to the observer organizations from developing countries.

**Option 3:** Options for how to promote the effective participation of observer organizations from developing countries including ways to provide support.

19. The SBI recognized the need to further explore approaches and initiatives for increasing the efficiency of the UNFCCC process, in accordance with established rules and established practices. In this regard, the SBI requested the secretariat to organize an intersessional workshop on this matter between SBI 57 (November 2022) and 58 (June 2023) and to prepare a workshop report as input to the further consideration of this matter at SBI 58.

20. The SBI noted that the elements referred to in paragraph 18 above and the submissions referred to in paragraph 16 above would provide the scope for the workshop and that the information paper would provide useful input to the workshop.

21. The SBI agreed that the workshop would be in person, with a virtual component, taking into account balanced geographical participation of Parties and observer organizations. The SBI also agreed that the workshop could benefit from the participation of experts with in-depth knowledge of the UNFCCC process.

22. The SBI reaffirmed the value of contributions from observer organizations towards supporting the implementation of the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, while acknowledging that this engagement will be conducted in accordance with established UNFCCC rules, procedures and practices.

23. In the spirit of fostering openness, transparency and inclusiveness, while respecting the draft rules of procedure being applied and the Party-driven nature of the UNFCCC process, the SBI welcomed the continued efforts of the COP 26 and 27 Presidencies, the Chairs of the subsidiary and constituted bodies and the secretariat to enhance the engagement of observer organizations in the UNFCCC process and encouraged them to continue implementing conclusions relating to observer engagement.

24. The SBI noted the biennial report<sup>2</sup> by the secretariat that contains information on the engagement of observer organizations in the intergovernmental process in 2020–2021.

25. The SBI acknowledged the significant increase in the number of organizations admitted to the UNFCCC as observers over time and took note of the information provided by the secretariat on the process of admission of observer organizations to the UNFCCC.<sup>3</sup>

26. The SBI reiterated the urgent need for solutions to improve the representation of observer organizations from developing countries in the UNFCCC process<sup>4</sup> and recalled its encouragement to future COP Presidencies to explore ways to increase the participation of observer organizations, including youth organizations and organizations from developing countries.<sup>5</sup>

27. The SBI requested the secretariat to continue making use of technology to facilitate the remote participation of observer organizations in meetings, while noting that remote engagement has its challenges.

28. The SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 18, 19 and 23 above.

29. It requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

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<sup>2</sup> FCCC/SBI/2022/5.

<sup>3</sup> See document FCCC/SBI/2020/INF.8.

<sup>4</sup> See document FCCC/SBI/2021/16, para. 111.

<sup>5</sup> See document FCCC/SBI/2021/16, para. 114(b)(ii).