



Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action

Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the first part of its first session held in Bonn from 17 to 25 May 2012

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I. Opening of the session

(Agenda item 1)

1. The first session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) opened at the Maritim Hotel in Bonn, Germany, on 17 May 2012.
2. The President of the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its seventeenth session and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) at its seventh session, Ms. Maite Nkoana-Mashabane, opened the session and welcomed all Parties and observers.
3. Statements were made by Ms. Nkoana-Mashabane, Ms. Christiana Figueres, the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, and by representatives of 24 Parties, including statements on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group (EIG), the Group of 77 and China, the Umbrella Group, the European Union and its member States, least developed country (LDC) Parties, the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), the African States, the League of Arab States, the Coalition for Rainforest Nations, the BASIC group countries (Brazil, South Africa, India and China), the Group of Mountainous Landlocked Developing Countries, a group of six Parties, the Central African Forests Commission, a group of four Parties, and a group of 28 Parties. Statements were also made on behalf of business and industry non-governmental organizations, local government and municipal authorities, women and gender non-governmental organizations, and youth non-governmental organizations, as well as by a representative of environmental non-governmental organizations.

II. Organizational matters

(Agenda item 2)

A. Election of officers

(Agenda item 2(a))

4. The ADP considered this sub-item at its 2nd and 5th meetings, held on 18 and 25 May, respectively.
5. At the first meeting of the ADP, Mr. Robert F. Van Lierop, a Vice-President of the COP and CMP designated by the President of the COP 17 and CMP 7 to preside over the meeting in accordance with rule 24 of the draft rules of procedure, informed Parties that the President of COP 17 and CMP 7 had requested Ms. Nozipho Mxakato-Diseko (South Africa) to conduct consultations with the Chairs of the regional groups on the election of the ADP Bureau.
6. At its 2nd meeting, on 18 May, the ADP agreed that a designee of the President of COP 17 and CMP 7 would preside over the work of the ADP as interim Chair until no later than the end of the session, and that the consultations on the election of the officers should continue until agreement is reached on the ADP Bureau at the current session. At its 3rd meeting, on 19 May, the Vice-President announced the designee of the President of COP 17 and CMP 7 for the role of interim Chair to be Ms. Sandea de Wet (South Africa).
7. At its 5th meeting, on 25 May, Ms. Mxakato-Diseko reported that the consultations on the election of the Bureau of the ADP had been successfully concluded, and that the coordinators of the regional groups had submitted a letter dated 25 May 2012 to the President of COP 17 and CMP 7 detailing a multi-year arrangement for the Bureau of the

ADP.¹ The ADP agreed to the multi-year arrangement for the Bureau of the ADP, as contained in annex I. The ADP further agreed to forward this arrangement for endorsement by the COP at its eighteenth session.

8. The ADP agreed that Mr. Jayant Moreshver Mauskar (India) and Mr. Harald Dovland (Norway) would serve as Co-chairs, and Mr. Oleg Shamanov (Russian Federation) as Rapporteur on an interim basis, pending endorsement of the arrangement for the ADP Bureau by the COP at its eighteenth session.

B. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2(b))

9. At its 3rd meeting, the ADP considered a note by the Executive Secretary containing the provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/ADP/2012/1).

10. Statements were made by representatives of 29 Parties, including statements on behalf of AOSIS, the European Union and its member States, and the African States.

11. Also at the 3rd meeting, on a proposal by the interim Chair, the ADP agreed to hold informal consultations on this sub-item.

12. At its 4th meeting, on 22 May, the interim Chair invited Parties to share their views on how to proceed with the adoption of the agenda. Statements were made by 30 Parties, including statements on behalf of AOSIS, the European Union and its member States, EIG, and a group of 36 Parties.

13. At its 5th meeting, the revised agenda² was adopted as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Election of officers;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (c) Organization of the work of the session.
3. Implementation of all the elements of decision 1/CP.17:³
 - (a) Matters related to paragraphs 2 to 6;
 - (b) Matters related to paragraphs 7 and 8.
4. Other matters.
5. Report on the session.

14. During the 5th meeting of the ADP, on 25 May, the representative of Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), on behalf of a group of Parties, requested that the following text, originally proposed as a footnote to the agenda, be noted in the report of the session: “The implementation of Decision 1/CP.17 should be examined on the basis of its compliance with international law, in accordance with the principle of *pacta sunt servanda* and, in particular, with the exception on non-performance related to the full respect and compliance

¹ See annex I.

² Contained in FCCC/ADP/2012/L.1

³ This item will be considered within the context of decision 1/CP.17 and under the Convention, without prejudice to the position of any Party or to the work of the other subsidiary bodies. Two workstreams, one on paragraph 3(a) and one on paragraph 3(b) are initiated. Further workstreams may be considered as the need arises.

with the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol, for the Parties that are Parties of those instruments”.

15. Also at the 5th meeting, statements were made by representatives of two Parties.

16. Mr. Mauskar, representing both Co-chairs in his closing remarks, committed to consultations with Parties regarding the planning of work under the two workstreams of the ADP prior to its next meeting.

C. Organization of the work of the session

(Agenda item 2(c))

17. Pursuant to paragraph 15 above, the ADP postponed further consideration of the organization of work until its next meeting.

III. Implementation of all the elements of decision 1/CP.17

(Agenda item 3)

18. The COP, in decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 8, decided to hold a workshop on increasing the level of ambition. This workshop was held on 21 May 2012. All presentations from the workshop and the workshop report⁴ are available on the UNFCCC website.⁵

IV. Other matters

(Agenda item 4)

19. No other matters were raised or considered.

V. Report on the session

(Agenda item 5)

20. At its closing meeting, on 25 May, on a proposal by the Co-chair, the ADP authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report on the session, under the guidance of the Co-chairs and with the assistance of the secretariat.

VI. Suspension of the session

21. At its 5th meeting, on 25 May, the Co-chair thanked delegates for their contributions and thanked the secretariat for its support.

22. Statements were made by Ms. Figueres, the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, and by representatives of 20 Parties, including statements on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the Asia-Pacific Group, LDCs, AOSIS, the Umbrella Group, the Group of African States, the European Union and its member States, EIG, the Group of Latin America and Caribbean States, four members of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – Peoples’ Trade Treaty, the Group of Eastern European States, the League of Arab States, a group of 38 Parties, the Central American Integration System, 32 members of the Coalition for Rainforest Nations, and the Group of Mountainous Landlocked Developing Countries.

⁴ FCCC/ADP/2012/INF.1.

⁵ <http://unfccc.int/meetings/bonn_may_2012/workshop/6663.php>.

23. The Co-chair thanked the interim Chair for ably guiding the work of the ADP.
24. The Co-chair then declared the first session of the ADP suspended.

Annex I

[English only]

Agreement concerning the election of officers of the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action¹

President of COP 17 and CMP 7

Bonn, 25 May 2012

Dear Madam President,

Following further consultations by the Coordinators of regional groups, we would like to inform you that pending endorsement by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth session (COP 18) in Doha, an agreement has been reached concerning the election of officers of the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP). This arrangement is outlined in the attached annex.

The arrangement is based on the principles that would guide the election process of the ADP Bureau, which were agreed by Coordinators of all regional groups during the consultations held in Bonn, as you informed Parties at the ADP plenary meeting this morning. The arrangement would be applied on an interim basis by the ADP, pending endorsement by COP 18. The ADP, in its report of this session, would recommend to COP 18 to endorse the arrangement.

We would greatly appreciate if through Ambassador Nozipho J. Mxakato-Diseko (Ambassador at Large for COP 17/CMP 7), the ADP could be informed at its plenary today of this arrangement, and invite the ADP to agree to it, and to forward it to COP 18 for endorsement by the COP.

This arrangement has been agreed by the Coordinators of the regional groups, as confirmed by the signatures below.

Please accept, Madam President, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Original signed by:

Coordinator of the Group of African States on behalf of the African States

Coordinator of the Group of Asia-Pacific States on behalf of the Asia-Pacific States

Coordinators of the Group of Eastern European States on behalf of the Eastern European States

Coordinator of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States

Coordinators of the Group of Western European and other States on behalf of the Western European and other States

Annex

| | Non-Annex I Co-Chair | Annex I Co-Chair | Rapporteur |
|-----------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2012/2013 | Dr J. Mauskar (Asia-Pacific) (Bonn 2012– end Bonn 2013) | Mr H. Dovland (WEOG) | Mr O. Shamanov (EEG) |
| 2013 | Mr K. Kumarsingh (GRULAC) (end Bonn– COP) | Annex I | Non-Annex I |
| 2014 | Mr K. Kumarsingh (GRULAC) (COP – COP) | Annex I | Annex I |
| 2015 | (Africa) (COP – COP) | Annex I | Non-Annex I |

¹ For further information regarding the election of the Bureau of officers of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, see <http://unfccc.int/bodies/election_and_membership/items/6558.php>.

Annex II

Documents prepared for the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action at its first session

Documents prepared for the session

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| FCCC/ADP/2012/1 | Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary |
| FCCC/ADP/2012//MISC.1 and Add.1 | Views on options and ways for further increasing the level of ambition. Submissions from Parties |
| FCCC/ADP/2012//MISC.2 | Views on options and ways for further increasing the level of ambition. Submissions from intergovernmental organizations |
| FCCC/ADP/2012//MISC.3 and Add.1 | Views on a workplan for the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action. Submissions from Parties |
| FCCC/ADP/2012/L.1 | Provisional agenda |
| FCCC/ADP/2012/L.2 | Draft report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on its first session, held in Bonn from 17 to 25 May 2012 |

Other documents before the session

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| FCCC/CP/2011/9 and Add.1 and Add.2 | Report of the Conference of the Parties on its seventeenth session, held in Durban from 28 November to 11 December 2011 |
| FCCC/CP/1996/2 | Organization matters. Adoption of the rules of procedure. Note by the secretariat |
