



## Information Note to Parties on an additional negotiating session

### **Additional negotiating session of all three subsidiary bodies to facilitate the timely completion of the work programme under the Paris Agreement by the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties, in accordance with decision 1/CP.22 and 1/CMA.1**

#### **I. Mandate**

Decision 1/CP.23 provides for:

- *Paragraph 5:* Recognizes that an additional negotiating session for all three subsidiary bodies may be needed between the forty-eighth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (April–May 2018) and the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties, to facilitate the timely completion of the work programme under the Paris Agreement by the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties, in accordance with decisions 1/CP.22 and 1/CMA.1;
- *Paragraph 6:* Decides that its President, in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties and the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement, will assess the need for the additional negotiating session referred to in paragraph 5 above, on the basis of the outcomes of SBs 48 and APA 1.5 and guide the secretariat accordingly;
- *Paragraph 7:* Agrees that, should the additional negotiating session referred to in paragraph 5 above be needed, it would address matters relating to the work programme under the Paris Agreement being considered by the subsidiary bodies;
- *Paragraph 8:* Also, agrees that the additional negotiating session referred to in paragraph 5 above should be organized in a cost-effective manner, including with respect to the length of the session and related logistical matters such as interpretation and translation into the official United Nations languages, while also allowing for the effective participation of delegates from developing countries;
- *Paragraph 9:* Requests the secretariat to make provisional, and if required, final arrangements for the additional negotiating session referred to in paragraph 5 above, and to finalize the arrangements should the additional negotiating session be confirmed, subject to the availability of financial resources;
- *Annex I of decision 1/CP.23* outlines the work of the COP and the subsidiary and constituted bodies on the work programme under the Paris Agreement.



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### **II. Additional session**

#### *a) Decision by the COP23 President*

After careful consideration, the President, having consulted the Bureau and the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement, has determined that an additional negotiating session for all three subsidiary bodies is needed between the SBs 48 and COP 24, to facilitate the timely completion of the work programme under the Paris Agreement at COP 24.

#### *b) Dates of the additional session*

The session will take place from Monday, 3 September to Saturday, 8 September, with 3 pre-session days (Friday, 31 August – Sunday, 2 September), at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok, Thailand.

#### *c) Scope*

The President provided guidance to the secretariat for the additional session to be organized as a resumed session of the subsidiary bodies to continue work on PAWP agenda items only. To that end, for the SBI and the SBSTA, the additional session will be part 2 of the forty-eighth session (SB 48.2) and, for the APA, it will be the usual resumed session, i.e. APA 1.6.

As a resumed session, the respective agendas of each subsidiary body remain as adopted at this session. An annex to this note lists the matters relating to the work of the subsidiary bodies under the PAWP, in accordance with annex I to decision 1/CP.23, and their corresponding agenda items.

#### *d) Further guidance provided by the COP23 President*

The COP23 President encouraged the Presiding Officers to organize the work at the session in a manner that facilitates advancing the PAWP at the speed and in the manner needed for the successful conclusion of work in Katowice, including taking into account views expressed by Parties in the joint stocktaking meeting which was held on Saturday 5 May and other consultations by the Presiding Officers and the Fijian and Polish Presidencies.



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The COP23 President also encouraged the Presiding Officers to consider how to facilitate addressing linkages with and across Bodies, including through a joint reflections note or any other approach as deemed appropriate.

#### *e) Initial approach to the organization of the session*

In order to ensure a cost-effective organization of the additional session, the initial approach to the organization of the session will consider, inter alia:

- Annotated agendas and, as needed, Scenario and/or Reflections Notes by the Presiding Officers to be issued;
- Substantive work within the scope defined above to continue through contact groups and informal consultations as per arrangements during the April/May session;
- The chairing/facilitation arrangements to remain as agreed at the April/May session, to the extent possible;
- Draft conclusions (L-documents) to be prepared in English only for consideration and adoption by the respective bodies at the closing plenary, noting that those conclusions would be included as part of the official reports of respective bodies on the session, which would be translated in all UN languages, as per standard practice;
- Interpretation in all UN languages to be provided for formal plenary meetings of the APA, SBSTA and SBI, including joint plenaries;
- Other meetings, such as informal plenaries and stocktaking meetings will be conducted in English only;
- Alternative arrangements to statements in plenaries, such as posting of statements on the UNFCCC website, will be encouraged;
- Webcast to be provided for all plenary meetings, to ensure transparency and inclusiveness;
- Modalities for observer participation to be maintained as at a regular session taking into account the capacity of the premises, and, to respond to the need for cost-effectiveness, no side events to be organized.

#### *f) Funding*

The total cost of the additional session is estimated at around USD 3 million, of which approximately USD 1.3 million are required to enable the participation of delegates from eligible countries using the



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same level of support as for SB48, and USD 1.7 million for the venue and other operational costs of the session.

The secretariat has already initiated fund-raising efforts, and Parties are encouraged to provide voluntary contributions as soon as possible.

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**Annex**

**Matters relating to the work of the subsidiary bodies under the PAWP, in accordance with annex I to decision 1/CP.23, and their corresponding agenda items**

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Body</b>	<b>Agenda item number*</b>
Further guidance in relation to the mitigation section of decision 1/CP.21 on: (a) Features of nationally determined contributions, as specified in paragraph 26; (b) Information to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding of nationally determined contributions, as specified in paragraph 28; (c) Accounting for Parties' nationally determined contributions, as specified in paragraph 31.	APA	3
Further guidance in relation to the adaptation communication, including, inter alia, as a component of nationally determined contributions, referred to in Article 7, paragraphs 10 and 11, of the Paris Agreement.	APA	4
Modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement.	APA	5
Matters relating to the global stocktake referred to in Article 14 of the Paris Agreement: (a) Identification of the sources of input for the global stocktake; (b) Development of the modalities of the global stocktake.	APA	6
Modalities and procedures for the effective operation of the committee to facilitate implementation and promote compliance referred to in Article 15, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement.	APA	7
Further matters related to implementation of the Paris Agreement: (a) Preparing for the convening of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matters relating to the Adaptation Fund</li> <li>• Possible additional matters</li> </ul>	APA	8a
Further matters related to implementation of the Paris Agreement: (b) Taking stock of progress made by the subsidiary and constituted bodies in relation to their mandated work under the Paris Agreement and section III of decision 1/CP.21, in order to promote and facilitate coordination and coherence in the implementation of the work programme, and, if appropriate, take action, which may include recommendations.	APA	8b
Common time frames for nationally determined contributions referred to in Article 4, paragraph 10, of the Paris Agreement.	SBI	5
Development of modalities and procedures for the operation and use of a public registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement.	SBI	6
Development of modalities and procedures for the operation and use of a public registry referred to in Article 7, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement.	SBI	7
Matters relating to the least developed countries. <sup>1</sup>	SBI	12
Development and transfer of technologies: (a) Scope of and modalities for the periodic assessment of the Technology Mechanism in relation to supporting the implementation of the Paris Agreement;	SBI	14a
Matters related to climate finance: identification of the information to be provided by Parties in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement.	SBI	15

<sup>1</sup> Matters referred to in paragraphs 41 and 45 of decision 1/CP.21.



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Ways of enhancing the implementation of education, training, public awareness, public participation and public access to information so as to enhance actions under the Paris Agreement.**	SBI	18
Development and transfer of technologies: technology framework under Article 10, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement.	SBSTA	5
Matters relating to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement: (a) Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement;	SBSTA	12a
Matters relating to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement: (b) Rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement;	SBSTA	12b
Matters relating to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement: (c) Work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement.	SBSTA	12c
Modalities for the accounting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 7, of the Paris Agreement.	SBSTA	13
Report of the Adaptation Committee <sup>2</sup>	SBSTA/SBI	4/11
Impact of the implementation of response measures: (b) Modalities, work programme and functions under the Paris Agreement of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures;	SBSTA/SBI	9b/17b

\* For SBI and SBSTA, as per their agendas adopted for their 48<sup>th</sup> sessions.

\*\* The SBI completed its consideration of this matter (see FCCC/SBI/2018/L.3 and Add.1).

<sup>2</sup> Matters referred to in paragraphs 41, 42 and 45 of decision 1/CP.21.