



Organisation of work in the second week of the Conference

Transcript of remarks by the President in the informal stocktaking plenary¹

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Ministers have now arrived in Glasgow and I would like to outline how I propose to request them to work, as part of broader plans for our work in Week 2. My proposals are based on widespread consultations undertaken with Groups and Parties by members of my team and me. These proposals were initially outlined in my Note, posted on the UNFCCC website on Thursday.

In my assessment, I see work proceeding on three tracks:

- First, continued technical negotiations on items under the governing bodies as well as a limited set of issues carried forward from the Subsidiary Bodies, into which emerging political agreements can be incorporated;
- Second, continued presidency consultations, including on the overarching cover decisions, as well as on issues I raised during the opening plenaries of the COP, CMP and CMA, as appropriate; and through
- Third, Ministerial consultations which would focus on key, outstanding political issues.

Technical negotiations

With respect to technical work, consultations will continue on the range of items under the governing bodies in the usual manner, as launched during the opening plenaries of the COP, CMP and CMA. Information on these consultations will continue to be made available in the daily programme and on CCTV. It is my expectation that the majority of this work will be concluded by Wednesday.

In addition, as highlighted by the SB Chairs in their reports back, there were a number of items under the subsidiary bodies on which Parties were not yet able to reach substantive conclusions. I will now briefly highlight how further technical work will be taken forward on a number of these SB items in the coming days:

- The SBSTA Chair has informed me that, in addition to some political issues, Parties need more time to finalise the technical details of the products of the **Enhanced Transparency Framework**, which was referred to the Presidency by the SBSTA. I have asked the co-facilitators Helen Plume and Xiang Gao to continue to lead the discussions on matters relating to Transparency of Action, and also to consider the matter of support for reporting under the Paris Agreement, following the Presidency consultations that my colleague Elinor Wakefield undertook last week. I have also asked the co-facilitators Seyni Nafo and Karima Oustadi to continue to lead the discussions on matters relating to Transparency of Support. There is limited time to complete the required technical work, and I strongly encourage Parties to use all available methods to make progress to complete the bulk of this technical work by the end of today.

¹ This is an excerpt from the President's full remarks. It is designed to ensure transparency on the organization of work from 8 November until the close of the Conference.

- On **Article 6**, I have asked Tosi, our SBSTA Chair, to lead discussions on a very limited number of issues on which technical progress can still be made. I encourage Parties to continue in the constructive spirit we saw last week and use the time until Tuesday well, after which all technical work will finish.
- On **Adaptation**, which was referred to the COP and the CMA for further deliberations, I have asked Marianne, our SBI Chair, to lead discussions to finalise the outstanding technical issues under the CMA on Matters Relating to Adaptation including:
 - a) on Reports of the Adaptation Committee (for 2019 and 2020) and
 - b) Report of Adaptation Committee (2021) and the work on the global goal on adaptation; and, under the COP, the Report of the Adaptation Committee 2019, 2020, and 2021.I encourage Parties to make the most of the time available to deliver on this important issue and complete the technical work by Tuesday afternoon.
- On the **Consultative Group of Experts**, referred to the COP by the SBI, I invite Parties to continue to consider this matter under the continued guidance of the co-facilitators Gertraud Wollansky and Sin Liang Cheah and report back on Tuesday.
- On the **Warsaw International Mechanism** the SBI Chair has informed me that Parties wish to have further time to complete work on the functions of the **Santiago Network**. I have asked the co-facilitators, Kishan Kumarsingh and Cornelia Jaeger, to continue to lead this work and report back on Tuesday morning.
- On the **Membership of the Adaptation Fund Board**, I will nominate a senior member of my delegation to further consult on this issue with interested Parties on the way forward. {UPDATE: The President has asked H.E. Ambassador John Murton to undertake these consultations.}
- I understand from the SB Chairs that Parties made progress on matters relating to **response measures**, but that more time is needed to reach a substantive conclusion. I understand that the co-facilitators are unable to continue in their current form, and I will confirm who will lead continued consultations on this issue as a matter of priority. {UPDATE: The President has asked Peter Govindasamy and Paul Watkinson to undertake these consultations.}

Presidency consultations

Regarding presidency consultations, a meeting of Heads of Delegation will take place today to continue the discussions on the **overarching decisions** of this Conference, informed by the Non-Paper Presidency Summary of possible elements identified by Parties published yesterday.

Ministerial consultations

In keeping with longstanding UNFCCC tradition, I propose to invite pairs of Ministers to lead informal consultations on outstanding issues benefitting from political guidance, particularly those that the subsidiary bodies could not resolve. In choosing Ministers to undertake this important task, I have tried to ensure a balanced representation; not only among developed and developing countries but also gender balance.

On **Article 6**, I have asked **Minister Eide of Norway and Minister Fu of Singapore** to lead consultations, with a particular focus on the political issues identified by Parties. Among these are adaptation finance in Article 6.2, accounting for units generated outside the scope of NDCs, and the use of pre-2020 units to meet NDCs. As I set out in the opening plenary, I will also continue to closely coordinate the work between Article 6 and the Clean Development Mechanism.



On **Common Time Frames** for NDCs, I have asked **Minister Mujawamariya of Rwanda and Minister Sommaruga of Switzerland** to lead consultations, with a particular focus on whether the final solution will be a single time frame or not.

To finalise the **Enhanced Transparency Framework**, I have asked **Minister Joseph of Antigua and Barbuda and Minister Shaw of New Zealand** to lead consultations, with a particular focus on elements in the overarching Enhanced Transparency Framework decision text.

On **adaptation**, I have asked **Minister Shauna of the Maldives and Minister Ribera of Spain** to lead consultations, with a particular focus on taking forward work on the Global Goal on Adaptation.

On **mitigation and the issue of keeping 1.5 within reach**, I have asked **Minister Stiehl of Grenada and Minister Jorgensen of Denmark** to lead consultations. I have requested them to have a particular focus on identifying the tangible actions required from Parties, individually and collectively during this critical decade and beyond to keep 1.5 degrees in reach, using the latest available science as a guide.

On **loss & damage** there has been good progress under the SBI and SBSTA. However, we have heard from Parties that the importance of this issue transcends the technical discussions we have had so far. I have therefore asked **Minister Dieschbourg of Luxembourg and Minister Charles Jr of Jamaica** to lead consultations on loss and damage across relevant aspects of the agenda.

On **finance**, we have heard from Parties a desire to continue technical work, with a renewed urgency to make progress. We are hopeful of doing so in the coming days, building on the work Archie Young reported on earlier. But given the importance of climate finance to many Parties and the large number of outstanding issues to be addressed, I have asked **Minister Fouad of Egypt and Minister Bolund of Sweden** to prepare for ministerial consultations on those issues where it is likely that higher level guidance will be needed. This will begin with them chairing the plenary of the CMA High-Level Ministerial Dialogue on Climate Finance this afternoon, and conducting informal outreach to understand Parties' expectations. Parties will have today and Tuesday to make progress on substantive issues, in particular concerning Long-Term Finance and the New Collective Quantified Goal, after which I will hold a stocktake with the ministers and relevant co-facilitators to determine if, and where, ministerial consultations on specific matters are needed.

Finally, I am aware that a number of these **issues are linked**, with the need to finalise outcomes in such a way as to **ensure coherence**. I have asked **Minister Meza of Costa Rica** to support the co-facilitating ministers and me with this exercise.

The consultations by the Ministers will be carried out through informal meetings to allow for maximum flexibility. The Ministers may wish to issue informal documents under their own authority, should they feel this will help progress our work. I have asked the designated ministerial co-facilitators to work towards rapidly progressing on texts that reflect consensus, underlining that the mode and pace of work must push work forward. Our common objective is to adopt consensus decisions and conclusions on Friday that will constitute the comprehensive, ambitious and balanced outcome of the Glasgow sessions. I have asked all of the facilitation teams to keep me informed on progress on a daily basis, including updates on texts. My hope and expectation is that most first texts will emerge this evening.

To maintain a transparent and inclusive process and keep all Parties informed, I will hold regular stock taking meetings in which I and the consulting ministers will report on the status of negotiations and progress achieved, as well as issues arising. I have also asked the consulting Ministers to ensure open, transparent and inclusive processes.



Status updates, as well as the logistical arrangements for meetings, will be published on the UNFCCC website. I also wish to emphasise that the Presidency's door, my door in particular, remains open to all Parties.

I remain committed to ensuring that we are able to adopt all decisions and conclusions on Friday 12 November, with full document availability in all UN languages. Achieving this objective implies that the finalisation of pending texts will need to advance quickly in the early part of next week. I expect only very few issues to remain open by the evening of Wednesday 10 November, when near-final texts will be presented. My priority for Thursday 11 November will be to bring the work together and resolve final outstanding issues, leaving time for document preparation.