



Conference of the Parties

Twenty-sixth session

Glasgow, 31 October to 12 November 2021

Agenda item 19(a)

Conclusion of the session

**Adoption of the draft report of the Conference of the Parties on
its twenty-sixth session**

Draft report of the Conference of the Parties on its twenty- sixth session

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(To be completed)

I. Opening of the session

(Agenda item 1)

1. The twenty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP), convened pursuant to Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Convention, was held at the Scottish Event Campus in Glasgow, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, from 31 October to 12 November 2021. Carolina Schmidt (Chile), President of COP 25, convened the 1st meeting of COP 26¹ on Sunday, 31 October.² A statement was made by Ms. Schmidt.³

2. The opening included statements by Susan Aitken, Leader of Glasgow City Council; Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC; Hoesung Lee, Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; Abdulla Shahid, President of the United Nations General Assembly; and India Logan-Riley, representative of indigenous peoples as a special guest of the President of COP 26 (see para. 3 below).⁴

¹ Meetings of the COP referred to in this report are plenary meetings.

² COP 26 was held in conjunction with the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) and the third session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA). The proceedings of the CMP and the CMA are contained in separate reports. The proceedings of the joint meetings of the COP, the CMP and the CMA convened at the sessions are contained in the report of the COP and cross-referenced in the reports of the CMP and the CMA.

³ Available at <https://unfccc-cop26.streamworld.de/webcast/opening-plenary-of-the-cop-followed-by-cmp-and-cma> (starting at 0:03:21).

⁴ Available at <https://unfccc-cop26.streamworld.de/webcast/opening-plenary-of-the-cop-followed-by-cmp-and-cma> (starting at 0:28:33).



II. Organizational matters

(Agenda item 2)

A. Election of the President of the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-sixth session

(Agenda sub-item 2(a))

3. At the 1st meeting of the COP, the President of COP 25 recalled that, in accordance with rule 22, paragraph 1, of the draft rules of procedure being applied, the office of President of the COP is subject to rotation among the five regional groups. She informed Parties that the cycle would be continued with a President from the Western European and other States. Following the proposal of the President of COP 25, the COP elected by acclamation Alok Sharma, Member of Parliament of the United Kingdom, as President of COP 26. Mr. Sharma made a statement.⁵

B. Adoption of the rules of procedure

(Agenda sub-item 2(b))

(To be completed)

C. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda sub-item 2(c))

4. At its 1st meeting, the COP considered document FCCC/CP/2021/1/Add.2 containing the provisional agenda.⁶ The President informed Parties that Turkey had withdrawn its request to include a sub-item in the agenda entitled “Proposal from Turkey to delete the name of Turkey from the list in Annex I to the Convention”,⁷ and recalled the understanding reached among Parties with regard to specific items.

5. The President proposed that the provisional agenda be adopted as contained in document FCCC/CP/2021/1/Add.2, with items 14(a) and (b) and 15 held in abeyance.

6. Representatives of four Parties made statements, including one statement on behalf of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – Peoples’ Trade Treaty.⁸ One Party asked that its statement be reflected in the report on the session.⁹

7. Following the proposal of the President, the COP adopted the agenda as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Election of the President of the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-sixth session;

⁵ Available at <https://unfccc-cop26.streamworld.de/webcast/opening-plenary-of-the-cop-followed-by-cmp-and-cma> (starting at 0:22:55).

⁶ On 3 September, the secretariat issued document FCCC/CP/2021/1 containing the provisional agenda and annotations, prepared in agreement with the President of COP 25 after consultation with the Bureau. On 17 September, the secretariat issued document FCCC/CP/2021/1/Add.1 containing the supplementary provisional agenda. Following extensive consultations during the pre-session week, the secretariat, in agreement with the President of COP 25 and in consultation with the incoming President of COP 26, on 31 October the secretariat issued document FCCC/CP/2021/1/Add.2 containing the provisional agenda, which was presented for consideration and adoption by the COP.

⁷ The proposal by Turkey was included as sub-agenda item 14(c) in the provisional agendas contained in documents FCCC/CP/2021/1 and Add.1.

⁸ Available at <https://unfccc-cop26.streamworld.de/webcast/opening-plenary-of-the-cop-followed-by-cmp-and-cma> (starting at 1:16:17).

⁹ The statement of Ukraine is available at <https://unfccc-cop26.streamworld.de/webcast/opening-plenary-of-the-cop-followed-by-cmp-and-cma> (starting at 1:19:06).

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- (b) Adoption of the rules of procedure;
 - (c) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (d) Election of officers other than the President;
 - (e) Admission of organizations as observers;
 - (f) Organization of work, including for the sessions of the subsidiary bodies;
 - (g) Dates and venues of future sessions;
 - (h) Adoption of the report on credentials.
3. Reports of the subsidiary bodies:
 - (a) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice;
 - (b) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation.
 4. Reporting from and review of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention.
 5. Reporting from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention.
 6. Report of the Adaptation Committee (for 2019, 2020 and 2021).
 7. Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts.¹⁰
 8. Matters relating to finance:
 - (a) Long-term climate finance;
 - (b) Matters relating to the Standing Committee on Finance;¹¹
 - (c) Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund (for 2020 and 2021);
 - (d) Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility (for 2020 and 2021);
 - (e) Seventh review of the Financial Mechanism;
 - (f) Compilation and synthesis of, and summary report on the in-session workshop on, biennial communications of information related to Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement.
 9. Development and transfer of technologies:
 - (a) Joint annual report of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network (for 2020 and 2021);
 - (b) Linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism of the Convention;
 - (c) Review of the constitution of the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network;
 - (d) Second review of the Climate Technology Centre and Network.
 10. Capacity-building under the Convention.
 11. Matters relating to the least developed countries.
 12. Report of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures.

¹⁰ Neither the inclusion of this item in the agenda nor the annotations to it prejudice outcomes on matters related to the governance of the Warsaw International Mechanism.

¹¹ Recognizing the proposal received from Gabon on behalf of the African Group on 17 August 2021, available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/302688>.

13. Gender and climate change.
14. Consideration of proposals by Parties for amendments to the Convention under Article 15:
 - (a) Proposal from the Russian Federation to amend Article 4, paragraph 2(f), of the Convention (*held in abeyance*);
 - (b) Proposal from Papua New Guinea and Mexico to amend Articles 7 and 18 of the Convention (*held in abeyance*).
15. Second review of the adequacy of Article 4, paragraph 2(a–b), of the Convention (*held in abeyance*).
16. Administrative, financial and institutional matters:
 - (a) Audit report and financial statements for 2019 and 2020;
 - (b) Budget performance for the bienniums 2018–2019 and 2020–2021;
 - (c) Programme budget for the biennium 2022–2023;
 - (d) Decision-making in the UNFCCC process.
17. High-level segment:
 - (a) Statements by Parties;
 - (b) Statements by observer organizations.
18. Other matters.
19. Conclusion of the session:
 - (a) Adoption of the draft report of the Conference of the Parties on its twenty-sixth session;
 - (b) Closure of the session.

8. The President informed the COP that he would appoint senior members of his delegation to facilitate the consultations on agenda item 7, “Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts”, and agenda sub-item 8(b), “Matters relating to the Standing Committee on Finance”.¹²

(To be completed)

D. Election of officers other than the President

(Agenda sub-item 2(d))

(To be completed)

E. Admission of organizations as observers

(Agenda sub-item 2(e))

9. At its 1st meeting, the COP considered a note by the secretariat on the admission of organizations as observers,¹³ which lists the six intergovernmental organizations and 514 non-governmental organizations that had been provisionally admitted as observers. In accordance with the recommendation of the Bureau and on a proposal by the President, the COP admitted the above-mentioned organizations.

¹² At the 1st meeting of the CMA, the President stated that these consultations would be held jointly with the consultations on CMA agenda items 7, “Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage Associated with Climate Change Impacts”, and 8(a), “Matters relating to the Standing Committee on Finance”, respectively.

¹³ FCCC/CP/2021/7.

F. Organization of work, including for the sessions of the subsidiary bodies

(Agenda sub-item 2(f))

10. At the 1st meeting, the President noted that governing and subsidiary bodies would launch work on all agenda items on 31 October and that all bodies would reconvene later that day in a joint plenary to hear opening statements from Parties and observers.

11. He also noted that the subsidiary bodies would conclude their work on Saturday, 6 November, and that he looked forward to hearing the outcomes of the sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI).

12. The President informed the COP that following the closure of the sessions of the subsidiary bodies he would convene an informal stocktaking meeting to assess the status of negotiations and propose a way forward for the second week of the Conference.

13. Based on a request by Ukraine,¹⁴ the President proposed, and the COP agreed, to defer the consideration of agenda item 4, “Reporting from and review of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention” to COP 27 (November 2022).

14. The President informed the COP that the SBSTA and the SBI may recommend draft decisions or conclusions for consideration and adoption by the COP under the following items on matters already on their agendas:

Item 5	Reporting from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention
Item 6	Report of the Adaptation Committee (for 2019, 2020 and 2021)
Sub-item 9(a)	Joint annual report of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network (for 2020 and 2021)
Sub-item 9(b)	Linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism of the Convention
Item 10	Capacity-building under the Convention
Item 11	Matters relating to the least developed countries
Item 12	Report of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures
Item 13	Gender and climate change
Sub-item 16(a)	Audit report and financial statements for 2019 and 2020
Sub-item 16(b)	Budget performance for the bienniums 2018–2019 and 2020–2021
Sub-item 16(c)	Programme budget for the biennium 2022–2023

15. On a proposal by the President, the COP agreed to refer the following matters under agenda item 6, “Report of the Adaptation Committee (for 2019, 2020 and 2021)”, to the SBSTA and the SBI for consideration: the review of the progress, effectiveness and performance of the Adaptation Committee.

16. On a proposal by the President, the COP agreed to refer the following matters under agenda item 13, “Gender and climate change”, to the SBI for consideration: the annual report on gender composition and the synthesis report on progress in integrating a gender perspective in constituted body processes.

17. The COP agreed to proceed on the basis of the proposal made by the President.

18. At the joint 2nd meeting of the COP, 2nd meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, 2nd meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, 5th meeting of the

¹⁴ The statement of Ukraine is available at <https://unfccc-cop26.streamworld.de/webcast/opening-plenary-of-the-cop-followed-by-cmp-and-cma> (starting at 1:53:24)

SBSTA and 5th meeting of the SBI, on 31 October, statements were made by representatives of Guinea (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the European Union, Switzerland (on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group), Australia (on behalf of the Umbrella Group), Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Gabon (on behalf of the African Group), Peru (on behalf of the Independent Alliance for Latin America and the Caribbean), India (on behalf of Brazil, South Africa, India and China), Saudi Arabia (on behalf of the Arab Group), Bhutan (on behalf of the least developed countries), Argentina (on behalf of Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay), Papua New Guinea (on behalf of the Coalition for Rainforest Nations) and Guatemala (on behalf of the Central American Integration System). Statements were also made by representatives of six Parties.

19. At the same meeting, statements were made by representatives of business and industry, environmental, farmers, research and independent, trade union and youth non-governmental organizations, indigenous peoples organizations, local government and municipal authorities and women and gender constituency.

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III. Agenda items 2(g) to 18

(To be completed)

IV. Conclusion of the session

(Agenda item 19)

A. Adoption of the draft report of the Conference of the Parties on its twenty-sixth session

(Agenda sub-item 19(a))

20. At its xx meeting, on xx November, the COP considered the draft report on the session and, on a proposal by the President, authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report on the session under the guidance of the President and with the assistance of the secretariat.

B. Closure of the session

(Agenda sub-item 19(b))

(To be completed)
