

**Submission by Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
on behalf of Least Developed Countries Group
on matters relating to the global stocktake referred to in Article 14 of the Paris Agreement**

The Least Developed Countries Group (LDC Group) welcomes the Call for submissions on “Matters relating to the global stocktake referred to in Article 14 of the Paris Agreement: (a) identification of the sources of input for the global stocktake; and (b) development of the modalities of the global stocktake”.

The Global Stocktake is a core element of the Paris Agreement. Its successful design and implementation will be critical to making progress on increasing ambition and toward the achievement of the purpose of the Paris Agreement and its long-term goals. The need for the Global Stocktake to comprise a clear, transparent and effective process, with clear sources of inputs, modalities and outputs that are fit for purpose cannot be overstressed.

The recent UNEP Emissions Gap report reveals that the world is still heading for temperature rise of 2.9 to 3.4°C this century, even with full implementation of the pledges that countries have made in their intended nationally determined contributions (INDCs) and nationally determined contributions (NDCs). Therefore, the global stocktake is an essential component of the ambition mechanism under the Paris Agreement that will help to achieve the purpose and long term goals set out in the Paris Agreement.

The LDC Group notes that the scope of the global stocktake as referred to in Article 14.1 covers all the elements of the Paris Agreement – to assess the collective progress towards achieving the purpose of the Agreement and its long term goals.

We also believe that the discussion on the global stocktake should be framed under its three main components, i) sources of input, ii) development of the modalities, and iii) nature of outcome.

Identification of the sources of input for the global stocktake

- In terms of sources of input, decision 1/CP.21 specifies a number of documents that should be taken into consideration in the context of the Global Stocktake. These include (i) information on the overall effect of NDCs communicated by Parties; (ii) adaptation communications and reports (including NAPs and NAPAs); information on mobilization and provision of support; latest IPCC reports; reports by the subsidiary bodies.
- In addition, further sources of information are required and in many cases available. These include in particular those resulting from the technical expert review and multilateral considerations that will be held under Article 13 and relevant sections of decision 1/CP.21; reports from other international agencies (for example the UNEP Gap reports); information from regional groups and agencies; information from civil society agencies. The LDC group notes the need for information in particular relating to the special circumstances of the LDCs and information on loss and damage.
- The LDC Group is of the view that sources of information ought to be identified and classified according to the categories provided by the Paris Agreement. Further, a

common format to capture the information is required, which at the same time is flexible enough to accommodate differences between national levels and the types of contributions submitted.

Development of the modalities of the global stocktake

- In terms of modalities, the LDC Group stresses that the Global Stocktake must not be of an ad-hoc nature.
- The LDC Group is of the view that the Global Stocktake should be a two-fold process, comprising a technical exercise which necessitates a dedicated format, and a political process necessitating institutional arrangements.
- Experience from past processes, such as the 2013-2015 Review, can provide guidance on the involvement of technical experts ensuring the neutrality and transparency of the process. Further, the 2018 Facilitative Dialogue will likely provide relevant insights that should be harvested for the Global Stocktake.

Nature of outcome/result of the global stocktake

- Consistent with Article 14 of the Paris Agreement, the outcome of the global stocktake should be framed in a way that it will contribute to assessment of the collective progress towards achieving the purpose of the Agreement and its long term goals.
- In addition to discussing sources of inputs and modalities, it is equally important to discuss the nature of the outcome/result of the global stocktake. Some of the experience from the existing processes, such as 2013-2015 review, Synthesis report on the aggregate effect of INDCs, could provide helpful thoughts to this discussion.

The LDC Group once again wishes to stress the utmost importance of the Global Stocktake as a transparent and effective process in implementing the Paris Agreement. To this end, clarity in terms of all sources of input, modalities and outcomes is required, the package of which will enable us to keep up and ever increase the great momentum gained in Paris.