



FACILITATIVE BRANCH

Twenty-second meeting

4 –5 September 2019
Bonn, Germany

Report on the meeting

1. Opening of the meeting

1. Mr. Mamadou Diobé Gueye, vice-chairperson of the facilitative branch, declared the meeting open at 10:30 hrs on 4 September 2019. The vice-chairperson conveyed apologies on behalf of the chairperson of the branch, Ms. Emanuela Sardellitti, who was unable to attend the present meeting; he would therefore chair the meeting in accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure of the Compliance Committee (hereinafter: the Committee).¹ The vice-chairperson also welcomed all members and alternate members of the branch present at the meeting and congratulated Ms. Lisa Benjamin, new member of the branch, and Ms. Jimena Nieto Carrasco, new alternate member to the branch, on their election.

2. At the request of the chairperson, the secretariat provided information on participation and quorum, as well as on the administrative, logistical and housekeeping arrangements. The secretariat confirmed that there was a quorum for the meeting, that the meeting was being webcast live on the internet, and that an audio recording was being made of the entire meeting.

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. The branch adopted the provisional agenda without changes (CC/FB/22/2019/1).

3. Organization of work

4. The branch agreed to organize its consideration of the items on the agenda in the order in which they had been set out in the agenda as adopted.

4. Provisions related to facilitation: Advice and facilitation

5. The vice-chairperson recalled that, following a proposal at the 21st meeting of the facilitative branch, some of the members and alternate members of the branch participated in the annual meeting of greenhouse gas lead reviewers on 13–14 March 2019 and engaged in a dialogue on the complementary roles of expert review teams (ERTs) and the Committee in facilitating implementation

¹ Rules of procedure of the Compliance Committee contained in the annex to decision 4/CMP.2, as amended by decisions 4/CMP.4 and 8/CMP.9, available at:
https://unfccc.int/files/kyoto_protocol/compliance/application/pdf/consolidated_rop_with_cmp_4&cmp9_ame nd_2014feb03.pdf



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of the Kyoto Protocol. Among other things, the dialogue explored questions around possible underlying causes of unresolved issues and how they may be identified, any particular areas among frequently recurring problems that might benefit from assistance from the facilitative branch and possible ways of highlighting successes and improving reporting over time.

6. The participants found that, by enabling a face-to-face discussion with lead reviewers, the dialogue contributed to a better understanding of the respective mandates and roles of ERTs and the Committee and gave the facilitative branch members and alternate members greater insight into how ERTs work and the challenges they face in the review process.

7. Members and alternate members of the branch exchanged further views and reflections on their engagement with the lead reviewers. In line with the rules of procedure and regular practice of the Committee, this part of the branch's discussions was conducted in closed session, as the lead reviewers meeting and the dialogue had been held in closed session.

8. The vice-chairperson further recalled that members and alternate members of the facilitative branch who participated in the dialogue had also met informally back-to-back with the lead reviewers' meeting to reflect on the dialogue and discuss preparations for the present meeting of the branch, including by undertaking further analysis of some review reports with a view to suggesting possible actions for potential consideration by the branch at the present meeting.

9. In the course of 2019, members and alternate members of the facilitative branch were invited to further analyse any of the annual review reports (ARRs)² forwarded to the Committee in accordance with section VI, paragraph 3, of the procedures and mechanisms.³ To facilitate that task, a member of the branch developed, on the basis of an Excel spreadsheet, a tool for analysing review reports.

10. The facilitative branch considered the analyses of several ARR carried out by some members and alternate members and discussed a range of issues identified and illustrated through examples. The branch explored possible ways to identify persistent or significant issues that might benefit from facilitation and advice. The branch agreed that in its future analysis of review reports it may need to devote attention to issues that appear to present challenges for a number of Parties and that may be of a systemic nature.

11. The facilitative branch also discussed possible actions it could take in accordance with its mandate and functions. These could range from further discussions within the branch; examining how any of the issues identified in the analysis is addressed in the subsequent review report; engagement with expert reviewers, including with lead reviewers and/or with reviewers of a specific report; to engagement with a particular Party, including, to seek clarification from the Party or, where appropriate, to offer facilitation and advice.

12. The facilitative branch thanked its member, Mr. Gao Xiang, for developing the "general analysis and overview" or "GAO" guiding tool (see para. 9 above), which can assist the branch in its analysis of review reports. The branch agreed to undertake further analysis of relevant review reports available in 2019 and 2020, including the ARR of the next review cycle and, to the extent possible, reports on the technical reviews of seventh national communications. It also agreed to use the guiding

² Report on the individual review of the annual submission of an Annex I Party, hereinafter referred to as annual review report (ARR).

³ Procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol (annex to decision 27/CMP.1; hereinafter referred to as the "procedures and mechanisms").



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tool in this task with a view to ensuring consistency of methodology used when analysing the review reports.

13. The facilitative branch agreed to improve and refine the tool as necessary, including by adding explanations and clarifications, and developing a glossary of key terms, bearing in mind the need for consistency with terms used in relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP). In this process the branch would also take into account any views and comments that review experts, including lead reviewers, and the secretariat may wish to contribute to the guiding tool.

14. In terms of practical arrangements for its work in 2019–2020, the facilitative branch:

- a. Agreed to form four internal working groups, with the composition to be suggested by the chairperson and the vice-chairperson of the branch in 2019, to be adjusted as necessary in 2020 to take into account any changes in the membership of the branch. The groups will be facilitated by Ms. Lisa Benjamin, Mr. Xiang Gao, Ms. Jimena Nieto Carrasco and Mr. Kunihiko Shimada;
- b. Requested the secretariat to distribute the review reports to the working groups as the reports are made available to the Committee in accordance with section VI, paragraph 3, of the procedures and mechanisms;
- c. Requested the secretariat to continue to maintain an electronic platform, which the working groups may use to share their analyses and suggestions.
- d. Encouraged the working groups to share with the branch the first round of results of their analysis by February 2020 and the second round by May 2020, with a view to having all results from the analysis and suggestions for possible actions by the branch completed and available to the members and alternate members of the branch at least four weeks before the next meeting of the branch;
- e. Invited the working groups to explore ways to reach out to relevant review experts who may be interested in engaging with them in informal exchanges on their analysis of review reports;
- f. Invited its chairperson and vice-chairperson to identify, on the basis of further analysis undertaken by the working groups and any suggestions by members or alternate members of the branch, what expert advice may be required to facilitate the work of the branch. Where such advice is deemed necessary, the branch requested its chairperson and vice-chairperson, with the assistance of the secretariat, to undertake the necessary steps to invite relevant experts to the next meeting of the branch, including, as appropriate, by preparing a draft decision on expert advice for consideration and adoption by the branch.

15. The facilitative branch considered that it would be useful for the bureau of the Committee to explore, with the assistance of the secretariat, ways to continue engaging with lead reviewers, including at the lead reviewers' meetings to be held in March 2020, subject to the availability of financial resources.



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16. The facilitative branch noted that it had made further progress in developing its methodologies and practice in identifying issues that may benefit from facilitation and advice. The branch discussed that certain methodologies could be further refined. It recommended that the plenary remind the CMP of the substantial body of work and lessons learned by the branch, including the 2017 document on its experience in providing advice and facilitation,⁴ the lessons learned reflected in the annual report to CMP 14,⁵ the guiding tool referred to in paragraphs 9 and 12 above and any refinements that may be made to it, including a glossary, and the branch's methods of engagement with lead reviewers, its practical arrangements and methodologies used.

5. Other matters

17. The branch authorized the chairperson and vice-chairperson to set the date for its twenty-third meeting, taking into account the dates of the meeting of the plenary, which will be considered by the plenary at its twenty-first meeting.

6. Closure of the meeting

18. The vice-chairperson of the branch declared the meeting closed at 11:35 hrs on 5 September 2019.

⁴ Experience of the facilitative branch of the Kyoto Protocol Compliance Committee in providing advice and facilitation to Parties in implementing the Kyoto Protocol ([CC/FB/20/2017/2](#)).

⁵ FCCC/KP/CMP/2018/6, para. 23(a–e).



7. Attendance

19. The names of members and alternate members present at the meeting are marked in bold below.

Members (in alphabetical order)	Alternate Members
1. AL-GHAMDI, Abdullah Mr.	GAO, Xiang Mr.
2. BART, Delano F. Mr.	PAZ CASTRO, Luis Mr.
3. BENJAMIN, Lisa Ms.	<i>Vacant</i>
4. GUEYE, Mamadou Diobé Mr.	NIETO CARRASCO, Jimena Ms.
5. JAKARASI, Veronica Ms.	JALLOW, Bubu Pateh Mr.
6. NIKITSIN, Siarhei Mr.	SEDYAKIN, Valeriy Mr.
7. SARDELLITTI, Emanuela Ms.	KÄRNSTRÖM, Ida Ms.
8. SHIMADA, Kunihiko Mr.	<i>Vacant</i>
9. VERWEY, Delano Ruben Mr.	GROBICKI, Grzegorz Mr.
10. YENGA-YENGA, Albert K. Mr.	RAMIREZ, Ramiro Mr.
