

## INFORMAL NOTE

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### SBSTA 61 agenda item 3, SBI 61 agenda item 5 (a) Matters relating to the global stocktake: Procedural and logistical elements of the overall global stocktake process

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#### **Informal note by the co-facilitators**

The purpose of this informal note is to organize the views of Parties, presented during the informal consultations and in writing, on the elements for consideration in refining the procedural and logistical elements of the overall global stocktake process. The list of elements below has been prepared by the co-facilitators for this agenda item under their own responsibility. The list has not been agreed upon, is not exhaustive and has no formal status. It is intended to assist Parties in their discussions and does not prejudice further work or prevent Parties from expressing any further views.

Based on deliberations by Parties, procedural and logistical refinements may be made to following aspects of the overall global stocktake process:

#### ***Crosscutting***

- Chairs of the subsidiary bodies to prepare a consistent set of general guiding questions, covering the information gathering and the technical assessment component, to frame the overall global stocktake process, and avoid further guiding questions provided at the level of sessions of the technical dialogues;
- secretariat to make a calendar of global stocktake activities, taking into account the coordination across workstreams facilitated by Chairs of the subsidiary bodies to ensure complementarity and avoid scheduling conflicts;
- facilitate inclusive participation, through providing adequate support to representatives from developing countries; strengthening participation of non-Party stakeholders; strengthening gender balance, and ensuring equal participation of women, youth and Indigenous Peoples, in all phases of global stocktake;
- High-Level Champions and Marrakech Partnership to channel contributions from non-Party stakeholders;

#### ***Information collection and preparation***

- **Source of inputs**
  - Option 1:** sources of input for the global stocktake outlined in paragraph 37 of decision 19/CMA.1 remain sufficient and should be considered in future global stocktakes;
  - Option 2:** sources of input for future global stocktakes must be expanded to include reports from other sources, including dialogues mandated by decision 1/CMA.5, the annual GST dialogue on NDCs, etc.
- **Balance and availability of inputs**
  - o Enhancing the visibility and representation of submissions by developing country Parties, as well as organizations from developing countries;
  - o Enhancing regional balance of inputs including from national, regional and sub-regional processes;
  - o Focusing on inputs that focus on national perspectives, experiences, best practices, circumstances and needs;
  - o Improving access and processing inputs in an efficient and inclusive manner;
  - o balance inputs from IPCC and non-IPCC sources, drawing from different scientific sources.
- **IPCC inputs**
  - Option 1:** IPCC to consider how best to align its work with the second and subsequent global stocktakes and to provide all three working group contributions to its AR7 for the next global stocktake;

**Option 2:** IPCC is an independent body and therefore it is important to respect the integrity of the science including its own processes, timelines and policy neutrality without seeking to align timelines;

### *Technical assessment*

- **Timeline**

**Option 1:** maintain the timeframe of the technical assessment from the first global stocktake, including the organization of three technical dialogues;

**Option 2:** technical assessment phase take place and conclude in 2027, a total of two technical dialogues, with the consideration of outputs component taking place in 2028;

**Option 3:** maintain flexibility in the timing of the technical assessment component and note that the technical assessment and consideration of outputs may overlap to allow sufficient time for consideration of outputs;

- **Thematic areas**

**Option 1:** should reflect thematic areas of mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation and support referred to in paragraph 6(b) of decision 19/CMA.1, as well as other emerging issues and cross-cutting priorities;

**Option 2:** maintain thematic areas of mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation and support referred to in paragraph 6(b) of decision 19/CMA.1

- **Intersessional and in-session work**

**Option 1:** mandate intersessional work to support the technical assessment, including an intersessional workshop to consider the latest IPCC Working Group Reports, taking into consideration the need for meetings to be comprehensive and inclusive;

**Option 2:** no intersessional work during the technical assessment component to allow for coherent, comprehensive and inclusive meetings;

- **Summary and synthesis report(s)**

a. prepare a non-negotiated technical annex focused on practical solutions to support implementation as well as highlighting lessons learned and good practices;

### *Consideration of outputs*

- **Joint contact group**

- convene joint contact group to start consideration of global stocktake decision at least two sessions before the relevant CMA;

- hold intersessional work, conducted in person and/or hybrid or virtual format and use of informal notes, to allow for inclusive, party-driven and text-based discussion and negotiations.

- **Composition of the high-level committee**

**Option 1:** maintain the composition of the high-level committee, including the current and incoming Presidencies and subsidiary bodies chairs, during the time of the second global stocktake;

**Option 2:** improve regional representation within the composition of the high-level committee, by including the three Presidencies which preside during the duration of the global stocktake process;

- **High-level engagement**

- maintain the high-level events taking place after the conclusion of the technical assessment component;

- high-level events to be held earlier, including well in advance of the CMA where the global stocktake concludes;

### *Other procedural and logistical matters*

- **Structure of final GST outcome**

**Option 1:** maintain flexibility on the content, structure and outline of future global stocktake outcomes;

**Option 2:** retain the structure and outline of the first global stocktake outcome;

- **Content of final GST outcome**

**Option 1:** outcome will not create new mandates, follow-up processes, or change existing mandates of other streams;

**Option 2:** no text. Cannot prejudge content of future outcomes of the GST.

- **Future refinements**

**Option 1:** maintain provision in para 15 of decision 19/CMA.1;

**Option 2:** refinement of the procedural and logistical elements has concluded;

- **Follow-up**

**Option 1:** consider possible follow-up processes and activities to track progress, address gaps, and enhance implementation action, including the need for improved clarity with regards to these processes and activities;

**Option 2:** include focus on next steps and follow-up actions, and identify calls and commitments to enhance action and support and strengthen international cooperation, including the appropriate mandates to follow up its implementation;

**Option 3:** No text;