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UNFCCC process - Governance

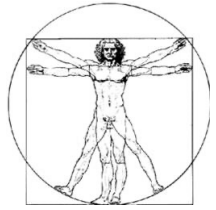
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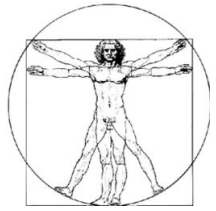
Overview



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- Governing bodies
- Secretariat and Bureau
- Subsidiary bodies
- Constituted bodies
- Negotiating groups
- Observers

Governing bodies: COP/CMP/CMA



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Article 7 UNFCCC

1. A Conference of the Parties is hereby established.

2. The Conference of the Parties, as the **supreme body of this Convention**, shall keep under regular review the implementation of the Convention (...)

To this end, it shall:

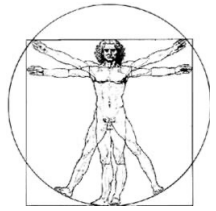
- Make decisions
- Periodic review
- Mobilise finance
- Create constituted bodies (...)

COP serves as CMA for PA and CMP for Kyoto (with respective membership)

Secretariat

Article 8 UNFCCC

Provides logistical but also technical expertise to parties and Convention bodies: prepare reports of its activities, compile and transmit reports, make arrangements for COP and SBs sessions, other functions as determined by the COP.

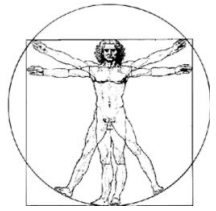


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Bureau

Made up of eleven elected officers including COP/CMP/CMA Presidents, vice-presidents, SBI and SBSTA chairs and the rapporteur. Responsible for process management, assist the COP President in exercise of his or her functions.

The Subsidiary Bodies



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Article 9 UNFCCC: SBSTA (Subsidiary body for scientific and technological advice)

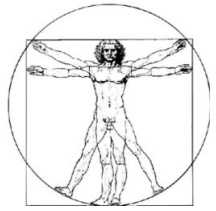
- information and advice on scientific and technological matters relating to the Convention.
- impacts, vulnerability; RSO; technology transfer and development; guidelines for reporting.

Article 10 UNFCCC: SBI (Subsidiary body for Implementation)

Assist the COP/CMP/CMA in the assessment and review of the effective implementation of the Convention/KP/PA.

“Assist the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate, in the preparation (...) of its decisions.”

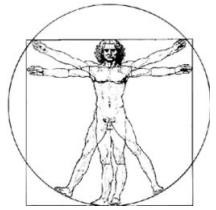
SB sessions in Bonn



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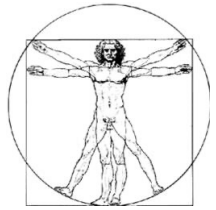
The SBs (contd.)



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Relationship between COP and SBs: the COP is the decision-making body. SBs conduct negotiations to prepare decision text and adopt conclusions, but the COP retains the power and functions to carry on negotiations on the same matter/ decide.

Practice: SBs in June try to arrive to a conclusion and a draft decision, which will then be forwarded for consideration and adoption by the COP.



**Subsidiary Body for Scientific and
Technological Advice****Sixtieth session**

Bonn, 3–13 June 2024

Agenda item 3

**Matters relating to the global stocktake: procedural
and logistical elements of the overall global stocktake
process****Subsidiary Body for Implementation****Sixtieth session**

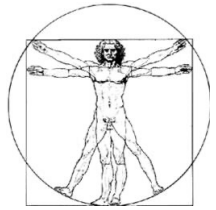
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Agenda item 5(a)

**Matters relating to the global stocktake
Procedural and logistical elements of the overall
global stocktake process****Matters relating to the global stocktake: procedural and
logistical elements of the overall global stocktake process****Draft conclusions proposed by the Chairs**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the conclusion of the first global stocktake and the adoption of decision 1/CMA.5 on the outcome thereof.
2. The SBSTA and the SBI commenced and advanced consideration of refining the procedural and logistical elements of the overall global stocktake process on the basis of experience gained from the first global stocktake, in accordance with paragraph 192 of decision 1/CMA.5.
3. The SBSTA and the SBI took note of the informal note¹ prepared by the co-facilitators for these agenda items at these sessions, noted that the informal note does not represent consensus among Parties, and agreed to continue consideration of this matter, taking into account the informal note, at SB 61 (November 2024) with a view to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement concluding consideration of this matter at its sixth session (November 2024).

Constituted bodies



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Specialized bodies with limited but representative membership established by treaties or COP decisions to further implement the Convention: AC, CTCN, PAICC, SCF, WIM (...).

<https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies>

SBs cannot create a body or establish mandates for them.

They can make requests or invitations.

NB: Ad hoc working groups with specific mandate and timeframe eg. ADP, APA

Conference of the Parties (COP) / Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP)
/ Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA)

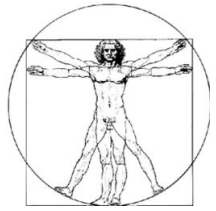


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United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat

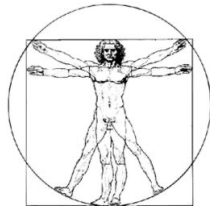
Negotiating groups



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- Negotiations are held between Parties but Parties can also negotiate as part of a group
- Helps countries having a stronger voice, particularly small delegations
- Organised around common interests and/or circumstances
- Main groups are **G77 & China** (largest, 134 members), Alliance of Small Island States (**AOSIS**), African Group of Negotiators (**AGN**), Least Developed Countries (**LDCs**), the Arab Group, European Union (**EU**), the Independent Alliance of Latin America and the Caribbean (**AILAC**), CARICOM, Umbrella Group, Environmental Integrity group (**EIG**), Like Minded Developing Countries (**LMDCs**), BASIC, Coalition for Rainforest Nations, ALBA

Observers: UN entities, IGOs, NGOs -Must be accredited to attend



Thank you !

Any questions?

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