



Workshop on the UNFCCC budget 2020-21
Closing remarks by Mr. Emmanuel Dlamini,
Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation
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- Dear colleagues, I would like to sincerely thank all of you for your active and constructive engagement in this workshop and in the entire process of developing the 2020/21 budget. I also sincerely thank Amena Yavouli for his able facilitation of this workshop.
- We are at a critical juncture in our process. The discussion during this workshop confirms our understanding that with the Katowice package of decisions guiding us, we are entering a new era, an era in which all Parties need to take urgent action guided by the decisions you, the Parties, have taken. And Parties take domestic action to address climate change.
- Those domestic efforts to address climate change will be most effective when supported by cooperation across the international community in charting a political direction for our work and ensuring all perspectives are addressed. The UNFCCC process is the venue for maximizing the impact of this cooperation and enabling us all to do more at home.
- The UNFCCC budget for 2020-21 will need to make sure that the UNFCCC process allows Parties to benefit fully from this international cooperation.
- We have heard a lot about the budgetary constraints faced by governments. Yes, the costs of addressing climate change is high but the cost of not addressing it is even higher.



- I would also like to thank the secretariat for initiating a very open and transparent process to engage Parties in the development of the budget, starting last year and leading up to this workshop. I encourage the secretariat to continue to maintain the level of transparency in budget matters, which is critical to ensure trust in the work of the secretariat, and allows us to avoid micromanaging its operations.
- Firstly, irrespective of the budgetary needs, I heard throughout the presentations and discussions serious concerns with respect to the extent of outstanding contributions and the implications that this has for the timely delivery of mandated work. This matter requires a collective approach by all Parties to find better options.
- At the workshop I heard overall support to the approach taken by the secretariat in building the budget and responding to the work that Parties have mandated the secretariat to do.
- While Parties appreciate the new structure of the secretariat and budget framework, in particular the underlying principles and criteria, Parties highlighted the need for greater clarity and coherence to better understand the objectives and the classification of work. This relates in particular to essential and permanent activities, across the different divisions and budget allocations.
- At this point, before I turn to my closing remarks, let me ask Amena Yavouli to highlight specific points that have been raised at the workshop.

Remarks by Amena Yavouli:

- Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- I would like to highlight a few points that have been raised at the workshop:
- Overall balance between adaptation and means of implementation vs. mitigation and transparency, including work related to transparency of adaptation and support



- The role of constituted bodies and the proposed shift of 2 out of 4 meetings to supplementary and the potential negative impacts that would have on the delivery of the workplans of those bodies
- The importance of ensuring adequate grant funding for the work of the IPCC
- Budgeted activities in support of expected implementation of Art. 6 provisions and whether such budgeting under core would preempt any decisions by Parties
- Categorization, scale and timing of specific work areas:
 - The Enhanced Transparency Framework
 - The International Transaction Log (ITL)
 - Engagement with ICAO/IMO
 - Scope for further streamlining and subsequent efficiency gains of workstreams within the operations department
 - Scope for further rationalization between cross-cutting divisions, in particular communications and engagement, and programmes divisions
 - Greater understanding on the staff allocations by comparison to the 2018/19 approved budget.
- Thank you, Chair.

SBI Chair:

- Thank you, Amena.
- I would encourage the secretariat to reflect on all of these points and use the concepts and details provided in the workshop, and as clarified during the workshop, in the preparation of the formal budget document to be submitted for the 50th session of the SBI in June.



- Concerning the budget levels presented at the workshop, I took note that Parties acknowledge that the total integrated budget for 2020-21 (EUR 177.4 million) is approximately the same as in 2018-19 (EUR 178.2 million) but there are shifts between the different budget components, e.g. from supplementary to core.
- The core budget to support essential and permanent activities has been presented in two scenarios:
 - Real needs: EUR 63.2 million (which represents a 26 per cent increase compared to the 2018-2019 approved core budget appropriations)
 - Zero nominal growth: EUR 50.3 million
- The secretariat has stressed that the numbers presented here reflect work in progress; there is still work to be done to get us to a formal budget proposal. The discussions and feedback received both in the February briefing sessions and at this workshop will now enable the secretariat to finalize a formal proposed results-based budget, including a work programme for the biennium.
- I would encourage the secretariat to consider developing a budget scenario that is middle ground between ZNG and Real Needs taking into account inputs from the process so far and any other further consultations with Parties which could provide a good basis for Parties to consider and to arrive at agreement on the 2020-21 budget.
- It is clear that the secretariat will need to strike a careful balance in this effort and I trust that it will continue in the spirit of openness, transparency and full engagement of all Parties.
- While collectively we have made many requests today to the secretariat, I would have one request to you the Parties. That is to call upon you, colleagues, not to reduce our collective ambition or such a way that we end up in a situation that limits our outputs in a manner that would undo the agreements we have all come to decide collectively over many years.
- With that, I am looking forward to the 50th session of the SBI where we will re-engage with a view to concluding on draft recommendations on the 2020-21 budget for adoption at COP 25.



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- Once again I thank all of you for taking the time in your busy schedule to be part of this workshop. I do wish all of you safe travel to wherever you will be going from here. See you all in June.
- Thank you.