

Decision 23/CP.21

Dates and venues of future sessions

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Convention,

Also recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985 on the pattern of conferences,

Further recalling rule 22, paragraph 1, of the draft rules of procedure being applied regarding the rotation of the office of President among the five regional groups,

I. Dates and venues of future sessions

A. Twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties and twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

1. *Decides* to accept with appreciation the offer by the Kingdom of Morocco to host the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties and the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol in Marrakesh, Morocco, from Monday, 7 November, to Friday, 18 November 2016, in conformity with United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243, and subject to the successful conclusion of a Host Country Agreement;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue consultations with the Kingdom of Morocco and to negotiate and finalize a Host Country Agreement for convening the sessions that complies with the provisions of the United Nations administrative instruction ST/AI/342, with a view to concluding and signing the Host Country Agreement not later than the forty-fourth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;

B. Twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties and thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

3. *Notes* that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among regional groups, the President of the twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties and the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol would come from the Asia-Pacific States;

4. *Invites* Parties to undertake further consultations on the hosting of those sessions, which will be held from Monday, 6 November, to Friday, 17 November 2017;

5. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its forty-fourth session, to consider the issue of the host of the twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties and the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and to recommend a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-second session;

C. Twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties and fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

6. *Notes* that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among regional groups, the President of the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties and the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol would come from the Eastern European States;

7. *Invites* Parties to undertake further consultations on the hosting of those sessions, which will be held from Monday, 5 November, to Friday, 16 November 2018;

8. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its forty-fourth session, to consider the issue of the host of the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties and the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and to recommend a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-second session;

II. Calendar of meetings of the Convention and Kyoto Protocol bodies

9. *Takes note* that, as recommended by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its fortieth session,¹ future May/June sessions of the subsidiary bodies should commence on a Monday, and that, in order to enhance efficiency and time management, work should be completed one day earlier than previously, so as to finish the sessions on the Thursday of the second week, and that all meetings at those sessions taking place on the Saturday should be completed by midday in order to enhance the efficiency, timeliness and transparency of the work;

10. *Decides* to adopt the following dates for the sessional periods in 2020:

- (a) First sessional period: Monday, 1 June, to Thursday, 11 June;
- (b) Second sessional period: Monday, 9 November, to Friday, 20 November.

*10th plenary meeting
10 December 2015*

¹ FCCC/SBI/2014/8, paragraphs 212 and 213.