

Mandate (APA conclusions from APA 1.5)

“Recognizing the importance of linkages across several PAWP items, the APA agreed that conducting a well-planned and structured one-day round table, open to Parties only, in the pre-session period before APA 1.6 with a focus on substantive linkages, could help to advance the negotiations and should be organized, subject to the feasibility of the relevant logistical and organizational arrangements at the venue of that session. ... The APA noted the usefulness of expanding the focus of the round table to address linkages to the PAWP items outside the APA mandate, and requested its Co-Chairs to consult on this with the Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI.”

Objective: The main objective of the round table is to help in achieving a coherent, consistent PAWP outcome in Katowice through the improved understanding of substantive linkages and their implications across the various parts of the Paris Agreement Work Programme deliberated in the APA, the SBSTA and the SBI.

Provisional agenda

Opening: 9:00 – 9:30	Opening remarks by the Presiding Officers	
Session #1: 9:30– 11:00	APA-specific linkages: APA items 3, ¹ 4 and 5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductory remarks by the relevant co-facilitators - Discussion 	
Session #2: 11:00– 12:30	2a) APA-SBSTA linkages: issues under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and APA items 3 and 5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductory remarks by the relevant co-facilitators - Discussion 	2b) APA-SBSTA-SBI linkages relating to adaptation: issues under the report of the AC/LEG (SBSTA/SBI), and APA item 6: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductory remarks by the relevant co-facilitators - Discussion
Lunch break: 12:30 – 14:00		
Session #3: 14:00 – 15:15	APA-specific linkages: APA items 5, 6 and 7: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductory remarks by the relevant co-facilitators - Discussion 	
Session #4: 15:15 – 16:30	4a) APA-SBSTA-SBI linkages relating to support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductory remarks by the relevant co-facilitators - Discussion 	4b) APA-SBSTA-SBI linkages relating to response measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductory remarks by the relevant co-facilitators - Discussion
Session #5: 16:30 – 17:45	Concluding session: Cross-cutting discussion on linkages across APA-SBSTA-SBI	
Closing: 17:45 – 18:00	Closing remarks by the Presiding Officers	

¹ The referenced (for brevity) agenda items of the APA have the following substantive content: APA item 3: “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 item 4: “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 item 5: “Modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement”; APA item 6: “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 item 7: “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”.

Framing questions for discussion: The Presiding Officers of the APA, SBSTA and SBI suggest these questions in order to facilitate the discussions. Parties are welcome to raise additional questions and/or issues relating to linkages as needed.

Session #1: APA-specific linkages: APA items 3, 4 and 5

- 1) What is needed from APA agenda item 3 on further guidance in relation to the mitigation section of decision 1/CP.21, to develop modalities, guidelines and procedures (MPGs) for the transparency framework under APA agenda item 5 with respect to the information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving nationally determined contributions under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement?
- 2) What should be the substantive distinction between the content of the guidance for adaptation communication (APA item 4) and the MPGs for the transparency framework (APA item 5)? What needs to be different and what needs to be more 'synchronized' or is similar between the two, to make the system operate efficiently?
- 3) How does the further guidance for the adaptation communication (APA item 4) relate to the further guidance to the mitigation section of decision 1/CP.21 (APA item 3)?

Session #2a: issues under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and APA items 3 and 5

- 1) How does the guidance on accounting for NDCs relate to guidance for Parties using internationally transferred mitigation outcomes (ITMOs) towards their NDCs pursuant to Article 6?
- 2) What are the implications of the timing and frequency of the inventory report and the progress report under Article 13 for the avoidance of double counting under Article 6? Will Parties effecting a corresponding adjustment for Article 6 be reporting at the same time and frequency, and if not, what is needed for robust accounting?
- 3) Would specific review provisions relating to Article 6 be sufficient to ensure robust accounting, including the avoidance of double counting? How would the outcome of any specific Article 6 review feed into the review under Article 13?

Session #2b: issues under the report of the AC/LEG (SBSTA/SBI), and APA item 6

- 1) Should the modalities to recognize the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties, as referred to in Article 7, paragraph 3, of the Agreement (para.41) be considered in the context of the global stocktake (Article 14), and if so, how?
- 2) What are other linkages to be explored in the context of the work on the mandates given to the Adaptation Committee (AC), and to the AC and the Least-developed Countries Expert Group (LEG)?

Session #3: APA-specific linkages: APA items 5, 6 and 7

- 1) What essential information from the transparency framework under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement should feed into the process of the global stocktake under Article 14 of the Paris Agreement? And how should such a transfer of information be operationalized?
- 2) Would information from the transparency framework under the Paris Agreement be potentially useful for the work of the committee to facilitate implementation and promote compliance? If so what is such information?
- 3) Would the Article 15 committee have a role with respect to issues that might have been raised in a technical expert review (TER) process for a Party, and if so, what that role should be?
- 4) How could information on implementation and compliance usefully contribute to the process of global stocktake? And vice versa?

Session #4a: APA-SBSTA-SBI linkages relating to support

- 1) How could the guidance on finance-related issues and technology-related issues under the PAWP that is being developed by the SBSTA, SBI and APA, be made coherent and consistent across all three bodies, avoiding overlapping and duplication?
- 2) How and when should modalities for the accounting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions being developed under the SBSTA be incorporated into modalities, procedures, and guidelines for the transparency framework being developed under the APA?

Session #4b: APA-SBSTA-SBI linkages relating to response measures

- 1) How can the elements identified in the current discussion on the modalities, guidelines and procedures (MPGs) under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement facilitate reporting on impact of implementation of response measures?
- 2) Should the impact of response measures and any relevant arrangements, such as the response measures forum, be considered in preparing the guidance on other processes that are being considered under the PAWP, such as the global stocktake or the operation of the committee to facilitate implementation and promote compliance? If so, how?