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## Subsidiary Body for Implementation

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#### Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of document FCCC/SBI/2016/2 and welcomed the views expressed by Parties on the information contained in the document.
2. The SBI expressed its gratitude to the Government of Morocco for offering to host the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) in Marrakech, Morocco, from Monday, 7 November, to Friday, 18 November 2016. It took note with appreciation of the preparations and efforts that Morocco and the secretariat are undertaking to ensure the success of COP 22 and CMP 12. The SBI emphasized the importance of the principles of openness, transparency and inclusiveness in making arrangements for the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Marrakech.
3. The SBI recalled the historic outcomes of the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris and noted that the Marrakech Conference will be an important step in implementing the Paris Agreement as well as in the further implementation of other mandates and initiatives under the COP, the CMP, the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, the SBI, the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement and the constituted bodies under the Convention.
4. The SBI took note of the successful collaboration between previous presidencies and incoming presidencies and appreciates the close working relationship between the current Presidency and incoming Presidency in preparing for the Marrakech Conference. It encouraged future presidencies to continue to adopt such a collaborative approach.
5. The SBI requested the secretariat to take note of the views expressed by Parties on the possible elements of the provisional agendas for COP 22 and CMP 12.



6. The SBI invited the incoming Presidency, in consultation with the secretariat and the COP and CMP Bureau, to finalize the details of the arrangements for COP 22 and CMP 12, including arrangements for the high-level segment.
7. The SBI agreed to continue the following existing practice: in the joint meetings of the COP and the CMP during the high-level segment, arrangements should be made for the delivery of concise national statements by ministers and other heads of delegation, with a recommended time limit of three minutes, and of concise statements by representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, with a recommended time limit of two minutes.
8. The SBI underlined the importance of the three mandated events to be convened at COP 22: the second biennial high-level ministerial dialogue on climate finance;<sup>1</sup> the high-level event on climate action;<sup>2</sup> and the facilitative dialogue referred to in decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 115.
9. The SBI noted that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among regional groups, the President of COP 23 and CMP 13 would come from the Asia-Pacific States and the President of COP 24 and CMP 14 from the Eastern European States. It invited Parties, as a matter of urgency, to come forward with offers to host COP 23 and CMP 13, and COP 24 and CMP 14.
10. The SBI recommended the following dates for the sessional periods in 2021, for consideration at COP 22:
- (a) First sessional period: Monday, 31 May, to Thursday, 10 June;
  - (b) Second sessional period: Monday, 8 November, to Friday, 19 November.
11. The SBI welcomed the exchange of views by Parties on the implications for the intergovernmental process following the adoption of the Paris Agreement and other decisions at the Paris Conference, including implications for the frequency and organization of sessions of the COP, the CMP and their subsidiary bodies and, following the entry into force of the Paris Agreement, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement.
12. The SBI acknowledged that, owing to the work arising from the Paris Agreement and the decisions adopted at the Paris Conference, it is necessary to continue convening sessions of the supreme bodies annually in the pre-2020 period. It therefore agreed to further consider session frequency and organization scenarios at SBI 48 (April–May 2018). The SBI requested the secretariat to provide more detailed information on the budgetary implications of different options in order to support the further consideration of these issues.
13. The SBI recognized the need to take into account the important role of the implementation of mandates under the Paris Agreement and the implications of any change in the frequency and organization of sessions for the mandates and work resulting from the Paris Agreement.
14. The SBI took note of the update provided by the secretariat on the implementation during the period 2014–2015 of the SBI conclusions on ways to further enhance the engagement of observer organizations in the intergovernmental process. It noted the summary provided by the secretariat of the evolution of stakeholder engagement in the UNFCCC process.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Decisions 3/CP.19, paragraph 13, and 5/CP.21, paragraph 4.

<sup>2</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 120.

<sup>3</sup> FCCC/SBI/2016/2, paragraphs 36–45.

15. The SBI welcomed the efforts made by the Governments of Poland, Peru and France in engaging stakeholders, including the private sector, local and subnational authorities and civil society, in the lead-up to, during and after COP 19 and CMP 9, COP 20 and CMP 10 and COP 21 and CMP 11, respectively.

16. The SBI recalled the increased recognition of, and references to, various non-Party stakeholders in the Paris Agreement and decision 1/CP.21<sup>4</sup> and reaffirmed the fundamental value of effective participation by observers, both in the intergovernmental process and in undertaking practical action in response to climate change.

17. The SBI also reaffirmed the value of contributions from observer organizations to deliberations on substantive issues<sup>5</sup> and acknowledged the need to further enhance the effective engagement of observer organizations as the UNFCCC process moves forward into the implementation and operationalization of the Paris Agreement.

18. In this context, the SBI agreed to convene an in-session workshop at SBI 46 (May 2017) on opportunities to further enhance the effective engagement of non-Party stakeholders with a view to strengthening the implementation of the provisions of decision 1/CP.21.

19. In this regard, the SBI invited Parties, observer organizations and interested United Nations agencies to submit their views on opportunities to further enhance the effective engagement of non-Party stakeholders with a view to strengthening the implementation of the provisions of decision 1/CP.21, by 28 February 2017 at the latest.<sup>6</sup> It requested the secretariat to prepare by 30 April 2017 a summary report on the views contained in those submissions to be used as background information for the workshop referred to in paragraph 18 above. The SBI also requested the secretariat to prepare a report on that workshop for consideration at SBI 46.

20. The SBI took note of the work of the secretariat on the establishment of a platform for the exchange of experiences and sharing of best practices on mitigation and adaptation in a holistic and integrated manner, as referred to in decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 135, and requested further information on the implementation of such work by SBI 46.

21. The SBI noted that modes of observer engagement in other intergovernmental forums within the United Nations system may inform the UNFCCC process on efforts to enhance the engagement of non-Party stakeholders in climate action.

22. The SBI also noted that the number of admitted observer organizations has nearly doubled since 2008 and requested the secretariat to take the necessary administrative measures to facilitate more effective participation of such organizations in the intergovernmental process.

23. The SBI took note of the information provided by the secretariat on existing procedures and practices for the admission of observer organizations.

24. The SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 18 and 19 above. It requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

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<sup>4</sup> FCCC/SBI/2016/2, paragraph 41.

<sup>5</sup> FCCC/SBI/2011/7, paragraph 171.

<sup>6</sup> Parties should submit their views via the submissions portal at <<http://www.unfccc.int/5900>>. Observer organizations should e-mail their submissions to <[secretariat@unfccc.int](mailto:secretariat@unfccc.int)>.