



COP 24, Fourth Plenary Meeting  
Saturday, 8 December

Speaking notes  
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- Distinguished delegates, I now declare open the **fourth meeting** of the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties.

### President bangs the gavel

- I invite Parties to consider item 3: **Report of the subsidiary bodies.**
- Let me outline how I intend to proceed this evening. I will take up the three sub-items together as follows:
  - **Sub item 3(a):** Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice;
  - **Sub-item 3(b):** Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation; and
  - **Sub-item 3 (c):** Report of the Ad hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement.



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- I will be taking up these sub-items with respect to the Paris Agreement Work Programme and other outstanding matters that Parties have identified as being closely related to the work programme.
- The COP will take up other matters recommended by the SBSTA and the SBI at a plenary meeting to be convened next week.
- We will first hear from the Co-Chairs of the APA, followed by the Chair of the SBSTA and finally from the Chair of the SBI.
- I will then present how I plan to take forward our work to ensure a successful conclusion of the Katowice Conference.
- Colleagues, we have reached an important point in our conference.
- A few hours ago, the subsidiary bodies concluded their work.



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- Let us now hear from the Presiding Officers on the results of their work.
- I now invite **Ms. Sarah Bashaan** and **Ms. Jo Tyndall**, Co-Chairs of the APA, to introduce the report on the work conducted at its first session.
- **Sarah and Jo**, you have the floor.

### **APA Co-Chairs speak**

- Thank you, **Sarah and Jo**.
- The APA has fulfilled its mandate here in Katowice. Over the last three years we have benefited you're your capable leadership. We are sincerely grateful for your dedication.



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- I now invite **Mr. Paul Watkinson**, Chair of the SBSTA, to introduce the report on the work of the SBSTA.
- **Paul**, you have the floor.

### SBSTA Chair speaks

- Thank you, **Paul**.
- I now invite **Mr. Emmanuel Dlamini**, Chair of the SBI, to introduce the report on the work of the SBI.
- **Emmanuel**, you have the floor.

### SBI Chair speaks

- Thank you, **Emmanuel**.



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- Colleagues, the Presiding Officers, facilitators and Parties have worked tirelessly over the last few days in Katowice to bring us to this point.
- **But we are still not there yet.**
- A significant amount of work remains to be done to secure the balanced outcome that we all desire.
- The expectation we set at the opening of the conference last Sunday was to have at this point clear text for the Paris Agreement Work Programme - at the most with a handful of outstanding issues.
- We must change the mode of work and engage in more focused negotiations.
- Parties **must** engage on proposals that bring solutions.
- Reporting known positions will take us nowhere.



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- I strongly encourage Parties to bring to the table written proposals and solutions and not to re-insert previous proposals that have not enjoyed consensus among Parties.
- Over the last few days, the Presidency met with all the groups to hear views on how we can change the mode of work in order to conclude on time.
- I would like to thank you for sharing views which provided valuable insight and helped me to develop the proposal I will now share.
- Let me first say that the starting point for the work next week will be the text produced by the APA and the SBSTA and the SBI today.
- In order to address the outstanding issues, I will be taking a pragmatic approach.



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- **First**, outstanding technical work will be facilitated by Jo, Sarah, Emmanuel and Paul in their capacity as experts on these issues, not as Presiding Officers.
- They will be assisted by the respective co-facilitators, if available.
- Jo, Sarah, Emmanuel and Paul have gained your trust and many of you have indicated that their knowledge and experience of the process and the issues can be beneficial as we move to the next phase of our negotiations.
- I am confident that they can help us to resolve the final technical details.



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- **Colleagues, it is crucial that this work be completed by Tuesday.**
- **Let me be clear.**
- It will not be possible to conclude the Paris Agreement Work Programme on Friday, if we do not conclude on the technical issues on Tuesday.
- I expect a new text by then which will be produced under the responsibility of our facilitators Jo, Sarah, Emmanuel and Paul.
- While Jo, Sarah, Emmanuel and Paul and their facilitators keep plugging away at the technical issues, I will engage pairs of Ministers to tackle the remaining crunch issues.
- Finance related issues are the first of the issues that Ministers will address, starting on Monday.





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- In choosing Ministers to undertake this important task, I will take into account your views expressed regarding ensuring balanced representation.
- During the second week, I will use different formats to achieve results, including open-ended consultations, meetings in a Vienna format and bilateral consultations.
- I will also convene regular stocktakings. This will help to maintain a **transparent and inclusive process** and to set milestones for delivery.
- The first of these stocktakings will be held on Tuesday evening.
- And as mentioned earlier, a new text, with all technical issues resolved, **has to be ready by then.**



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- In convening meetings, I will take into account the need to avoid clashes to ensure that delegates can adequately follow all discussions.
- Specific details of the issues to be addressed as well as the logistical arrangements for meetings will be published in the UNFCCC website tomorrow evening.
- **On this basis, we will continue our work on Monday.**

### President bangs the gavel

- I thank you all for your continued support and cooperation.
- The floor is now open.

### Groups / Parties take the floor



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- **Party X**, you have the floor

**Party speaks**

- Thank you for your statement.

**After all statements**

- Thank you all for your statements.
- This meeting of the COP is now adjourned.

**President bangs the gavel**