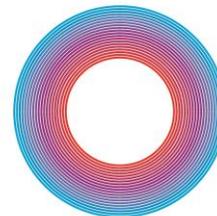


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2nd Dialogue on Article 6 of the Convention

- As designated Presidency and host country of COP20/CMP10, Peru welcomes the participation of civil society with open arms.
- We consider that the agency of civil society is a very positive driver towards a new, ambitious, global agreement that paves the transition towards a low-Carbon world, and a better world in general.
- This is why, among the five executive teams that comprise the COP20/CMP10 organization, we established a Stakeholder Engagement Team, led by a Ministerial Advisor from the Ministry of the Environment, with five dedicated liaison officers and two Foreign Relations officers, including a Liaison Officer with the Private Sector.
- This is no marginal team. Due to his appointment as Ministerial Advisor, the leader of the Stakeholder Engagement Team has direct access to the COP20/CMP10 President designate, Peru's Minister of the Environment Manuel Pulgar-Vidal.
- We work closely with the Climate Observer Organizations Liaison office at the Secretariat (COOL).
- Given that the domestic front is the best reflection of a country's commitment and attitude toward citizen movements, our first activities were directed toward our Peruvian stakeholders. So far, we held five national workshops with indigenous, youth, academic, other non-governmental, and private sector organizations. We convened more than 460 people from 150 organizations. All the workshop programs, the invitational protocols, and the moderators were decided together with representatives from guilds and platforms of the civil society.
- The next COP will be a Latin American and Caribbean COP. Thus, we also reached out towards the climate-concerned civil society networks and platforms active in Latin America. Last May, we held a first dialogue between Minister Pulgar-Vidal and the Latin American civil society, with five panel speakers, designated by a group of regional citizen networks. The event took place in Lima and was webcasted live for all.
- Five members of the Stakeholder Engagement Team will be in Bonn over the next two weeks. Thanks to the invaluable help of COOL, we will meet with all observer constituencies. Other than our participation in this 2nd Dialogue on Article 6, we will also celebrate an open meeting with civil society and Minister Pulgar-Vidal on June 7th, to be moderated by the focal point for the Youth constituency, Ms. Sabrina Marquant.
- The whole Peruvian team in charge of COP20/CMP10 share the five principles embraced by our Stakeholder Engagement Team; three of which are also applied by COOL: Openness, Inclusion, Transparency, Solidarity, and Austerity/Sustainability. Peru, although very hospitable, is not a rich country, and we are obligated to take good care of our tax-payers' money, who will shoulder most of the cost of COP20/CMP10.



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- It is well known that the landscape of climate activism is not a level field. Some organizations have more experience, more knowledge, more reach, more human and financial resources than other. Although all citizens have a stake in climate change, many do not have the tools required for effective incidence. One key barrier is timely access to good information on climate change and the negotiations. Thus, we privilege the exchange of information and sharing of opportunities among stakeholders. We are very glad that our call for such peer-to-peer solidarity has been well received, and we acknowledge the collaboration of organizations such as the World Wildlife Fund and the Climate Action Network. We believe that this element could be advantageously worked into the application of Article 6, not in the sense of taking responsibility away from Parties, but in order to enhance autonomous peer-to-peer collaboration.
- In that same sense, we are making a conscious effort to foster formal, concrete alliances with civil society, not just by linking local organizations and regional or global networks, but between the Peruvian Government and civil society. Thus, on April 1st, we signed an agreement with the Coordinating Body for Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin (COICA) and its Peruvian focal point (AIDSESP), in order to promote an effective participation of indigenous peoples in COP20/CMP10. This includes the granting of a cost-free permanent space for indigenous peoples in the COP20/CMP10 venue, currently called “The Indigenous Pavillion”, and a jointly-worked proposal sent to international cooperation, through the UNDP, for funding of Amazon indigenous participation in Lima and Paris.
- All in all, we aim to work with civil society to “Reduce the Noise and Increase the Voice”, thus making “ambition” a tangible and feasible target. We aim to develop a mature and truthful dialogue with all climate stakeholders, based upon a universal understanding of “Common but Differentiated Responsibilities”, a principle that belongs to UNFCCC and beyond. Because, in the end, we all are human beings, and we all have decisions to make, in our everyday lives, to practice what we pray, and save ourselves from catastrophic climate change. Taking personal responsibility is, perhaps, the ultimate proof of citizen empowerment. But this empowerment cannot take place without the marriage of strong climate education and sound participation opportunities for educated citizens. This is the core promise of Article 6. Thus, we look forward to the development of specific linkages between the results from the 1st and 2nd dialogues.

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