

Intervention for Informal Consultations on Global Stocktake On behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)

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- Antigua and Barbuda is making this intervention on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States. We align with the statement delivered on behalf of the Group of 77 & China.
- As we are entering implementation mode for the Paris Agreement, the Global Stocktake is critical to assessing collective progress towards achieving the 1.5 degree goal, increasing the ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and foster climate resilience, and making financial flows consistent with a pathway towards low emission greenhouse gas emissions and climate resilient development.
- It is critical to ensure that all relevant information is factored into this process to provide a clear and comprehensive picture of 1. collective ambition and 2. the extent of our progress on implementation. This process must be guided by the best available science and the principles of equity, including climate justice.
- Moreover, the information should be **timely** and responsive, taking into consideration the need to act quickly and with agility to the climate crisis.
- In this context, the non-exhaustive lists of sources of input contained in paragraphs 36 and 37 are a good starting point. In particular, we recognize:
 - the voluntary submissions from parties to inform equity considerations, and
 - the inputs from regional groups and organizations.
 - Relevant reports from UN agencies and other international organizations, like the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- We seek further clarity on how submissions from non-party stakeholders and UNFCCC observer organizations will be collected by the secretariat. Given the richness of information that these groups (e.g. the IPCC, specialized regional international organisations, qualified research institutions, and technically proficient NGOs, as well as other expert organizations) provide to the process, it is imperative that relevant information from these groups is included in the GST.
- In assessing collective progress towards the long-term goal, thematic areas of mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation and support must be taken into account, as well as efforts relating to averting minimizing and addressing loss and damage, and the social and economic impacts of response measures. In this context, as the SBSTA and SBI Chairs are preparing for the first GST, we wish to highlight some important sources of inputs that may not be explicitly mentioned but are covered by the umbrella of paragraphs 36 and 37. These are based on our preliminary reflections, which we will supplement further as the discussions progress.
 - On adaptation, and averting, minimizing, and addressing loss and damage to climate change impacts:

- The annual reports of the relevant constituted bodies, e.g. Adaptation Committee, Excom, LCIPP, SCF, TEC and others;
- The synthesis reports for each of the relevant bodies (decision 19/CMA.1, para 24);
- The adaptation and L&D considerations in the SCF Biannual Assessment reports;
- Relevant sections on adaptation and L&D in the (enhanced) transparency / GST process, e.g. adaptation communications, NDCs, BTRs, BURs and others;
- The L&D finance-related information / work that has been prepared to date, including:
 - The report of the 2016 SCF Forum on Financial Instruments that Address the Risks of L&D; and the anticipated report from the 2021 SCF Forum on Financing Nature-based Solutions
 - The report of the Suva Expert Dialogue;
 - The technical paper on sources of finance for L&D;
 - Upcoming outputs expected from the newly formed ExCom expert group on action and support; Countries' post-disaster needs assessments (PDNAs)
- To assess progress towards the global goal on adaptation:
 - The adaptation finance-related information prepared to date, including:
 - The anticipated report from the 2021 SCF Forum on Financing Nature-based Solutions, including marine and coastal solutions particularly important for AOSIS.
 - The annual reports of the relevant constituted bodies and SBSTA/SBI, e.g. Adaptation Committee and relevant parts of the SBSTA reports like the Nairobi Work Programme (NWP) and progress from its Thematic Expert Group on Oceans;
- The process should also include relevant inputs pertaining to knowledge and practices from local communities and indigenous people.

Before concluding, we recognize the opportunity to provide additional sources of inputs through the Joint Contact Group of the SBs. This is useful as more information may be available at the later date.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute our views in this process. For AOSIS -- the island countries on the frontline of the global climate crisis -- this Stocktake is a vital lifeline providing hope for our future. It is not a secret that climate change is outpacing our collective commitments on mitigation, adaptation and financing. But together we can close the gaps by utilizing our collective knowledge and our will to go faster, farther if we are truly committed.