

The 11th Informal Meeting on
Further Actions against Climate Change
Tokyo, 21-22 March 2013
Co-Chairs' Summary

The 11th Informal Meeting on Further Actions against Climate Change was held in Tokyo, Japan, on the 21st and 22nd March 2013. Government officials from 31 Parties to the UNFCCC, including Qatar as the COP18/CMP8 Presidency and Poland as the incoming COP/CMP Presidency, Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Durban Platform (ADP) and the UNFCCC Secretariat attended the meeting.

The meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Takehiro Kagawa, Ambassador, Director-General for Global Issues of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, and Mr. André Aranha Corrêa do Lago, Ambassador, Director-General of the Department of Environment and Special Affairs of Ministry of External Relations of Brazil.

The meeting served as a good opportunity to kickoff this year's discussions towards COP19/CMP9.

The Participants exchanged open and frank views on the issues related to the outcomes of COP18/CMP8, the expected outcomes of COP19/CMP9, the elements of the 2015 agreement under the Convention applicable to all Parties to be adopted in 2015, and pre-2020 ambition.

The Participants were of the view that the outcomes of COP18/CMP8, including the successful conclusion of the Ad hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) and of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under Convention (AWG-LCA) and the adoption of the planning of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP), strengthened the UNFCCC process and made a good milestone with a view to an agreement in 2015. Some participants highlighted the low level of ambition and insufficient progress in Doha in areas such as finance and loss and damage.

The Participants shared the view that the main issues are being covered and deserve further discussions. Some Participants reiterated that the ongoing process

should address mitigation and adaptation in a balanced manner. It was highlighted that COP19/CMP9 in Warsaw needs to address the implementation of past decisions and the operationalization of mechanisms established. Full, effective and balanced implementation of all agreed decisions and commitments will be the basis for the necessary confidence-building for the successful negotiation of the 2015 agreement. Some participants pointed out the importance of managing expectations with respect to achievements to be reached in COP19/CMP9, while advancing on aspects of the negotiations towards COP21/CMP11, when the ADP should conclude its work. Some participants emphasized the importance of the implementation of the second commitment period of Kyoto Protocol.

The Participants had a fruitful exchange of views on elements that might be encompassed in the 2015 agreement, including on (a) the application of the principles of the Convention, (b) building on the experiences and lessons learned from other processes under the Convention and from other multilateral processes, (c) the scope, structure and design of the 2015 agreement, and (d) ways of defining and reflecting enhanced action.

The Participants exchanged the views on the pre-2020 ambition level, including (a) Mitigation and adaptation benefits, (b) Barriers and ways to overcome them, and incentives for actions and (c) finance, technology and capacity-building to support implementation. The participants pointed out the necessity of sincere discussion about the measures to enhance the ambition level while mobilizing various initiatives of all stakeholders including the parties, international organizations, private sector and local governments.

The Participants showed their appreciation to the leadership of the Government of Qatar, as President of COP18/CMP8, and reiterated their support to the Government of Poland, as the incoming Presidency of COP19/CMP9. The Participants noted that this informal meeting has provided a valuable opportunity to exchange views between the countries and institutions, concerned which contribute to the international negotiations on climate change towards COP19/CMP9.