

## **The APA report to the COP**

**8 December 2018**

**19.30 pm**

**Plenary 1**

### **Speaking notes for APA CCs**

- Mr President
- Distinguished delegates
- Ladies and gentlemen
- Sarah/Jo and I would like to thank the COP President for this opportunity to report on work conducted by the APA here in Katowice.
- Mr. President, the APA was established by the same historical decision of the COP that adopted the Paris Agreement. In it, the COP entrusted the APA with an important and challenging task of preparing for the entry into force of the Agreement and developing sets of modalities and guidelines to operationalize its provisions.
- Mr. President, over the past three years Parties have - in the APA, and in its sister subsidiary

bodies, the SBSTA and the SBI - worked diligently and tirelessly to fulfil this undertaking and deliver a comprehensive, balanced and ambitious package of the Paris Agreement Work Programme.

- Today, we are here to deliver to the COP the outcomes of our work on the APA's agenda.
- The draft texts we now forward have been prepared by us, as the Co-Chairs of the APA, under our own responsibility.
- The hard work and dedication of Parties has allowed us to advance significantly on all these issues. But we do recognize that there is still work to be done to finalize the entire package, on each aspect of the APA's mandate.
- The draft texts reflect the very significant advances made in all areas. However, a number of issues remain unresolved, including some which are of critical importance to Parties. Therefore, the texts do not represent agreement by Parties. We are, however, confident that they will help you to start your work next week.

- At our closing contact group earlier today having heard a number of interventions identifying group concerns with various aspects of the APA's work, we said that - although our formal work has concluded, Parties were welcome to communicate the concerns to us in writing this afternoon. The communications we received in response have been posted on the APA part of the submissions portal on the UNFCCC website and we wanted to ensure Mr. President, that we brought these views to your attention, since they highlight the issues Parties consider to be of vital importance.
- Mr. President, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Parties for honouring us with their trust in electing us to chair this process, for unwaveringly supporting us as we navigated this path and for helping us to ensure that the process delivered.
- We would also like to express our thanks to the current and former Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI for excellent cooperation that allowed us all to put before you a coherent and coordinated, albeit not yet fully finalized package.

- Mr. President, in our opening plenary earlier this week we compared our past three years of work to a marathon. We are now almost at the very end of this challenging course and we look forward to standing with you all once we've crossed the finish line at the end of the week ahead.