COP President’s remarks – 8 December 2023 – 10am Plenary

- Colleagues, I think we can all agree this COP has been different. And it has already made history.

- Together, we have built an unprecedented level of momentum.

- We achieved consensus on the first day with loss and damage and I believe we can achieve consensus again... on all of the agenda.

- In the next few days, we have the potential to deliver a paradigm shift led by the science... that can keep 1.5 degrees within reach.

- We have the opportunity to redefine global economies and our future -- and put the most vulnerable in the center of climate action.

- As a result of your efforts, COP28 is already sending a clear signal that all of us – small and large – can make a difference.

- Let us build on that success for an unprecedented outcome in the Global Stocktake decision and in all the other mandates.

- Together, we have surprised the doubters - and inspired the optimists.

- By working together, we can help sustain our planet.

- I believe this spirit of unity and solidarity will get us over the line.

- Let this COP be remembered as the COP that brought the world together - a COP that Changed the Game.

- Let’s please get the job done.

- [Presentation of reports of SB Chairs]

- I would like to express my deep appreciation to Harry and Nabeel for their dedication and leadership in successfully guiding the work of the SBSTA and the SBI during this year.

- Under their stewardship, the subsidiary bodies have achieved ambitious outcomes, that we will present for adoption by the Governing Bodies.

- I also wish to thank them for their support of the Presidency of ensuring the effective management and transition of the work from the subsidiary bodies to the governing bodies.

- Colleagues, the decisions recommended by the SBSTA and the SBI will be presented for adoption at our closing plenary.

- I invite the COP to turn to sub-item 2(f): organization of work, including for the sessions of the subsidiary bodies.
Dear colleagues, I shall now outline how I propose to organize work during the second week of the conference so that we accelerate and complete outstanding issues in the next 5 days and bring the conference to a successful close by 11:00am on the morning of December 12th.

As I announced at the informal plenary, after the closing of the subsidiary bodies on Wednesday night, I propose to organize work using a tailored approach to conclude all outstanding elements... recognizing that some need more discussion and others require focused political engagement to find an overall balanced and comprehensive way forward.

I have invited pairs of Ministers to lead consultations on my behalf on outstanding issues that will benefit from political guidance.

I am also inviting senior negotiators to conduct consultations on my behalf on outstanding technical work relating to items under the governing bodies, as well as on specific issues forwarded from the subsidiary bodies.

Work that was launched under the governing bodies at their opening plenaries will continue over the coming days.

I expect the ministerial consultations to provide the COP28 Presidency with support to advance areas of convergence on the GST and to ensure coherence with other outstanding issues.

- Consultations on cross-cutting issues under the GST will be convened by H.E. Barbara Creecy and H.E. Dan Jorgensen.
- Consultations on issues related to mitigation will be convened by H.E. Grace Fu and H.E. Espen Barth Eide.
- Consultations on issues related to adaptation will be convened by H.E. Maisa Rojas and H.E. Jennifer McAllister.
- And consultations on issues related to means of implementation will be convened by H.E. Yasmine Fouad and H.E. Steven Guilbeault.

These pairs of Ministers have been assisting me over the past few months by conducting political consultations to better understand the key issues across the different thematic areas.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude for their continued support.

They will begin consultations today and will report back to me tomorrow evening on the successful outcome of their work.

In addition, I have asked Joseph Teeo (Singapore) and Alison Campbell (United Kingdom) to prepare a third iteration of the building blocks, taking into account the views and submissions provided by Parties on the second iteration. I have asked them to make this text available today to Parties.

My Presidency team will convene a meeting of Heads of Delegation later today, following the publication of this third iteration, to hear your views.
Regarding other **outstanding technical work** relating to items under the governing bodies, as well as on specific issues forwarded from the subsidiary bodies, allow me to outline the organization of work going forward.

On the mitigation ambition and implementation work programme, I have asked **Carlos Fuller (Belize)** and **Kay Harrison (New Zealand)** to conduct consultations on my behalf in order to conclude work on this item.

On the global goal on adaptation, I have asked the **SB Chairs Harry Vreuls (Netherlands) and Nabeel Munir (Pakistan)** to conduct consultations with groups and Parties on specific issues within the global goal on adaptation.

On the Just Transition work programme, I have asked **Marianne Karlsen (Norway) and Simon Cardy (South-Africa)** to conduct consultations on my behalf, under the guidance of the SB Chairs in order to conclude work on this item.

On matters related to Article 6, I have asked:
- **Maria Jishi (Saudi Arabia) and Peer Stiansen (Norway)** to conclude work on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6.2,
- **Sonam Tashi (Bhutan) and Kate Hancock (Australia)** to conclude work on rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6.4, and
- **Kristin Qui (Trinidad and Tobago) and Jacqui Ruesga (New Zealand)** to conclude work on the work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6.8.

Regarding response measures, I have asked **Andrei Marcu (Honduras) and Georg Børsting (Norway)** to conclude work on the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures serving the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement.

Regarding reporting and review pursuant to Article 13 of the Paris Agreement: provision of financial and technical support to developing country Parties for reporting and capacity-building, I have asked **Julia Gardiner (Australia) and Sandra Motshwanedi (South Africa)** to conclude work.

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude to these colleagues for accepting this important responsibility.

I expect all technical work to conclude by **3pm on Saturday, December 9**.

I strongly encourage Parties to use all available methods to make progress to complete the technical work.

Information on status of all work will continue to be made available in the Daily Programme and on CCTV.
• Dear colleagues,

• I will convene an informal stocktaking plenary tomorrow evening to provide an overview of progress across all consultations.

• I intend to make use of an open-ended single setting “Majlis” at the Ministerial and Head of Delegation levels, to bring together the different outcomes to strike the right balance.

• This single setting group will begin on Sunday, December 10th and will be referred to as a “Majlis,” which is an Arabic term used to refer to a council or a special gathering.

• More information on the convening of the Majlis will be provided in due course.

• I hope this approach to the organization of work is agreeable.
• Hearing no objections, it is so decided.
• [seek approval of the approach by the CMP and CMA]
• [procedural notes to close plenary]