

## Submission by Japan

Views on advice on how the assessments of the IPCC can inform the global stocktake,  
bearing in mind the time frame of the sixth IPCC assessment cycle

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Japan welcomes the opportunity to submit its views on “advice on how the assessments of the IPCC can inform the global stocktake, bearing in mind the time frame of the sixth IPCC assessment cycle” referred to in FCCC/SBSTA/2016/L.16, para. 5. Japan expects discussion on Item 6(b) on the SBSTA agenda to mature so that the matter can be reported to the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA).

1. IPCC products (including the sixth assessment report, three special reports and a methodological report to be produced under the sixth assessment cycle) will provide important background information for the global stocktake. In regard to discussing IPCC matters at UNFCCC meetings, Japan recalls that the IPCC is an independent scientific organization and that the type, scope and timing of the IPCC reports are to be decided by the IPCC (UNFCCC/SBSTA/2016/L.16, para.3).

2. Regarding timing, Japan has concerns over substantially shortening the next assessment cycle compared to the current one (the sixth assessment cycle will run for seven years), as it may become difficult to ensure a transparent and reliable production process based on IPCC principles and procedures and to fully include the progress made by the scientific community. An IPCC assessment cycle should be long enough to enable the compilation of a wide range of the latest scientific findings.

3. In considering advice on how the assessments of the IPCC can inform the global stocktake, drawing upon the experiences of the 2013-15 review, opportunities for interactive questions and answers between experts, including IPCC Working Groups and Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories co-chairs and authors, and Parties and observers, could be organized in order to promote deeper understanding of IPCC findings.