Session 4: Linking National Actions with International Processes

Framing Presentation

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Gap between
- Emission paths consistency with the “well below 2°C” and “1.5°C”
- Emission levels under the current NDCs
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“Ratchet-up Process” to fill the gap
Three Elements in “Ratchet-up Process”

5-year, progressive cycle of NDCs
Long-term strategies

- Provide a clear understanding of action
- Track progress towards achieving Parties’ individual NDCs

Inform the Global Stocktake

Global Stocktake
(every 5-year)

Inform Parties in updating and enhancing their actions and support

- Inventories and information on NDCs, which will be reviewed
- Communication of long-term strategies (?)

Transparency Framework
Image of “Ratchet-up Process”

- Ambition level
  - High
    - Stocktake of progress (Talanoa Dialogue)
    - IPCC 1.5°C Special Report
  - Low

- Submission or update of 2025/2030 targets
- Submission of long-term strategies
- Submission of successive NDCs
- Global Stocktake
- Submission of successive NDCs

Indicative image

- 2018
- 2020
- 2023
- 2025
- 2028
- 2030
Mandate: to take stock of the collective efforts of Parties in relation to progress towards the long-term goal referred to in Article 4, paragraph 1, of the Agreement and to inform the preparation of nationally determined contributions pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 8, of the Agreement.

Three Topics:
① Where are we?
② Where do we want to go? + Pre-2020 Action and Support
③ How do we get there?

Parties and non-Party stakeholders are invited to cooperate in convening local, national, regional or global events and to prepare and make available relevant inputs.
• How and to what extent can international processes encourage Parties to build confidence in taking and enhancing further action?
• How can Parties enhance domestic actions based on the Global Stocktake?

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Guiding Questions

1. How can the transparency framework be designed to motivate stakeholders in each country to enhance their climate actions?

2. What information will be essential to adequately take stock of the progress with a view to enhancing ambition?

3. How can we encourage Parties to take actions based on the outcome of the Global Stocktake and increase the ambition of their NDCs?

4. How the outcome of COP 23 contributes to the progress on implementing the Paris Agreement?