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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 on the elements for consideration in refining the procedural and logistical elements of the overall global stocktake process. This note 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:

[The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,

[Recalling Paris Agreement,]

Recalling Article 14 of the Paris Agreement,

[Recalling that the Paris Agreement will be implemented to reflect equity and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances,]

[Recognizing the need for effective and progressive response to the urgent threat of climate change on the basis of equity and best available science,]

Recalling decision 19/CMA.1,

[Recalling decision 1/CMA.5,]

1. Overarching elements

1. *[[Reaffirms][Recalls paragraph 2 of decision 19/CMA.1] that equity and the best available science will be considered in a Party-driven and cross-cutting manner, throughout the global stocktake [and that this will be further strengthened in subsequent global stocktakes];]*
2. *[[Reaffirms][Recalls Article 14.3 of the Paris Agreement] that as per Article 14.3 of the Paris Agreement the outcome of the global stocktake shall inform Parties in updating and enhancing, in a nationally determined manner, their actions and support in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Paris Agreement, as well as in enhancing international cooperation for climate action;]*
3. *[[Reaffirms][Recalls paragraph 10 of decision 19/CMA.1] that the global stocktake is a Party-driven process conducted in a transparent manner and with the participation of non-Party stakeholders;]*
4. *[Agrees][Recalls paragraph 11 of decision 19/CMA.1] that the participation of Parties in the global stocktake should be ensured through the provision of adequate funding for the participation and representation of developing country Parties, [in particular small island developing states and least developed countries,] in all activities under the global stocktake[, and efforts should be made to enhance regional and subregional participation];]*

5. *Recognizes* the importance of inclusivity in all aspects of the global stocktake process and *encourages* the meaningful participation of non-Party stakeholders, [including UNFCCC constituencies] [including Indigenous Peoples, women, youth, [and children]] [workers, and persons with disabilities,] in the process, including through the high-level champions and the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action [focusing on developing country experts];
6. *Requests* the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to develop guiding questions for all components of the global stocktake[, and avoid developing further guiding questions at the level of the technical dialogue];

2. Information collection and preparation

7. *Recalls* the sources of input of the global stocktake, including paragraphs 35–37 of decision 19/CMA.1, and *also recalls* paragraph 60 of document FCCC/SBSTA/2021/3 in this regard[, and encourages efforts to collect gender-disaggregated data];
8. *Requests* the secretariat to further improve the online availability of all inputs to the global stocktake;
9. [*Encourages*][*Recalls* paragraph 24 of decision 19/CMA.1] relevant constituted bodies and forums and other institutional arrangements under or serving the Paris Agreement and/or the Convention, [including those established after the adoption of decision 19/CMA.1,] to consider opportunities for [streamlining][aligning] information provided in their reports to the global stocktake [without sacrificing the quality and integrity of the information contained therein];
10. [*Recognizes* that 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;]
11. [*Agrees on* the need to ensure balance between IPCC and non-IPCC inputs, drawing from different sources, and *agrees on* the need to ensure comprehensive and balance inputs from IPCC and other relevant sources;]
12. [*Recognizes* the importance of the outputs of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change assessment cycles for the global stocktake, which ensure the scientific integrity of the global stocktake and in providing the best available science;]
13. [[*Invites*][*Affirms*] the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change [to consider how best to] align its work with the second and subsequent global stocktakes, and to provide relevant and timely information for the next global stocktake]
14. [*Requests* the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to organize special events, pursuant to paragraph 29 of decision 19/CMA.1, in cooperation with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, to enable a focused scientific and technical exchange of information on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s findings during the most recent assessment cycle and inform the relevant global stocktake, and to prepare for such events using the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice–Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Joint Working Group;]

3. Technical assessment

15. [[*Recalls*][*Decides*] that the technical dialogue referred to in paragraph 5 of decision 19/CMA.1 will organize its work in line with taking stock of the implementation of the Paris Agreement to assess the collective progress towards achieving its purpose and long-term goals, including under Article 2, paragraph 1(a–c), in the thematic areas of mitigation, adaptation[, loss and damage][, response measures] and means of implementation and support, [with a strengthened consideration of international cooperation,][as well as emerging issues and cross-cutting priorities] [including just transition, ocean];]

16. [Notes that the technical assessment and consideration of outputs components of the global stocktake may overlap to allow sufficient time for the consideration of outputs;]
17. [Notes that the technical assessment component of the second global stocktake will conclude in 2027, and include a total of two technical dialogues with the consideration of outputs component taking place in 2028;][Agrees that the technical assessment components of the second and subsequent global stocktake will include three technical dialogues;]
18. [Encourages the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to undertake intersessional work to support the technical assessment component, taking into consideration the need for work on the matter to be comprehensive and inclusive;]
19. [Encourages the co-facilitators of the technical dialogue to consider including in the overarching factual synthesis of their summary reports a technical annex setting out practical options for supporting implementation and highlighting lessons learned, good practices, challenges, barriers and opportunities;]
20. [Agrees that all outputs of the global stocktake will be developed and agreed upon by consensus in a Party-driven manner;][Agrees that all reports of the technical assessment will be prepared by the co-facilitators with the support of the secretariat;]

4. Consideration of outputs

21. [Encourages the joint contact group on the global stocktake to start the consideration of outputs component at least two sessions before the relevant session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at which the consideration of outputs component of each global stocktake is scheduled to conclude;]
22. [Decides that the joint contact group on the global stocktake [will identify processes for following up on the outcome of the global stocktake][will not create new mandates, follow-up processes, or change existing mandates or workstreams];]
23. [Encourages the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to hold intersessional consultations, which may be conducted in person, in hybrid format or virtually to develop elements for the consideration of outputs component;]
24. [Notes that the high-level committee for the consideration of outputs component for the second and subsequent global stocktakes [shall be composed of the incoming and current Presidencies] [will consist of the three Presidencies presiding during the duration of the global stocktake process] and the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and] urges the high-level committee to conduct its activities in a timely manner;
25. [Notes that the consideration of outputs component should include high-level ministerial engagement;][Recalls paragraph 33 of decision 19/CMA.1;]
26. Takes note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in this decision;
27. Requests that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.]

Annex

The purpose of this Annex is to capture the views of Parties, presented and discussed during the informal-informal consultations during CMA 6 related to paragraphs in the draft text. The list below 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.

1. Overarching elements

Discussions related to merging paragraphs 3 and 5:

- *[[Reaffirms][Recalls paragraph 10 of decision 19/CMA.1] that the global stocktake is a Party-driven process conducted in a transparent manner and with the meaningful participation of [recognizes the importance of inclusivity in all aspects of the global stocktake process through] [with] the [meaningful] participation of non-Party stakeholders (reflect full para 10); [including UNFCCC constituencies] [including Indigenous Peoples, women, youth, [and children]] [workers, and persons with disabilities,] in the process, including through the high-level champions and the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action [, [focusing on] [including] [those from] developing countries [experts]];*

Discussions on paragraph 4:

- *[Decides][Agrees][Recalls paragraph 11 of decision 19/CMA.1] [Confirms] that the participation of Parties in the global stocktake should be ensured through the provision of adequate funding for the participation and representation of developing country Parties, [in particular small island developing states and least developed countries,] in all activities under the global stocktake[, and efforts [should] [may] be made to enhance regional and subregional participation [, as appropriate]];*

Discussions on paragraph 5:

- *Recalls paragraph 184 of decision 1/CMA.5;*

Discussions on paragraph 6:

- *Requests the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to develop guiding questions [that are consistent] for all components of [the] [a] global stocktake[, and avoid developing further guiding questions at the level of the technical dialogue];*

2. Information collection and preparation

Discussions on paragraph 7:

- *Recalls the sources of input of the global stocktake, including paragraphs 35–37 of decision 19/CMA.1, and also recalls paragraph 60 of document FCCC/SBSTA/2021/3 in this regard[, and [notes that Parties may make] [encourages] efforts to collect gender-disaggregated data];*

Discussions on paragraph 9:

- *[Encourages][Recalls paragraph 24 of decision 19/CMA.1] Parties, non-Party stakeholders, and relevant constituted bodies and forums and other institutional arrangements under or serving the Paris Agreement and/or the Convention, [including those established after the adoption of decision 19/CMA.1,] to [provide, as appropriate, a high-level summary when submitting their inputs] [consider opportunities for [streamlining][and][aligning] information provided in their reports] to the global stocktake [without [sacrificing][compromising] the quality and integrity of the information contained therein]; [Encourages the provision of a high-level summary when submitting inputs to the global stocktake, as appropriate];*

For IPCC: (Noted that these are two alternatives of the same proposal. Some Parties indicated this would replace paragraphs 10-14, other Parties indicated this would replace

paragraphs 10-13.)

- **Option 1:** *Encourages* the scientific community to provide inputs on the best available science to feed into the GST process, and *invites* the IPCC and other relevant organisations to consider how best to provide such critical inputs for the Global Stocktake, in a timely manner;
- **Option 2:** *Encourages* timely inputs, as available, from the scientific community on the best available science, from the IPCC and other relevant sources, to feed into the GST process, and *invites* these organizations to consider how best to provide such critical inputs for the Global Stocktake;

Discussions on paragraph 14:

- *Recalls* paragraph 29 of decision 19/CMA.1;

3. Technical assessment

Discussions related to thematic areas

- *Recalls* Article 14 of the Paris Agreement, decision 19/CMA1 para 6, and decision 1/CMA5;
- *Reaffirms* that the technical dialogue will organize its work in line with taking stock of the implementation of the Paris Agreement to assess the collective progress towards achieving its purpose and long-term goals, including under Article 2, paragraph 1(a–c), in the thematic areas of mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation and support, noting, in this context, that the global stocktake may take into account, as appropriate, efforts related to its work that:
 - Address the social and economic consequences and impacts of response measures;
 - Avert, minimize and address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change; (19/cma1 para 6)
- *Encourages* the co-facilitators to integrate, as appropriate, the issues referred to in decision 19/CMA1 paragraphs 6bi and 6bii, taking into account cross-cutting issues, in the thematic areas referred to in paragraph [#] above in the technical dialogues.

Discussions related to paragraph 17

- *Decides* that the information collection and preparation component of the global stocktake will commence one session before the start of the technical assessment, and the technical assessment will consist of two or three sessions, allowing at least two sessions for the consideration of outputs before the global Stock take, and with no more than one session coinciding between the consideration of output and technical assessment phases.

Discussions related to replacing paragraphs 16, 17, 18, 21, 23

Option 1:

- [*Recalls* decision 19/CMA1 para 20;]
- *Decides* the joint contact group on the global stocktake will start the consideration of outputs component at least two subsidiary body sessions before the relevant session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at which the consideration of outputs component of each global stocktake is scheduled to conclude;
- *Requests* the SB chairs to ensure sufficient time for each component of the global stocktake, particularly the consideration of outputs component, while taking into account lessons learned from GST1 as well as the constraints faced by Parties and other stakeholders with limited capacity, and notes that this time may include intercessional work as appropriate;

Option 2:

- *Requests* the SB chairs to ensure sufficient time for each component of the global stocktake, particularly to consider critical inputs and for the consideration of outputs component, while taking into account lessons learned from GST1 as well as the constraints faced by Parties and other stakeholders with limited capacity, and notes that this time may include intersessional work as appropriate;

4. Consideration of outputs

Discussions related to paragraph 24

- *Notes* that the high-level committee for the consideration of outputs component for the second and subsequent global stocktakes shall be as in the first GST, and *urges* the high-level committee to conduct its activities in a timely manner;