

Informal note by the Chair

Note: The proposed elements contained in this informal note have been prepared by the co-facilitators of the informal consultations on SBSTA agenda item 9 based on the views expressed by Parties and observers. The elements are non-exhaustive, have no formal status and should not be considered as final in any way. They are intended to assist Parties in advancing discussions on this matter and do not prejudice further work or prevent Parties from expressing their views at any time.

Parties, based on the mandate included in decision 19/CMA.1, paragraph 38, exchanged views on complementing the lists of sources for the global stocktake as included in paragraphs 36 and 37 of the same decision, during informal consultations held on 7, 8 and 10 June 2021. They also, based on an invitation by the SBSTA Chair, shared views on how to efficiently consider the potentially large number of submissions referred to in paragraph 37(i). Views submitted in writing can be found on the UNFCCC website.¹

On complementary sources of inputs, Parties and observers expressed a range of views and highlighted areas of focus. Noting the wide range of views expressed, recognized that the existing non-exhaustive lists in paragraphs 36 and 37, decision 19/CMA.1 are sufficiently comprehensive, and provide a good basis for the first global stocktake.

On the efficient consideration of submissions from non-Party stakeholders and UNFCCC observer organizations, Parties and observers expressed views on options for efficient consideration of these submissions, reaffirming the importance of their input to the global stocktake.

Parties and observers suggested options and guidance including, but not limited to, referring in their submissions to thematic areas and related efforts referred to in decision 19/CMA.1, paragraph 6(b), providing a succinct executive summary of submissions, including in English, as well as facilitating efficient submissions and making them easily accessible. Some Parties and groups of Parties recalled paragraph 12, decision 19/CMA.1 and expressed views that the UNFCCC Secretariat be provided with resources to assist non-Party stakeholders and UNFCCC observer organizations from developing countries to provide inputs pursuant to paragraph 37(i), decision 19/CMA.1. Other Parties noted that under the UNFCCC support is only provided to Parties. Other Parties and groups of Parties expressed views that support should rather be addressed in the considerations on the programme budget. Yet, other Parties and groups of Parties supported the view that non-party stakeholders and observer organizations be consulted on how to efficiently consider their submissions.

Invite the Chairs of SBSTA and SBI and the co-facilitators of the Technical Dialogue, with the support of the secretariat, to take the necessary steps for an efficient consideration of submissions from non-Party stakeholders and UNFCCC observer organizations, taking into account views expressed by Parties and observers on that matter.

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¹ <https://unfccc.int/topics/science/workstreams/global-stocktake>