


STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS



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INTRODUCTION

- As mandated by the Cancun Agreements (1/CP.16) South Africa as incoming COP17/CMP7 President undertook a number of informal consultations to prepare Parties for Durban. The following meetings took place:
- An Informal Ministerial Meeting in Pretoria from 5 to 9 September 2011
- The Leaders' Dialogue that took place in New York on 20 September 2011
- The Pre-COP that took place in Stellenbosch on 20 and 21 October 2011



INTRODUCTION CONT

As incoming COP President, South Africa also utilized the following meetings to further build consensus:

- The Inter-Sessional Meeting: Panama: 1 to 7 October 2011
- The BASIC Meeting in Beijing: 31 October and 1 November 2011



Outcome of the Informal Ministerial Meeting: 5 to 9 September 2011

- Stakeholder consultations on 5 September 2011; negotiator segment 6 and 7 September 2011; Ministerial segment 8 and 9 September 2011
- President Zuma stressed 5 principles for climate change
- International finance is central: Green Climate Fund must be operationalised
- Fast Start Finance: Greater transparency required
- Gap between current level of ambition for emission reduction targets and level required by science
- Legal Form and next steps under KP essential as key elements for outcome in Durban



Outcome of the Leaders' Dialogue: New York 20 September 2011

- Aim: To provide a renewed momentum in international context regarding climate change negotiations
- Focus on operationalisation of the Cancun Agreements
- Legal Form of the Climate Change Regime beyond Cancun and Durban received attention
- Importance of adaptation was emphasized
- Finance remains key to any outcome



Outcome of the Inter-Sessional Meeting: Panama **1 to 7 October 2011**

- Main objective: Text to be finalized in Durban for AWG-LCA and further negotiations under AWG-KP
- Minister Nkoana-Mashabane attended 3 and 4 October 2011: signing of Host Country Agreement and attended Bureau Meeting
- Incoming Presidency organized 2 informal consultations with Stakeholders and Parties to discuss political issues
- After consultations key messages formulated
- A positive spirit prevailed and compromises were made
- SA to organize a formal Pre-COP Session on Ministerial level in Stellenbosch on 20 and 21 October 2011



The Outcome of the Pre-COP in Stellenbosch on 20 and 21 October 2011

- Informal meeting of Ministers that provided an opportunity to guide the negotiations towards finding consensus
- Sessions on key issues in the negotiations - adaptation, the balances that need to be struck between and within the different tracks, mitigation, and for moving the process forward
- Adaptation - how to move from the current fragmented approach to a coherent and comprehensive response
- Mitigation – gap between pledges and required by science; 2nd CP
- Finance – key issue to unlock difficult political questions



Outcome of the BASIC Meeting in Beijing on 31 October and 1 November 2011

- The BASIC has emerged as one of the most important formations in the climate change negotiations
BASIC Ministers agreed to the following:
- The adoption of a 2nd Commitment Period of the Kyoto Protocol and its rules is a central issue for the outcome in Durban
- The outcome must be consistent with the principles and provisions of the Convention and the Bali Roadmap, including equity and CBDR
- The capitalization of the GCF, transparency in delivery of fast start funding and a call on developed countries to honor their existing financial obligations



State of Readiness

- The Logistical arrangements for the hosting of COP17/CMP7 Conference are now at an advanced stage.
- The Host Country Agreement was signed in Panama on the 03 October 2011.
- The UNFCCC Secretariat is currently relocating to Durban on an incremental basis.
- The Official Website for COP17/CMP7 Conference is live:

www.cop17-cmp7durban.com



State of Readiness

- *Inkosi* Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre (ICC) is the official venue to the Conference.
- Hotel accommodation arrangements for the visiting delegates are at an advanced stage
 - Assistance required by LDC's and SIDS are receiving priority attention.
- Transport requirements are detailed in the Transport Plans.
- Security plans are at an advanced stage supported by detailed implementation plan.
- All Accredited UNFCCC delegates will enjoy free entry visa
- Media and Communication stream is in place



CONCLUSION

Views by incoming COP17/CMP7 Presidency:

- Durban should aim to provide a platform to strengthen the Convention through a comprehensive multilateral rules-based system, enforceable and equally binding on all beyond 2020
- Balance between agreement on the NOW and agreement on actions in the FUTURE has potential to unlock other outstanding matters
- NOW: 2nd CP of the KP with no gap between 1st and 2nd CP; strengthening of existing mechanisms; comparable and measurable mitigation commitments for non-KP Parties; developing countries to implement their mitigation actions through the necessary means of implementation; operationalisation of the Cancun Agreements



CONCLUSION CONT.

- FUTURE: All Parties to do more, developed countries taking the lead; shared vision to address the implementation gap – 2 degrees Celsius; utilize the 2013-2015 review process in this regard
- Agree on an appropriate outline, process and time frame can constitute balance between NOW and FUTURE
- These balances will assist to resolve other matters
- Agreement on finance is central; transparency of Fast Start Finance and Long Term Finance needed
- Existing principles to be honoured as well as increase level of ambition and willingness by all Parties to do more by no later than 2020



Key Outcomes for Durban

- Durban outcome should be balanced, fair and credible that preserves multilateral rules based response to climate change
- Cancun Agreements must be operationalised; establishment of the key mechanisms and arrangements
- Durban to deal with outstanding political issues remaining from the Bali Roadmap: 2nd Commitment Period under the KP and agreeing on legal nature of a future climate change system
- Adaptation key priority for developing countries
- Outcome in Durban must adhere to the principle of environmental integrity: low level of ambition a concern



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