



MEETING SUMMARY

Climate Vulnerable Forum Troika Ministerial Meeting

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
24-25 October 2016

Documents

Meeting Programme
Report of the CVF Troika Ministerial – August 2016 at Tagaytay, Philippines
Draft Outcome Documentation – November 2016 CVF SOM
Draft CVF Vision
Draft CVF Political Statement (“The Marrakech Communiqué”)
Draft CVF/V20 Communications Strategy
CVF Programme of Activities for UNFCCC COP22

Summary Points

CVF Draft Political Declaration and Vision

Key Points

- Draft copies of the CVF Political Declaration (“The Marrakech Communiqué”) and Vision for adoption by the Forum at UNFCCC COP22 were presented and discussed and the Troika senior officials were requested to refine and amend the documents following a detailed review
- The importance of CVF members having some “homework” and tasks that go beyond mere statements and the need to measure the performance of the Forum and the members’ contributions to it
- Responding to climate change is climate and social justice in action and the underlying sources of climate vulnerability must be addressed and reinforcing local adaptation is a top priority
- Need to rethink development approaches making use of successful sustainable development blueprints and use Sendai and the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda as frameworks to achieve the CVF vision through a whole of society and whole of government approach
- Critical importance of capacity building and of not going beyond the 1.5C limit while maximizing the benefits of the Paris Agreement
- Supporting each other as vulnerable nations in climate action through South-South cooperation and experiences and expertise sharing
- Importance of the balance and new and additional component of adaptation in climate finance and the centrality of finance to enabling climate action, while \$100 billion is a “drop in the ocean” underscoring the importance of all efforts to raise finance and the need for a higher target from 2025
- Need to focus on increasing ambition – the facilitative dialogue in 2018 risks being undermined if no work is commenced to increase the ambition of the NDCs, the “heart” of the Paris Agreement, while encouraging all members to join the NDC partnership set for launch at COP22

Principal Decisions

- Endorsed revised versions of drafts of The Marrakech Communiqué and the CVF Vision document for forwarding to all members

Communications Strategy

Key Points

- The draft communications strategy was presented and discussed and a number of suggestions for refinements were put forward with the secretariat requested to revise the document
- For an advocacy platform like the CVF important to have a communications strategy to structure and guide members, secretariat and partners alike on Forum and V20 communications
- “Survive” and “thrive” are excellent key messages for the CVF – need to also bring such messages both down to the household and family level where action is taken, while also bringing our messages to the highest level and specifically targeting youth – most people are aware of climate change but have little conception of some of the key details or numbers like 1.5, which should be a communications target
- Make best use of social media, including developing and disseminating audio-visual media and knowledge materials, and to employ channels such as radio broadcasting to reach wider populations in CVF countries – languages should also be specified and, where possible, go beyond English
- CVF products, such as the forthcoming Low Carbon Monitor, should be sustained and promoted among policy-makers/decision-makers well after public release
- The #1o5C campaign has been an excellent example of CVF communication – reaching the ordinary person and using the medium of role models (i.e. CVF athletes during the Brazil Olympics)
- The communications strategy should be complemented by a communications plans that ties into global if not also regional/local activities and work with key partners in civil society and well as international organizations, including UNDP to amplify communications impact and outreach
- The CVF leadership should hold more press conferences in order to build the public profile of the Forum as a reliable commentator

Principal Decisions

- The secretariat was requested to develop a revised version of the draft communications strategy based on the discussions taken place and for sharing with the membership in advance of the November SOM at Marrakech

Membership, Presidency and Modalities

Key Points

- The draft SOM decision documentation previously shared with the membership inclusive of suggested amendments to modalities, recognition of new members, amendments to the guidance for CVF Trust Fund capitalization by members, an extended presidency term, and the designation of the future Chair (for 2018-2020) were reviewed and discussed
- Importance for entry as a CVF member of self-declaration of vulnerability where countries may also refer to known criteria in explaining their vulnerability, such as the IPCC, but where no arbitrary criteria must be met by members since it might restrict or inhibit access as per the current operational modalities, which would not be changed in that respect
- CVF members should also indicate a commitment to ambition to address climate vulnerability, which can be conveyed in endorsing the latest outcome documents of the CVF (e.g. vision), and thereafter working towards identified tasks as with other members
- The need to strengthen further the modalities and operational guidance and welcome increased clarity on areas such as membership (entry/withdrawal/readmission), statement development and delivery and a process for nominating a new chair while meanwhile recognizing the need to allow a new Chair time to prepare, hence moving to nominate a new Chair in parallel to this process per the existing modalities
- Consider the appointment of CVF Ambassadors to communicate on CVF priorities and highlight vulnerable countries and necessary action, in particular individuals with a strong public/media profile including nationals of CVF countries as well as non-nationals

Principal Decisions

- Marshall Islands requested and accepted the invitation of the CVF Chair to consider serving as the next Chair, which was fully endorsed by the Troika ministers while agreeing to strengthen modalities for

future presidency nomination processes and include Marshall Islands in the Troika process henceforth, establishing a Troika Plus, now comprising: Ethiopia, Philippines, Costa Rica and Marshall Islands

- Extend the ordinary presidency of the CVF from 18 months to 24 months, commencing from August 2016 (for Ethiopia presidency)
- The secretariat was requested to develop for the review of members CVF Standard Operating Procedures for the following:
 - Entry, withdrawal and readmission of CVF members
 - Development and delivery of CVF public statements
 - Nomination of the CVF Chair

Pending further clarification on such matters the Troika will work more actively together and take full responsibility for all key decisions on membership, presidency and CVF statements

Planning and Resourcing

Key Points

- Reviewed planning/forecasting documents including CVF programme of activities for UNFCCC COP22
- Importance of the 2018 political moment with the Facilitative Dialogue and the release of the IPCC special report on 1.5 degrees
- Significance of the work that CVF has accomplished in pursuit of the CVF Action Plan and subsequent Road Map, especially advocating Forum priorities in areas such as Human Rights, Health, Labour and Migration/Displacement, and to continue following up in such areas, such as on the topic of science whereby the International Energy Agency (IEA) continues not to use 1.5 degrees scenarios despite their availability
- Need to be very active and vocal at UNFCCC COP22 and throughout the year and the importance of working with expert advisors and partner organizations for amplifying the impact of CVF activities

Principal Decisions

- Endorsed the concept of hosting a CVF Summit early in the second half of 2018 ahead of UNFCCC COP24 and the September UN GA opening phase with preparatory Sherpa ministerial, jointly with the V20, in second half of 2017, also serving as a preparation for UNFCCC COP23
- The troika ministers drafted and agreed on a letter text for signature by the Prime Minister of Ethiopia addressed to the heads of government of the CVF members to share the vision developed and encourage strong collaboration and participation at all levels in upcoming CVF initiatives and events at COP22 and beyond
- Agreed to collaborate among the Troika to solicit stronger support from key donors and to follow-up immediately on this priority with a meeting among donors at COP22
- Strongly support the concept of a ambitious collective CVF resourcing proposal to the Green Climate Fund
- Would support and endorse to private donors a proposal from non-governmental experts and groups collectively partnering with CVF members to help them achieve Forum priorities successfully provided such a collaborative could be formed
- Encourage the IEA to use 1.5 degrees scenarios

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