

First set of questions submitted by Parties in writing at or after the second meeting of the contact group on SBI 60 item 19 (Administrative, Financial and Institutional Matters) and responses by the secretariat

We would like to check if we don't need the CMA decision. We are specifically interested in whether para 15/16 (assuming it will be agreed) will be applied to the CMA agenda without CMA decisions.

Response: The practice of the Conference of the Parties serving as meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) has been not to adopt a separate CMA decision on Administrative, Financial and Institutional Matters (AFI). The COP in its decision on AFI “Notes that the programme budget contains elements relating to the Convention and the Paris Agreement as well as to the Kyoto Protocol.” The CMA’s practice has been to endorse the COP decisions on AFI when proposed by the President under the CMA agenda item “Administrative, Financial and Institutional Matters”. This endorsement is then reflected in the report of the CMA. Considering that the CMA endorses the full COP decisions on AFI, the COP decisions apply to the CMA, which would include (paragraphs 15/16 (if agreed by the Parties)).

Could you please provide any potential budgetary implications for the decision as it stands?

Response:

The full potential cost for implementing the proposed decisions will need to be established after the on-going sessions of the subsidiary bodies based on an in-depth review and analysis. However, we envisage that additional personnel with requisite skills and experience will be required to manage the process and regular reporting across the secretariat. The estimated cost include EUR228K in the biennium 2024-2025 for a 16 months FTE at P-4 level of responsibility, EUR 75K for other operating costs. The estimate does not include costs for any significant structural improvements to the website noting that minor enhancements will continue being absorbed within existing resources and staffing levels.