



**Conference of the Parties**

**Report of the Conference of the Parties on its twenty-fourth session, held in Katowice from 2 to 15 December 2018**

**Part one: Proceedings**

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## I. Opening of the session

(Agenda item 1)

1. The twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP), convened pursuant to Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Convention, was held at the International Conference Centre in Katowice, Poland, from 2 to 14 December 2018.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Frank Bainimarama (Fiji), President of COP 23, convened the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the session on Sunday, 2 December.<sup>2</sup>

2. The official opening ceremony was held on Monday, 3 December, in the presence of several Heads of State and Government. Statements were made by Mr. Andrzej Duda, President of Poland; Mr. Frank Bainimarama, President of COP 23; Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations; Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the United Nations General Assembly at its seventy-third session; Mr. Henryk Kowalczyk, Minister of the Environment of Poland; Mr. Michał Kurtyka, President of COP 24 (see para. 3 below); Ms. Kristalina Georgieva, Chief Executive Officer of the World Bank; and Mr. Marcin Krupa, Mayor of Katowice.<sup>3</sup> During the official opening ceremony, Mr. David Attenborough addressed the COP on behalf of people from across the globe under the People's Seat initiative.<sup>4</sup>

## II. Organizational matters

(Agenda item 2)

### A. Election of the President of the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fourth session

(Agenda sub-item 2(a))

3. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the COP,<sup>5</sup> the President of COP 23 recalled that, in accordance with rule 22, paragraph 1, of the draft rules of procedure being applied, the office of President of the COP is subject to rotation among the five regional groups. He informed Parties that the cycle would now be continued with a President from the Eastern European States. Following the proposal of the President of COP 23, the COP elected by acclamation Mr. Kurtyka, Secretary of State in the Ministry of the Environment of Poland, as President of COP 24.

### B. Adoption of the rules of procedure

(Agenda sub-item 2(b))

4. Also at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the President recalled that the President of COP 23 had proposed, and Parties had agreed, that he would continue to conduct consultations on the draft rules of procedure during the intersessional period and report back at COP 24. The President informed the COP that there continued to be no consensus on this matter and proposed that, as at previous sessions, the draft rules of procedure contained in document

<sup>1</sup> COP 24 was held in conjunction with the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) and the third part of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA). The proceedings of the CMP and the CMA are contained in separate reports (FCCC/KP/CMP/2018/8 and FCCC/PA/CMA/2018/3, respectively). The proceedings of the joint meetings of the COP, the CMP and the CMA convened during the sessions are contained in the report of the COP and cross-referenced in the reports of the CMP and the CMA.

<sup>2</sup> The information note on the early opening of the conference is available at [https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/information\\_note\\_to\\_parties\\_opening\\_date\\_of\\_cop\\_24.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/information_note_to_parties_opening_date_of_cop_24.pdf).

<sup>3</sup> Statements are available at <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/conferences/katowice-climate-change-conference-december-2018/events-and-schedules/high-level-segment/high-level-segment-statements>.

<sup>4</sup> Mr. Attenborough's address is available at the web address in footnote 3 above.

<sup>5</sup> Meetings of the COP referred to in this report are plenary meetings.

FCCC/CP/1996/2 should continue to be applied, with the exception of draft rule 42. He also proposed that a senior member of his delegation hold informal consultations on this matter and report back to the COP on the outcome.

5. At the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 14 December, the President thanked Mr. Grzegorz Grobicki (Poland) for undertaking the informal consultations and informed the COP that Parties had agreed to continue consultations on this matter at COP 25 (December 2019), noting the heavy workload related to the Paris Agreement work programme (PAWP) at this session.

6. On a proposal by the President, the COP agreed to continue to apply the draft rules of procedure as outlined in paragraph 4 above and also agreed to continue consideration of the matter at COP 25.

### **C. Adoption of the agenda**

(Agenda sub-item 2(c))

7. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the COP considered a note by the Executive Secretary containing the provisional agenda and annotations, as well as the supplementary provisional agenda.<sup>6</sup> The provisional agenda was prepared in agreement with the President of COP 23 after consultation with the Bureau and taking into consideration the views expressed by Parties at the first part of the forty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI).

8. The supplementary provisional agenda was issued in response to a request from Egypt on behalf of the African Group to include an agenda item entitled “Special needs and special circumstances of Africa under the Paris Agreement”. In accordance with rule 12 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, and in agreement with the President of COP 23, this item was included on the supplementary provisional agenda as item 16.

9. The President informed the COP that, just before the opening meeting, three additional requests for items to be added to the agenda of the COP had been received. Owing to the late receipt of the proposals, a new supplementary provisional agenda could not be issued. The additional requests were as follows:

(a) Honduras, on behalf of the Independent Association for Latin America and the Caribbean (AILAC), with the support of Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico and Uruguay, requested the inclusion of an agenda item entitled “The urgent and immediate needs and special circumstances of developing country Parties, including Latin American States, that are all particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change under the Convention and the Paris Agreement”;

(b) The Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the Asia-Pacific States, requested the inclusion of an agenda item entitled “Special needs and special circumstances of the developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region”;

(c) Saudi Arabia, on behalf of the Arab Group, requested the inclusion of an agenda item entitled “Special needs and special circumstances of the Arab countries”.

10. The President stated that he had held extensive consultations in relation to supplementary provisional agenda items 5(c) and 16 and the three proposals referred to in paragraph 9 above. On the basis of these consultations, he proposed that the agenda be adopted as contained in document FCCC/CP/2018/1/Add.1, without item 5(c), item 16 and the three proposals listed in paragraph 9 above. He also proposed that items 5(a), 5(b) and 9 be held in abeyance.

11. Following the proposals of the President, the COP adopted the agenda as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Election of the President of the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fourth session;

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<sup>6</sup> FCCC/CP/2018/1 and Add.1.

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- (b) Adoption of the rules of procedure;
  - (c) Adoption of the agenda;
  - (d) Election of officers other than the President;
  - (e) Admission of organizations as observers;
  - (f) Organization of work, including for the sessions of the subsidiary bodies;
  - (g) Dates and venues of future sessions;
  - (h) Adoption of the report on credentials.
3. Reports of the subsidiary bodies:
    - (a) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice;
    - (b) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;
    - (c) Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement.
  4. Preparations for the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement.
  5. Consideration of proposals by Parties for amendments to the Convention under Article 15:
    - (a) Proposal from the Russian Federation to amend Article 4, paragraph 2(f), of the Convention (*held in abeyance*);
    - (b) Proposal from Papua New Guinea and Mexico to amend Articles 7 and 18 of the Convention (*held in abeyance*).
  6. Report of the Adaptation Committee.
  7. Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts.
  8. Development and transfer of technologies and implementation of the Technology Mechanism:
    - (a) Joint annual report of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network;
    - (b) Linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism of the Convention.
  9. Second review of the adequacy of Article 4, paragraph 2(a) and (b), of the Convention (*held in abeyance*).
  10. Matters relating to finance:
    - (a) Long-term climate finance;
    - (b) Matters relating to the Standing Committee on Finance;
    - (c) Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund;
    - (d) Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility;
    - (e) Identification of the information to be provided by Parties in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement.
  11. Reporting from and review of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention.
  12. Reporting from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention.
  13. Capacity-building under the Convention.

14. Implementation of Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention:
  - (a) Implementation of the Buenos Aires programme of work on adaptation and response measures (decision 1/CP.10);
  - (b) Matters relating to the least developed countries.
15. Gender and climate change.
16. Other matters referred to the Conference of the Parties by the subsidiary bodies.
17. Administrative, financial and institutional matters:
  - (a) Audit report and financial statements for 2017;
  - (b) Budget performance for the biennium 2018–2019;
  - (c) Decision-making in the UNFCCC process.
18. High-level segment:
  - (a) Statements by Parties;
  - (b) Statements by observer organizations.
19. Other matters.
20. Conclusion of the session:
  - (a) Adoption of the draft report of the Conference of the Parties on its twenty-fourth session;
  - (b) Closure of the session.

#### **D. Election of officers other than the President**

(Agenda sub-item 2(d))

12. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the President informed the COP that Mr. Majid Shafiepour (Islamic Republic of Iran), a Vice-President of the COP, had begun consultations on the election of officers other than the President and would continue the consultations until the nominations were finalized.

13. The President requested the COP to give active consideration to the nomination of women for elective posts in bodies established under the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement. He also invited groups and constituencies to submit all outstanding nominations by 8 p.m. on 8 December. On a proposal by the President, the COP decided to postpone the election of the other officers of its Bureau until all nominations had been finalized.

14. The President informed the COP that, in accordance with rule 22 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, the incumbent members of the Bureau would remain in office until their successors had been elected. He also noted that confirmed nominees to the Bureau would be invited to attend the meetings of the Bureau as observers until the elections had taken place.

15. At the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 14 December, the President thanked Mr. Shafiepour for undertaking the consultations on the election of the other officers of the Bureau as well as the officers of other bodies under the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement. He informed Parties that nominations to the Bureau from Eastern Europe were outstanding, and that, therefore, Mr. Vladimir Uskov (Russian Federation) would remain in office in accordance with rule 22, paragraph 2, of the draft rules of procedure being applied. The COP, on a proposal by the President, urged Eastern Europe to conclude its consultations and to submit the outstanding nomination to the Executive Secretary as soon as possible and by 28 February 2019 at the latest. Once the nomination has been received by the Executive Secretary, the nominee will be deemed to have been elected at COP 24, in accordance with established practice.

16. On a proposal by the President, the COP elected by acclamation the other members of the Bureau of COP 24.<sup>7</sup> The composition of the Bureau is therefore as follows:<sup>8</sup>

**Bureau**

President	Mr. Michał Kurtyka (Poland)
Vice-Presidents	Mr. Georg Børsting (Norway)
	Mr. Ian Fry (Tuvalu)
	Ms. Una May Gordon (Jamaica)
	Mr. Mohamed Nasr (Egypt)
	Mr. Majid Shafiepour (Islamic Republic of Iran)
	Mr. Vladimir Uskov (Russian Federation)
	Ms. Lois M. Young (Belize)
Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice	Mr. Paul Watkinson (France)
Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation	Mr. Emmanuel Dumisani Dlamini (Eswatini)
Rapporteur	Mr. Muhammad Irfan Tariq (Pakistan)

**E. Admission of organizations as observers**

(Agenda sub-item 2(e))

17. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the COP considered a note by the secretariat on the admission of organizations as observers,<sup>9</sup> which lists eight intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and 137 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that applied to be admitted as observers. In accordance with the recommendations of the Bureau, and on a proposal by the President, the COP admitted the organizations listed in the above-mentioned note by the secretariat.

18. According to decisions 36/CMP.1 and 2/CMA.1, the admission of organizations as observers as decided by the COP also applies to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA), respectively.

**F. Organization of work, including for the sessions of the subsidiary bodies**

(Agenda sub-item 2(f))

19. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the President informed Parties that the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the SBI might recommend draft decisions and conclusions for consideration and adoption by the COP under the following items on matters already on their agendas:

Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and Subsidiary Body for Implementation

Item 6	Report of the Adaptation Committee
Sub-item 8(a)	Joint annual report of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network
Sub-item 14(a)	Implementation of the Buenos Aires programme of work on adaptation and response measures (decision 1/CP.10)

<sup>7</sup> The list of officers elected to the Bureau of COP 24, CMP 14 and CMA 1.3 is available at <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/election-and-membership>.

<sup>8</sup> See document FCCC/PA/CMA/2018/3, paragraph 7, regarding the election at CMA 1.3 of an additional member of the Bureau.

<sup>9</sup> FCCC/CP/2018/2.

Subsidiary Body for Implementation

Sub-item 10(e)	Identification of the information to be provided by Parties in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement
Item 11	Reporting from and review of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention
Item 12	Reporting from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention
Item 13	Capacity-building under the Convention
Sub-item 14(b)	Matters relating to the least developed countries
Item 15	Gender and climate change
Sub-item 17(a)	Audit report and financial statements for 2017
Sub-item 17(b)	Budget performance for the biennium 2018–2019

20. On a proposal by the President, the COP decided to refer the following matters for consideration by the SBI:

(a) Review of the progress, need for extension, effectiveness and enhancement of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building in line with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 81 (under COP 24 agenda item 13);

(b) Annual report on gender composition (under COP 24 agenda item 15).

21. The President noted that the subsidiary bodies would develop draft decisions and conclusions for consideration by the COP and would conclude their work on 8 December. The President emphasized the importance of these bodies concluding their work as scheduled for the successful closing of the conference.

22. The President informed the COP that, upon conclusion of the session of the subsidiary bodies on 8 December, the COP would reconvene to receive the work of the subsidiary bodies on their consideration of the PAWP, take stock of progress and present the organization of work for the second week of the conference.

23. The President also informed the COP that during the conference:

(a) The SBI would convene the sixth workshop for the facilitative sharing of views under the international consultation and analysis process<sup>10</sup> and complete the third round of multilateral assessment under the international assessment and review process<sup>11</sup> on 3 and 7 December;

(b) The high-level event on global climate action<sup>12</sup> would take place on 4 December;

(c) The stocktake on pre-2020 implementation and ambition would be held in two parts: the technical part<sup>13</sup> on 5 December and the high-level part<sup>14</sup> on 10 December;

(d) The third biennial ministerial high-level dialogue on climate finance<sup>15</sup> would take place on 10 December;

<sup>10</sup> Webcasts are available at <https://unfccc-cop24.streamworld.de/webcast/6th-workshop-of-the-facilitative-sharing-of-views> and <https://unfccc-cop24.streamworld.de/webcast/6th-workshop-of-the-facilitative-sharing-of-view-3>.

<sup>11</sup> Webcasts are available at <https://unfccc-cop24.streamworld.de/webcast/multilateral-assessment> and <https://unfccc-cop24.streamworld.de/webcast/multilateral-assessment-2>.

<sup>12</sup> Webcast is available at <https://unfccc-cop24.streamworld.de/webcast/global-climate-action-high-level-event-embracing-m>.

<sup>13</sup> Webcast is available at <https://unfccc-cop24.streamworld.de/webcast/pre-2020-stocktake-technical-part>.

<sup>14</sup> Webcast is available at <https://unfccc-cop24.streamworld.de/webcast/pre-2020-stocktake-high-level-meeting>.

<sup>15</sup> Webcast is available at <https://unfccc-cop24.streamworld.de/webcast/3rd-high-level-ministerial-dialogue-on-climate-fin>.

(e) The preparatory phase<sup>16</sup> of the Talanoa Dialogue would conclude on 6 December; the political phase<sup>17</sup> was scheduled for 11 and 12 December.

24. With regard to agenda item 18, “High-level segment”, the President informed the COP that the joint high-level segment of the COP, the CMP and the CMA would be inaugurated on 3 December in the presence of Mr. Duda, other Heads of State and Government, Mr. Guterres and other dignitaries.<sup>18</sup>

25. The President noted that national statements from Parties whose Head of State or Government did not speak on 3 December would be delivered on 11 and 12 December. The President set a time limit of three minutes for each statement at the high-level segment and informed the COP that each Party would have one opportunity to deliver a national statement. He also noted that statements from senior representatives of IGOs and NGOs would be heard on 12 December, that a time limit of two minutes per statement had been set and that the full version of all statements would be posted on the UNFCCC website.<sup>19</sup>

26. The President informed the COP that separate meetings of the COP and the CMP would be held to adopt decisions and conclusions on non-PAWP-related agenda items, including those recommended by the subsidiary bodies. He also informed the COP that it would meet on 14 December to receive the reports of the subsidiary bodies on their consideration of the PAWP, the outcomes of which would be forwarded to the CMA. A separate meeting of the CMA would be held to consider and adopt the PAWP outcome.

27. The President encouraged the Chairs and Co-Chairs of the subsidiary bodies to be creative and firm in maximizing available negotiating time. He assured Parties that he was committed to working with all Parties, presiding officers and the Bureau in a transparent and inclusive manner to achieve successful outcomes.

28. The President referred the COP to the annotations to the provisional agenda.<sup>20</sup> He informed Parties that the COP, in conjunction with the other governing bodies and the subsidiary bodies, would reconvene later that day in a joint plenary to hear opening statements from Parties and observers. As per established practice,<sup>21</sup> no decisions would be taken in joint meetings.

29. The COP agreed to proceed on the basis of the proposals made by the President.

30. At the joint 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the COP, 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the CMP, 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the CMA, 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the SBSTA, 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the SBI and 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA), on 3 December, general statements were made by representatives of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union and its 28 member States), the Republic of Korea (on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group), Australia (on behalf of the Umbrella Group), Gabon (on behalf of the African Group), Saudi Arabia (on behalf of the Arab Group), Maldives (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)), Ethiopia (on behalf of the least developed countries), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Like-minded Developing Countries), Colombia (on behalf of AILAC), India (on behalf of Brazil, South Africa, India and China), Argentina (on behalf of Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay) and Venezuela (on behalf of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – Peoples’ Trade Treaty).

<sup>16</sup> Webcast is available at <https://unfccc-cop24.streamworld.de/webcast/talanoa-dialogue-wrap-up-preparatory-phase>.

<sup>17</sup> Webcast for the opening meeting is available at <https://unfccc-cop24.streamworld.de/webcast/talanoa-dialogue-opening-meeting>; the video recordings of the ministerial talanoas are available at <https://talanoadialogue.com/ministerial-talanoas-1>; and the webcast for the closing meeting is available at <https://unfccc-cop24.streamworld.de/webcast/talanoa-dialogue-closing-meeting>.

<sup>18</sup> Webcast is available at <https://unfccc-cop24.streamworld.de/webcast/official-opening-ceremony-of-cop24-cmp14-cma13-and>.

<sup>19</sup> <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/conferences/katowice-climate-change-conference-december-2018/events-and-schedules/high-level-segment/high-level-segment-statements#high-level-segment-continued>.

<sup>20</sup> FCCC/CP/2018/1.

<sup>21</sup> See document FCCC/SBI/1999/8, paragraph 63(e).

31. At the same meeting, statements were also made by representatives of business and industry NGOs, environmental NGOs, indigenous peoples organizations, local government and municipal authorities, research and independent NGOs, trade union NGOs, women and gender NGOs and youth NGOs.

32. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the President informed the COP that he would undertake consultations with regard to the special circumstances of Turkey. At the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, the President informed the COP that Ms. Brigitte Collet (France on behalf of the European Union and its member States) had undertaken consultations on his behalf, and he invited Ms. Collet to report on the outcome of the consultations. She informed the COP that there was no consensus on the matter. The President thanked Ms. Collet for her hard work.

33. At the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 15 December, the President informed the COP that, on his own initiative as President of COP 24, he would continue to engage with Turkey. He expressed his appreciation to the Turkish delegation for their participation and contribution to the work during the session. A statement was made by a representative of one Party.

34. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the President informed the COP that he would undertake consultations on the special needs and circumstances of Africa under the Paris Agreement. At the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, the President informed the COP that Ms. Katarzyna Snyder (Poland) had undertaken consultations on the matter on his behalf. Mr. Artur Lorkowski (Poland) was invited by the President to report on the outcome of the consultations on behalf of Ms. Snyder. He informed the COP that there was no consensus on the matter. The President thanked Ms. Snyder for her hard work.

35. During the session, the President convened two informal stocktaking plenaries, on 11 and 13 December, to review progress and to share the plans for advancing the work in order to reach a successful outcome.<sup>22</sup>

36. The Talanoa Dialogue was conducted throughout the year in response to decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 20, and in accordance with annex II to decision 1/CP.23.

37. The preparatory phase concluded with a meeting on 6 December 2018 to consider the implications of the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)<sup>23</sup> and the presentation of the synthesis of the preparatory phase as the main input from the preparatory phase into the political phase of the Dialogue.

38. In the political phase, 21 ministerial round tables were held on 11 December 2018 to consider the question “how do we get there”. The political phase resulted in a declaration entitled “The Talanoa Call for Action”,<sup>24</sup> representing a call to all actors to raise their ambition and cooperate with a view to achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement.

## G. Dates and venues of future sessions

(Agenda sub-item 2(g))

39. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the President noted that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among the regional groups, the President of COP 25, CMP 15 and CMA 2 would come from the Latin American and Caribbean States,<sup>25</sup> and the President of COP 26, CMP 16 and CMA 3 would come from the Western European and other States.

<sup>22</sup> Webcasts are available at <https://unfccc-cop24.streamworld.de/webcast/presidency-stocktaking-meeting> and <https://unfccc-cop24.streamworld.de/webcast/stocktaking-plenary>.

<sup>23</sup> Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. 2018. *Global Warming of 1.5 °C: An IPCC Special Report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty*. Available at <http://ipcc.ch/report/sr15/>.

<sup>24</sup> Available at <https://unfccc.int/topics/2018-talanoa-dialogue-platform>.

<sup>25</sup> On 4 October 2018, the secretariat received a note verbale from the Government of Barbados in its capacity as Chair of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States informing that the Government of Brazil had decided to present its candidature to host COP 25. On 3 December 2018,

40. The President invited Parties to come forward with offers to host the United Nations Climate Change Conferences in 2019 and 2020. He proposed that a senior member of his delegation conduct informal consultations on this agenda sub-item on his behalf with a view to proposing a draft decision for consideration and adoption by the COP at the closing meeting.

41. At the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, the President thanked Mr. Lorkowski for conducting the informal consultations on his behalf.

42. On a proposal by the President, the COP adopted decision 17/CP.24, entitled “Dates and venues of future sessions”.

43. At the same meeting, statements were made by representatives of two Parties.

## **H. Adoption of the report on credentials**

(Agenda sub-item 2(h))

44. Also at the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, the President referred to the report on credentials,<sup>26</sup> which the Bureau, in accordance with rule 20 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, had examined and approved.

45. The COP, on the basis of the report of the Bureau, accepted the credentials of Parties attending the session. In addition, the secretariat received credentials from Burundi on 31 December 2018.

## **I. Attendance**

46. Information on participation in the sessions in Katowice is available on the UNFCCC website.<sup>27</sup>

## **J. Documentation**

47. The documents that were before COP 24 are available on the UNFCCC website.<sup>28</sup>

## **III. Reports of the subsidiary bodies**

(Agenda item 3)

48. At the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 8 December, the President invited the Chairs and Co-Chairs of the SBSTA, the SBI and the APA to report on progress made on PAWP elements and other matters that Parties had identified as being closely related to the outcome of the work programme.<sup>29</sup>

49. At the same meeting, the President presented the plan for the organization of work for the second week of the conference. He informed the COP that he would use different formats to achieve results, including engaging pairs of ministers to address issues; making use of bilateral meetings and open-ended consultations at the ministerial and head of delegation level; and convening regular stocktaking meetings to maintain a transparent and inclusive process.<sup>30</sup>

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the secretariat received, via registered mail, a letter from the Government of Brazil informing of its decision to withdraw its offer to host COP 25.

<sup>26</sup> FCCC/CP/2018/9–FCCC/KP/CMP/2018/7–FCCC/PA/CMA/2018/2.

<sup>27</sup> For the full list of participants attending the sessions, see document FCCC/CP/2018/INF.3. For the list of Parties to the Convention, see the United Nations Treaty Collection website at [https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetailsIII.aspx?src=IND&mtmsg\\_no=XXVII-7&chapter=27&Temp=mtmsg3&clang=\\_en](https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetailsIII.aspx?src=IND&mtmsg_no=XXVII-7&chapter=27&Temp=mtmsg3&clang=_en).

<sup>28</sup> <https://unfccc.int/event/cop-24>.

<sup>29</sup> Webcast is available at <https://unfccc-cop24.streamworld.de/webcast/plenary-meeting-of-the-cop>.

<sup>30</sup> Information on the Presidency consultations on decisions 1/CP.24 and 3/CMA.1 is available at

50. A statement was made by a representative of one Party.
51. The following pairs of ministers were engaged by the President during the second week of the conference:
- (a) Ms. Yassmin Abdelaziz, Minister of Environment of Egypt, and Mr. Jochen Flasbarth, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of Germany, on finance matters;
  - (b) Mr. Derek Andre Hanekom, Minister of Tourism of South Africa, and Ms. Teresa Ribera Rodríguez, Minister for the Ecological Transition of Spain, on transparency;
  - (c) Mr. Ola Elvestuen, Minister of Climate and Environment of Norway, and Mr. Masagos Zulkifli, Minister for the Environment and Water Resources of Singapore, on guidance on mitigation/nationally determined contributions (NDCs) and on adaptation/NDC registries;
  - (d) Ms. Carole Dieschbourg, Minister for the Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development of Luxembourg, and Mr. David Paul, Minister of Environment and Minister-in-Assistance to the President of the Marshall Islands, on the global stocktake;
  - (e) Mr. Lamin Dibba, Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources of Gambia, and Mr. Kimmo Tiilikainen, Minister of the Environment, Energy and Housing of Finland, on adaptation;
  - (f) Ms. Carolina Schmidt, Minister of the Environment of Chile, and Mr. James Shaw, Minister for Climate Change of New Zealand, on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement;
  - (g) Ms. Isabella Lövin, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for International Development Cooperation and Climate of Sweden, and Mr. Carlos Manuel Rodríguez, Minister of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica, on the Talanoa Dialogue and the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C.

## **A. Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice**

(Agenda sub-item 3(a))

52. At the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Chair of the SBSTA, Mr. Paul Watkinson (France), reported on progress made on PAWP elements and other matters identified by Parties as closely related to the PAWP that were under the purview of the SBSTA. The President thanked Mr. Watkinson for this oral report and for his efforts in guiding the work of the SBSTA on the PAWP.
53. At the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 13 December, Mr. Watkinson introduced the draft report on SBSTA 49<sup>31</sup> and gave an oral report on the results of SBSTA 48 and 49.<sup>32</sup>
54. On a proposal by the President, the COP took note of the reports on SBSTA 48,<sup>33</sup> the draft report on SBSTA 49 and the oral reports provided by the Chair of the SBSTA. The President expressed his appreciation to Mr. Watkinson for his hard work and for guiding the work of the SBSTA over the past year.
55. At the same meeting, the SBSTA recommended one draft decision for consideration and adoption by the COP under this agenda sub-item. Other recommendations of the SBSTA are reflected in this report under the appropriate agenda items.

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<https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/conferences/katowice-climate-change-conference-december-2018/presidency-consultations-on-1/cp24-and-3/cma1>.

<sup>31</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2018/L.17.

<sup>32</sup> Webcast is available at <https://unfccc-cop24.streamworld.de/webcast/7th-cop-plenary-2>.

<sup>33</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2018/4 and FCCC/SBSTA/2018/6.

56. The COP, on the recommendation of the SBSTA,<sup>34</sup> adopted decision 2/CP.24, entitled “Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform”.

57. At the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, the President reminded the COP that SBSTA 49 and SBI 49 had recommended draft conclusions under joint agenda items.<sup>35</sup> On the basis of the recommendation, the COP adopted the conclusions on the improved forum and work programme on the impact of the implementation of response measures in paragraphs 58–60 below.

58. The COP recalled decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 33 and 34, and decision 11/CP.21.

59. The COP noted the work undertaken by the improved forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures pursuant to decision 11/CP.21 and Parties’ views on the work programme and modalities of the improved forum.

60. The COP took note of the conclusions of the SBSTA and the SBI in relation to the review of the work of the improved forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures and concluded the review.

## **B. Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation**

(Agenda sub-item 3(b))

61. At the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Chair of the SBI, Mr. Emmanuel Dumisani Dlamini (Eswatini), reported on progress made on PAWP elements and other matters identified by Parties as closely related to the PAWP that were under the purview of the SBI. The President thanked Mr. Dlamini for this oral report and for his efforts in guiding the work of the SBI on the PAWP.

62. At the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, Mr. Dlamini introduced the draft report on SBI 49<sup>36</sup> and gave an oral report on the results of SBI 48 and 49.<sup>37</sup>

63. On a proposal by the President, the COP took note of the reports on SBI 48,<sup>38</sup> the draft report on SBI 49 and the oral reports provided by the Chair of the SBI. The President expressed his appreciation to Mr. Dlamini for his hard work and for guiding the work of the SBI over the past year.

64. At the same meeting, the SBI recommended one draft decision for consideration and adoption by the COP under this agenda sub-item. Other recommendations of the SBI are reflected in this report under the appropriate agenda items.

65. The COP, on the recommendation of the SBI,<sup>39</sup> adopted decision 12/CP.24, entitled “Review of the Climate Technology Centre and Network”.

66. Also at that meeting, the President reminded the COP that SBI 48.1 had recommended draft conclusions on the terms of reference for the review of the Doha work programme.<sup>40</sup> On the basis of the recommendation, the COP adopted the conclusions in paragraphs 67 and 68 below.

67. The COP requested SBI 50 (June 2019) to draft the terms of reference for the review of the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention to be conducted by the COP in accordance with decision 15/CP.18, for consideration and adoption at COP 25.

68. The COP requested the SBI, when drafting the terms of reference referred to in paragraph 67 above, to take into consideration relevant information developed under Article 12 of the Paris Agreement, including relevant submissions from Parties and

<sup>34</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2018/8, paragraph 18.

<sup>35</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2018/8, paragraph 33, and FCCC/SBI/2018/22, paragraph 94.

<sup>36</sup> FCCC/SBI/2018/L.20.

<sup>37</sup> As footnote 32 above.

<sup>38</sup> FCCC/SBI/2018/9 and Add.1 and FCCC/SBI/2018/11.

<sup>39</sup> FCCC/SBI/2018/9, paragraph 83.

<sup>40</sup> FCCC/SBI/2018/9, paragraph 124.

observers, the outcomes of the Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) workshop<sup>41</sup> and the ACE youth forum,<sup>42</sup> and the outcomes of the annual in-session ACE Dialogues<sup>43</sup> conducted under the Doha work programme since 2013.

69. SBI 48.1 had also recommended draft conclusions on the coordination of support for the implementation of activities in relation to mitigation actions in the forest sector by developing countries, including institutional arrangements.<sup>44</sup> On the basis of the recommendation, the COP adopted the conclusions in paragraph 70 below.

70. The COP took note that SBI 48.1 concluded the work in relation to the matters set out in decision 10/CP.19, paragraph 9.

### **C. Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement** (Agenda sub-item 3(c))

71. At the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Co-Chairs of the APA, Ms. Sarah Baashan (Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention) and Ms. Jo Tyndall (Parties included in Annex I to the Convention), reported on progress made on the elements of the PAWP that were under the purview of the APA. The President thanked Ms. Baashan and Ms. Tyndall for their oral report and for their efforts in guiding the work of the APA.

72. At the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, the President recalled that, at the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Co-Chairs of the APA had introduced the draft report on APA 1.7<sup>45</sup> and gave an oral report on the results of APA 1.5, 1.6 and 1.7.

73. On a proposal by the President, the COP took note of the reports on APA 1.5 and 1.6,<sup>46</sup> the draft report on APA 1.7 and the oral report provided by the Co-Chairs of the APA. The President expressed his appreciation to Ms. Baashan and Ms. Tyndall for their guidance, commitment and dedication throughout the duration of the work of the APA.

## **IV. Preparations for the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement** (Agenda item 4)

74. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on a proposal by the President, the COP agreed to return to this agenda item upon conclusion of the work of the subsidiary bodies on the PAWP.

75. At its 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 15 December, also on a proposal by the President, the COP adopted decision 1/CP.24, entitled “Preparations for the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement” as orally revised. By this decision, the COP forwarded draft decisions on the PAWP, commonly referred to by the President as the Katowice Rulebook, for consideration and adoption by the CMA.<sup>47</sup>

76. A statement was made by a representative of India expressing reservations on the draft CMA decision on matters relating to Article 14 of the Paris Agreement and paragraphs 99–101 of decision 1/CP.21.<sup>48</sup>

77. A statement was received by the secretariat from Egypt on behalf of the African Group relating to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.<sup>49</sup>

<sup>41</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Action%20for%20Climate%20Empowerment%20Workshop%20outcomes.pdf>.

<sup>42</sup> See [https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/180505\\_Outcomes%20AYF%20-%20Final.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/180505_Outcomes%20AYF%20-%20Final.pdf).

<sup>43</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/topics/education-and-outreach/events-meetings/dialogues-on-action-for-climate-empowerment>.

<sup>44</sup> FCCC/SBI/2018/9, paragraph 36.

<sup>45</sup> FCCC/APA/2018/L.5.

<sup>46</sup> FCCC/APA/2018/2 and FCCC/APA/2018/4.

<sup>47</sup> For a list of the decisions, see decision 1/CP.24.

<sup>48</sup> Now decision 19/CMA.1.

## V. Consideration of proposals by Parties for amendments to the Convention under Article 15

(Agenda item 5)

### A. Proposal from the Russian Federation to amend Article 4, paragraph 2(f), of the Convention

(Agenda sub-item 5(a) *held in abeyance*)

### B. Proposal from Papua New Guinea and Mexico to amend Articles 7 and 18 of the Convention

(Agenda sub-item 5(b) *held in abeyance*)

## VI. Report of the Adaptation Committee

(Agenda item 6)

78. The COP had before it the report of the Adaptation Committee.<sup>50</sup> At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the COP noted that this matter was on the agendas of the SBSTA and the SBI for their consideration.

79. At its 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, on a joint recommendation of the SBSTA<sup>51</sup> and the SBI,<sup>52</sup> the COP adopted decision 9/CP.24, entitled “Report of the Adaptation Committee”.

80. At the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, the President noted that a nomination to the Adaptation Committee was outstanding and urged the constituencies to continue their consultations and to submit the outstanding nomination to the Executive Secretary as soon as possible and by 28 February 2019 at the latest. Once the nomination has been received by the Executive Secretary, the member will be deemed to have been elected at COP 24, in accordance with established practice.

81. Also at the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, acting on a proposal by the President, the COP elected the following members of the Adaptation Committee:<sup>53</sup>

#### Adaptation Committee

Asia-Pacific States	Mr. Kazem Kashefi (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Latin American and Caribbean States	Mr. Julio Cordano (Chile)
	Mr. Javier Antonio Gutierrez (Nicaragua)
Western European and other States	Ms. Navina Sanchez Ibrahim (Germany)
	Mr. Frédéric Schafferer (France)
Small island developing States	Mr. Clifford Mahlung (Jamaica)
Least developed countries	Ms. Cecilia Silva (Angola)
Parties included in Annex I to the Convention	Ms. Marianne Karlsen (Norway)
Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention	Mr. Naeem Ashraf (Pakistan)

<sup>49</sup> The statement is available at [https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/SubmissionsStaging/Documents/201901281838---AGN%20statement\\_15Dec2018.pdf](https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/SubmissionsStaging/Documents/201901281838---AGN%20statement_15Dec2018.pdf).

<sup>50</sup> FCCC/SB/2018/3.

<sup>51</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2018/8, paragraph 12.

<sup>52</sup> FCCC/SBI/2018/22, paragraph 46.

<sup>53</sup> The latest list of members and alternate members is available at <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/election-and-membership>.

## VII. Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

(Agenda item 7)

82. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the President invited the COP to consider the matter of its authority over and guidance to the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts, including its Executive Committee, and to take any action it deemed appropriate.

83. At the same meeting, statements were made by representatives of two Parties, on behalf of the Umbrella Group and AOSIS.<sup>54</sup> The COP noted the understanding among Parties that under this agenda item at this session the COP would consider only the report of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism, without prejudging outcomes of future consideration of the governance of the Warsaw International Mechanism.

84. At its 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the COP, on a joint recommendation of the SBSTA<sup>55</sup> and the SBI,<sup>56</sup> adopted decision 10/CP.24, entitled “Report of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts”.

85. At its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, acting on a proposal by the President, the COP elected the following members of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism:<sup>57</sup>

### Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

Parties included in Annex I to the Convention	Mr. Farhan Akhtar (United States of America)
	Ms. Cornelia Jäger (Austria)
	Mr. Russell Miles (Australia)
	Mr. Malcolm Ridout (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
	Mr. Valeriy Sedyakin (Russian Federation)
Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention	Mr. Adao Soares Barbosa (Timor-Leste)
	Mr. Antonio Canas (El Salvador)
	Mr. Alpha Kaloga (Guinea)
	Ms. Pepetua Latasi (Tuvalu)
	Ms. Dawn Pierre Nathoniell (Saint Lucia)
	Ms. Le-Anne Roper (Jamaica)

## VIII. Development and transfer of technologies and implementation of the Technology Mechanism

(Agenda item 8)

### A. Joint annual report of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network

(Agenda sub-item 8(a))

86. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the COP noted that this matter was on the agendas of the SBSTA and the SBI for their consideration.

<sup>54</sup> See <https://unfccc-cop24.streamworld.de/webcast/first-plenary-meetings-of-the-cop-and-cmp-and-resu>.

<sup>55</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2018/8, paragraph 14.

<sup>56</sup> FCCC/SBI/2018/22, paragraph 45.

<sup>57</sup> As footnote 53 above.

87. At its 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, on a joint recommendation of the SBSTA<sup>58</sup> and the SBI,<sup>59</sup> the COP adopted decision 13/CP.24, entitled “Enhancing climate technology development and transfer through the Technology Mechanism”.

88. At its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, acting on a proposal by the President, the COP elected the following members of the Technology Executive Committee (TEC):<sup>60</sup>

**Technology Executive Committee**

Parties included in Annex I to the Convention	Ms. Alysha Bagasra (New Zealand) Mr. Robert Berloznik (Belgium) Ms. Kinga Csontos (Hungary) Mr. Ian Lloyd (United States) Mr. Naoki Mori (Japan)
Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention	Mr. Pedro Borges (Venezuela) Mr. Maheshwar Dhakal (Nepal) Mr. Mareer Mohamed Husny (Federated States of Micronesia) Mr. Ladislaus Kyaruzi (United Republic of Tanzania) Mr. Hamza Merabet (Algeria) Mr. Muhammad Omar (Pakistan) Ms. Adelle Thomas (Bahamas)

89. At the same meeting, the President noted that nominations to the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) were outstanding and urged the constituencies to continue their consultations and to submit the outstanding nominations to the Executive Secretary as soon as possible and by 28 February 2019 at the latest. Once the nominations have been received by the Executive Secretary, the members will be deemed to have been elected at COP 24, in accordance with established practice.

90. Also at the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, the COP, acting on a proposal by the President, elected the following members of the Advisory Board of the CTCN:<sup>61</sup>

**Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network**

Parties included in Annex I to the Convention	Mr. Sergio La Motta (Italy) Mr. Ian Lloyd (United States) Ms. Meropi Paneli (European Union) Mr. Kenichi Wada (Japan)
Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention	Mr. Pedro García Brito (Dominican Republic) Mr. Seogon Ko (Republic of Korea) Mr. Moses Omedi (Kenya) Mr. Zhong Ping (China)

**B. Linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism of the Convention**

(Agenda sub-item 8(b))

<sup>58</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2018/8, paragraph 16.

<sup>59</sup> FCCC/SBI/2018/22, paragraph 73.

<sup>60</sup> As footnote 53 above.

<sup>61</sup> As footnote 53 above.

91. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the President invited the COP to consider the information provided in the annual reports of the TEC and the CTCN<sup>62</sup> and of the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism<sup>63</sup> regarding their actions in strengthening the linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism for guidance on further actions if needed.

92. On a proposal by the President, the COP established informal consultations on this matter co-facilitated by Mr. Kishan Kumarsingh (Trinidad and Tobago) and Mr. Swan Senesi (Italy).

93. At its 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, on a proposal by the President, the COP adopted decision 14/CP.24, entitled “Linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism of the Convention”. The President thanked Mr. Kumarsingh and Mr. Senesi for their hard work.

## **IX. Second review of the adequacy of Article 4, paragraph 2(a) and (b), of the Convention**

*(Agenda item 9 held in abeyance)*

## **X. Matters relating to finance**

*(Agenda item 10)*

### **A. Long-term climate finance**

*(Agenda sub-item 10(a))*

94. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the President invited the COP to consider the summary report on the in-session workshop on long-term climate finance in 2018<sup>64</sup> and to continue deliberations on this matter and provide guidance on the organization of future workshops on long-term climate finance.

95. On a proposal by the President, the COP established a contact group on this matter co-chaired by Mr. Ivan Zambrana Flores (Plurinational State of Bolivia) and Mr. Norbert Gorissen (Germany).

96. At its 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 15 December, on a proposal by the President, the COP adopted decision 3/CP.24, entitled “Long-term climate finance”. The President thanked Mr. Flores and Mr. Gorissen for their hard work.

### **B. Matters relating to the Standing Committee on Finance**

*(Agenda sub-item 10(b))*

97. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the President invited the COP to consider the report of the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF)<sup>65</sup> and encouraged Parties to also consider the summary and recommendations by the SCF on the 2018 Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows.

98. He thanked the Co-Chairs of the SCF, Mr. Zaheer Fakir (South Africa) and Mr. Georg Børsting (Norway) for their leadership and the members of the SCF for their hard work during the year and informed the COP that the elections of the members of the SCF would be conducted during the closing plenary of the COP.

99. The President acknowledged the contribution of Ms. Bernarditas Muller (Philippines), who served as Co-Chair of the SCF before resigning for personal reasons. He noted that the SCF and the UNFCCC climate finance community had immensely benefited

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<sup>62</sup> FCCC/SB/2018/2 and FCCC/SB/2017/3.

<sup>63</sup> FCCC/CP/2017/5, FCCC/CP/2017/7, FCCC/CP/2018/5 and FCCC/CP/2018/6.

<sup>64</sup> FCCC/CP/2018/4.

<sup>65</sup> FCCC/CP/2018/8.

from her experience, dedication and leadership and expressed appreciation, on behalf of the SCF and Parties, for her service.

100. On a proposal by the President, this agenda sub-item was considered by the contact group referred to in paragraph 95 above.

101. At its 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, on a proposal by the President, the COP adopted decision 4/CP.24, entitled “Report of the Standing Committee on Finance”. The President thanked Mr. Flores and Mr. Gorissen for their hard work.

102. At its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, the President noted that nominations to the SCF were outstanding and urged the constituencies to continue their consultations and to submit the outstanding nominations to the Executive Secretary as soon as possible and by 28 February 2019 at the latest. Once the nominations have been received by the Executive Secretary, the members will be deemed to have been elected at COP 24, in accordance with established practice.

103. At the same meeting, acting on a proposal by the President, the COP elected the following members of the SCF:<sup>66</sup>

#### Standing Committee on Finance

Parties included in Annex I to the Convention	Ms. Gabriela Blatter (Switzerland)
	Mr. Randy Caruso (United States)
	Mr. Sergey Chestnoy (Russian Federation)
	Ms. Delphine Eyraud (France)
	Mr. Mattias Frumerie (Sweden)
	Ms. Fiona Gilbert (Australia)
	Ms. Vicky Noens (Belgium)
	Mr. Toru Sugio (Japan)
	Mr. Pieter Terpstra (Netherlands)
	Mr. Ismo Ulvila (European Union)
Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention	Ms. Diann Black-Layne (Antigua and Barbuda)
	Mr. Zaheer Fakir (South Africa)
	Mr. Ivan Zambrana Flores (Plurinational State of Bolivia)
	Mr. Jonghun Lee (Republic of Korea)
	Mr. Zerihun Getu Mekuria (Ethiopia)
	Mr. Mohamed Nasr (Egypt)
	Mr. Paul Herbert Oquist Kelley (Nicaragua)
	Mr. Ayman Shasly (Saudi Arabia)

### **C. Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund**

(Agenda sub-item 10(c))

104. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the COP had before it the report of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) to the COP,<sup>67</sup> the report of the SCF to the COP<sup>68</sup> and a report on the operation of the registry of nationally appropriate mitigation actions.<sup>69</sup> The President invited the COP to provide guidance to the GCF on policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria, taking into account these reports, including the draft guidance to the GCF prepared by the SCF, as contained in annex IV to the report of the SCF to the COP.

<sup>66</sup> As footnote 53 above.

<sup>67</sup> FCCC/CP/2018/5 and Add.1.

<sup>68</sup> As footnote 65 above.

<sup>69</sup> FCCC/CP/2018/INF.1.

105. He thanked the Co-Chairs of the GCF Board, Mr. Paul Herbert Oquist Kelley (Nicaragua) and Mr. Lennart Båge (Sweden) for their leadership, and the members of the Board for their hard work during the year.

106. On a proposal by the President, the COP established a contact group on this matter co-chaired by Mr. Richard Muyungi (United Republic of Tanzania) and Mr. Stefan Schwager (Switzerland).

107. At its 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, on a proposal by the President, the COP adopted decision 5/CP.24, entitled “Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund”. The President thanked Mr. Muyungi and Mr. Schwager for their hard work.

#### **D. Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility**

(Agenda sub-item 10(d))

108. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the COP had before it the report of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to the COP,<sup>70</sup> the report of the SCF to the COP<sup>71</sup> and a report on the operation of the registry of nationally appropriate mitigation actions.<sup>72</sup> The President invited the COP to provide guidance to the GEF on policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria, taking into account these reports, including the draft guidance to the GEF prepared by the SCF, as contained in annex V to the report of the SCF to the COP.

109. He thanked the Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson of the GEF, Ms. Naoko Ishii, and the GEF secretariat for the work undertaken by the GEF during the year.

110. On a proposal by the President, this agenda sub-item was considered by the contact group referred to in paragraph 106 above.

111. At its 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, on a proposal by the President, the COP adopted decision 6/CP.24, entitled “Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility”, as orally amended.

#### **E. Identification of the information to be provided by Parties in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement**

(Agenda sub-item 10(e))

112. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the COP noted that this matter was on the agenda of the SBI for its consideration.

113. At its 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the COP took note of the outcomes forwarded by the SBI and considered them under agenda item 4.

### **XI. Reporting from and review of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention**

(Agenda item 11)

114. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the COP noted that this matter was on the agenda of the SBI for its consideration.

115. At its 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, the COP noted that SBI 50 would continue the consideration of the compilation and synthesis of second and third biennial reports from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention.

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<sup>70</sup> FCCC/CP/2018/6 and Add.1.

<sup>71</sup> As footnote 65 above.

<sup>72</sup> As footnote 69 above.

## **XII. Reporting from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention**

(Agenda item 12)

116. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the COP noted that this matter was on the agenda of the SBI for its consideration.

117. At its 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, on a proposal by the President, the COP adopted decision 11/CP.24, entitled, “Review of the terms of reference of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention”.

118. At its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, the COP noted the nominations of members to the Consultative Group of Experts.<sup>73</sup>

## **XIII. Capacity-building under the Convention**

(Agenda item 13)

119. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the COP noted that this matter was on the agenda of the SBI for its consideration.

120. At its 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, on a recommendation of the SBI,<sup>74</sup> the COP adopted decision 15/CP.24, entitled “Annual technical progress report of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for 2018”.

121. At the same meeting, the COP noted that it had referred the consideration of the review of the progress, need for extension, effectiveness and enhancement of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building to the SBI and that the SBI had initiated work on this matter.

122. At its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, acting on a proposal by the President, the COP elected the following members of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building:<sup>75</sup>

### **Paris Committee on Capacity-building**

African States	Mr. Mohamed Nbou (Morocco)
Asia-Pacific States	Mr. Mahawan Karuniasa (Indonesia)
Latin American and Caribbean States	Ms. Jennifer Hanna (Dominican Republic)
Eastern European States	Mr. Kakhaberi Mdivani (Georgia)
Western European and other States	Ms. Roberta Ianna (Italy)
Least developed countries	Mr. Mfumu Richard Lungu (Zambia)

## **XIV. Implementation of Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention**

(Agenda item 14)

### **A. Implementation of the Buenos Aires programme of work on adaptation and response measures (decision 1/CP.10)**

(Agenda sub-item 14(a))

123. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the COP noted that this matter was on the agenda of the SBI for its consideration.

124. At the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, on a proposal by the President, the COP adopted decision 7/CP.24, entitled “Modalities, work programme and functions under the Convention of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures”.<sup>76</sup>

<sup>73</sup> As footnote 53 above.

<sup>74</sup> FCCC/SBI/2018/22, paragraph 86.

<sup>75</sup> As footnote 53 above.

**B. Matters relating to the least developed countries**

(Agenda sub-item 14(b))

125. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the COP noted that this matter was on the agenda of the SBI for its consideration.

126. At its 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, on a recommendation of the SBI,<sup>77</sup> the COP adopted decision 16/CP.24, entitled “Least developed countries work programme”.

**XV. Gender and climate change**

(Agenda item 15)

127. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the COP noted that this matter was on the agenda of the SBI for its consideration.

128. On a proposal by the President, the COP agreed to refer the consideration of the annual report on gender composition to the SBI.

129. At its 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, on a recommendation of the SBI,<sup>78</sup> the COP considered and adopted the conclusions in paragraphs 130–132 below.

130. The COP noted with appreciation the progress made in enhancing the representation of women in constituted bodies and urged Parties to expedite the additional efforts needed to improve the participation of women in their delegations, including in senior positions, and in all the bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, in accordance with decision 18/CP.20.

131. The COP requested SBI 50 to initiate the review of the areas of progress, areas for improvement and further work to be undertaken under the Lima work programme on gender<sup>79</sup> and its gender action plan<sup>80</sup> on the basis of all submissions received and reports produced under the Lima work programme and its gender action plan, with a view to the SBI forwarding recommendations on the outcome of the review for consideration and adoption at COP 25.

132. The COP invited Parties, constituted bodies and observers to consult during 2019, including through meetings, with the support of the secretariat as appropriate, in order to advance the gender action plan. Parties and observers can draw from the outputs of these consultations when submitting information that will be synthesized in the report referred to in document FCCC/SBI/2018/22, paragraph 104, in the context of considerations on the way forward on the Lima work programme on gender.<sup>81</sup>

**XVI. Other matters referred to the Conference of the Parties by the subsidiary bodies**

(Agenda item 16)

133. At its 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, the COP noted that no matters had been raised under this agenda item.

**XVII. Administrative, financial and institutional matters**

(Agenda item 17)

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<sup>76</sup> By decision 7/CMA.1 Parties were invited to submit nominations for members to serve on the Katowice Committee on Impacts by 15 April 2019.

<sup>77</sup> FCCC/SBI/2018/9/Add.1.

<sup>78</sup> FCCC/SBI/2018/22, paragraph 106.

<sup>79</sup> Decision 21/CP.22, paragraph 6.

<sup>80</sup> Decision 3/CP.23, paragraph 7.

<sup>81</sup> Decision 3/CP.23, paragraph 5.

**A. Audit report and financial statements for 2017**

(Agenda sub-item 17(a))

**B. Budget performance for the biennium 2018–2019**

(Agenda sub-item 17(b))

134. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the COP noted that the matters under agenda sub-items 17(a) and (b) were on the agenda of the SBI for its consideration.

135. At its 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, on a recommendation of the SBI,<sup>82</sup> the COP adopted decision 18/CP.24, entitled “Administrative, financial and institutional matters”.

**C. Decision-making in the UNFCCC process**

(Agenda sub-item 17(c))

136. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the President recalled that, at COP 23, Parties were unable to conclude their consideration of this matter and therefore, in accordance with rules 10(c) and 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, this matter was included on the provisional agenda for COP 24.

137. The President proposed that a senior member of his delegation conduct informal consultations on this matter.

138. At the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, the President thanked Mr. Grobicki for undertaking the consultations and informed the COP that Parties had not concluded their consideration of the matter and that, in accordance with rules 10(c) and 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, this matter will be included on the provisional agenda for COP 25.

**XVIII. High-level segment**

(Agenda item 18)

139. At the joint 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the COP, 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the CMP and 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the CMA, on 3 December, the joint high-level segment of the three bodies was opened by the President (see para. 2 above). At that meeting, Mr. Duda introduced a declaration entitled “Solidarity and Just Transition Silesia Declaration”,<sup>83</sup> an initiative of the Government of Poland as Presidency of COP 24.

140. At the joint 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the COP, 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CMP and 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CMA, on 11 December, the joint high-level segment resumed for its second part.

141. At the meeting, statements were made by the Minister of the Environment of Poland, Mr. Kowalczyk; the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization, Mr. Petteri Taalas; the Chair of the IPCC, Mr. Hoesung Lee; the President of COP 24, Mr. Kurtyka; and the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, Ms. Patricia Espinosa.

**A. Statements by Parties**

(Agenda sub-item 18(a))

142. During the high-level segment, 161 statements were delivered, 5 of which on behalf of groups of Parties. Statements were given by 24 Heads of State or Government, three Deputy Prime Ministers and 82 ministers or representatives of Parties.<sup>84</sup>

143. Five Parties (Jamaica, Liberia, Lithuania, Saint Lucia and Tajikistan) requested to have their statements posted on the UNFCCC website in lieu of oral delivery.<sup>85</sup>

<sup>82</sup> FCCC/SBI/2018/22, paragraph 115.

<sup>83</sup> Available at

[https://cop24.gov.pl/fileadmin/user\\_upload/files/Solidarity\\_and\\_Just\\_Transition\\_Silesia\\_Declaration.pdf](https://cop24.gov.pl/fileadmin/user_upload/files/Solidarity_and_Just_Transition_Silesia_Declaration.pdf).

<sup>84</sup> As footnote 3 above.

<sup>85</sup> <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/conferences/katowice-climate-change-conference-december->

**B. Statements by observer organizations**

(Agenda sub-item 18(b))

144. At the joint 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the COP, 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CMP and 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CMA, on 12 December, 20 statements were made by representatives of IGOs and NGOs.<sup>86</sup>

**XIX. Other matters**

(Agenda item 19)

145. At its 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, the COP noted that no other matters had been raised under this agenda item.

**XX. Conclusion of the session**

(Agenda item 20)

146. At the opening of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, a minute's silence was observed in honour of Ms. Muller, who was remembered as a pillar of the climate change negotiations, a mentor in the climate change process and an individual with a passion for the climate cause.

147. At the joint 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the COP, 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CMP and 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CMA, on 15 December, representatives of groups of Parties and observer organizations made closing statements.

148. Statements were made by representatives of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the European Union (on behalf of the European Union and its 28 member States), Switzerland (on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group), Australia (on behalf of the Umbrella Group), Ethiopia (on behalf of the least developed countries), Maldives (on behalf of AOSIS), Gabon (on behalf of the African Group), Malaysia (on behalf of the Like-minded Developing Countries), India (on behalf of Brazil, South Africa, India and China), Saudi Arabia (on behalf of the Arab Group) and Colombia (on behalf of AILAC); representatives of a further three Parties also made statements. Some Parties provided written statements.<sup>87</sup>

149. At the same meeting, statements were made by representatives of business and industry NGOs, environmental NGOs, farmers NGOs, indigenous peoples organization, local government and municipal authorities, women and gender NGOs and youth NGOs.

150. At the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Deputy Executive Secretary provided a preliminary estimate of the administrative and budgetary implications of some of the decisions adopted during the session, in accordance with rule 15 of the draft rules of procedure being applied.

151. He informed Parties that several provisions contained in the decisions adopted by the COP at this session have resource implications over and above the core budget for the biennium 2018–2019. A total of EUR 2.4 million is required to carry out the activities listed below:

(a) Under agenda item 3(a), "Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice", funding in the amount of EUR 950,000 will be required in 2019 to support the implementation of the functions of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform;<sup>88</sup>

(b) Under agenda item 7, "Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts", funding in the amount of EUR 350,000 will be required in 2019 to facilitate the further work of the task force on displacement and

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[2018/events-and-schedules/high-level-segment/high-level-segment-statements.](https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx)

<sup>86</sup> As footnote 3 above.

<sup>87</sup> Available at <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx> (search for "closing plenary of COP 24").

<sup>88</sup> The same costs were reported under SBSTA 49 agenda item 7 in document FCCC/SBSTA/2018/8, paragraph 47(b).

the implementation of further work of the Executive Committee under its workstream D on human mobility;<sup>89</sup>

(c) Under agenda item 10(a), “Long-term climate finance”, funding in the amount of EUR 15,000 will be required for the organization of an in-session workshop in 2019;

(d) Under agenda item 10(b), “Matters relating to the Standing Committee on Finance”, funding in the amount of EUR 410,000 will be required to map information relevant to Article 2, paragraph 1(c), of the Paris Agreement, to organize an SCF forum in 2019 and to prepare a report on determining the needs of developing countries in the implementation of the Convention and the Paris Agreement;

(e) Under agenda item 12, “Reporting from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention”, funding in the amount of EUR 680,000 will be required in 2019 for webinars, three regional training workshops, publications, maintaining a digital platform and e-learning courses.

152. The Deputy Executive Secretary noted that resource requirements for 2020 and beyond resulting from decisions taken at this session will be reviewed in the context of the established budgetary procedures. He also noted that the total estimated budgetary requirements for activities to be undertaken in the biennium 2020–2021 in support of the intergovernmental process as a result of the decisions adopted by the COP at this session amount to EUR 4 million and represent staff and non-staff costs.

153. The Deputy Executive Secretary stated that the secretariat is relying on Parties’ continued generosity in providing funding for these activities in a timely and predictable manner, as without such contributions the secretariat will not be able to undertake the requested activities. He noted that these amounts are preliminary and based on the information available at the time.

## **A. Adoption of the draft report of the Conference of the Parties on its twenty-fourth session**

(Agenda sub-item 20(a))

154. At its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, the COP considered the draft report on its twenty-fourth session and, on a proposal by the President, authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report under the guidance of the President and with the assistance of the secretariat.

## **B. Closure of the session**

(Agenda sub-item 20(b))

155. At its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, on a proposal by the President, the COP adopted resolution 1/CP.24, entitled “Expression of gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Poland and the people of the city of Katowice”.

156. The President then declared COP 24 closed.

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<sup>89</sup> The same costs were reported under SBSTA 49 agenda item 4 and SBI 49 agenda item 10 in documents FCCC/SBSTA/2018/8, paragraph 47(a), and FCCC/SBI/2018/22, paragraph 118, respectively.