



FACILITATIVE BRANCH

Twenty-third meeting

11 November 2020
Bonn, Germany

Report on the meeting

1. Opening of the meeting

1. Ms. Amy Merrill Steen, Secretary to the Committee, declared the meeting open at 13:00 CET and introduced Mr. Mamadou Diobe Gueye, chairperson and Mr. Kunihiko Shimada, vice-chairperson, who were elected by consensus decision of the branch of 1 April 2020 (CC/FB/2020/1), using electronic means.

2. As Mr. Mamadou Diobe Gueye was unable to attend the meeting, Mr. Kunihiko Shimada, acting as chairperson on the facilitative branch, welcomed the members and alternate members of the branch who were present at the meeting.

3. At the request of the acting chairperson, the secretariat provided information on participation and quorum, as well as key administrative, logistical and housekeeping arrangements. The secretariat also confirmed that the meeting was being webcast and was available on the UNFCCC website.

4. The acting chairperson confirmed that there was quorum for the meeting.

2. Adoption of the agenda

5. The branch adopted the provisional agenda without changes (CC/FB/23/2020/1).

3. Organization of work

6. 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

7. In accordance with section VI, paragraph 3, of the procedures and mechanisms, and decision 22/CMP.1, annex, paragraph 49, the facilitative branch of the Compliance Committee reviewed the following reports:

- (i) ARRs submitted in 2019 of the following Parties: Cyprus, Japan and Bulgaria;



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(ii) ARRs submitted in 2020 of the following Parties: Lithuania, France, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Monaco, New Zealand, Poland, Greece, Malta, Australia, Sweden, Switzerland.

8. The facilitative branch undertook reviews of 17 reports out of 22 reports sent to the branch, in accordance with the practical working arrangements decided at its 22nd meeting in September 2019 as contained in paragraph 14 of the report of the meeting contained in document CC/FB/22/2019/2.

9. Six members and alternate members presented an overview of their findings at the meeting.

10. The branch agreed to continue the reviews of the reports as per the practical working arrangements decided at its 22nd meeting in September 2019, with improvements to the working modalities of the groups to enhance their efficiency and coordination. The branch noted that the “General Analysis and Overview” guiding tool developed in 2019 used to review the reports could also be further improved, with a view to enhance consistency across the reviewing process in the identification of significant and persistent issues and focusing on issues deemed to be “unresolved” by the expert review team as well as to develop a uniform approach in identifying and presenting the findings to the branch.

11. The branch also considered developing a consolidated document of the findings and analysis undertaken so far on the identification of issues that are either persistent or significant, or both, which may benefit from facilitation and advice by the branch, as well as building on the experiences of the branch in fulfilling its mandate to provide advice and facilitation to Parties more broadly. This would be reflected in an updated “experience document” similar to the document “Experience of the facilitative branch of the Kyoto Protocol Compliance Committee in providing advice and facilitation to Parties in implementing the Kyoto Protocol” as contained in document CC/FB/20/2017/2.

12. One member and one alternate member attended the 17th meeting of greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory lead reviewers (LRs) which took place from 29 June to 3 July 2020 as a virtual meeting and provided an update to the branch. The branch considered enhancing its engagement with the lead reviewers by sharing the results of the reviews with the lead reviewers and seeking clarifications from them; while noting the value of scheduling subsequent in-person meetings of the branch in conjunction with the meetings of the lead reviewers as essential to further advancing the work of the branch in fulfilling its mandate.

5. Doha Amendment

13. The branch considered the entry into force of the Doha Amendment, which was adopted by CMP 8, held in Doha, Qatar, in December 2012.¹

6. Other matters

14. The branch authorized the chairperson and vice-chairperson to set the date for its twenty-fourth meeting, taking into account the dates of the meeting of the plenary, which will be considered by the plenary at its 22nd meeting.

¹ Decision 1/CMP.8.



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15. Recognizing the four-year term allocated to members and alternate members, the branch noted the importance in assisting new members and alternate members with further building their experience through an induction early in the year following their election.

16. The branch shared its views on meeting virtually for the first time and agreed that in-person meetings are preferable, and important for new members and alternates in particular. However, the branch also noted the shortfall in the budget for compliance for the biennium and the cost implications of in-person meetings. The branch discussed alternatives, such as alternating between in-person and virtual meetings. The branch also noted that despite the preferable nature of in-person meetings, the evolving global situation in relation to travel restrictions resulting from the coronavirus 2019 pandemic may require the branch to meet virtually or with some members and alternates attending virtually.

7. Closure of the meeting

17. The acting chairperson of the branch declared the meeting closed at 16:00 hrs on 11 November 2020.



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18. 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. BENJAMIN, Lisa Ms.	SILVA, Eduardo Mr.
3. COLLINS, Martin Mr.	<i>Vacant</i>
4. GUEYE, Mamadou Diobé Mr.	NIETO CARRASCO, Jimena Ms.
5. JAKARASI, Veronica Ms.	JALLOW, Bubu Pateh Mr.
6. LOIBL, Gerhard Mr.	LUNDBERG, Johan Mr.
7. NIKITSIN, Siarhei Mr.	SEDYAKIN, Valeriy Mr.
8. OMAMBIA, Anne Ms.	<i>Vacant</i>
9. SHIMADA, Kunihiko Mr.	<i>Vacant</i>
10. <i>Vacant</i>	BRANCH, Robert Mr.
