Draft elements for SBI agenda item "18" "Ways of enhancing the implementation of education, training, public awareness, public participation and public access to information so as to enhance actions under the Paris Agreement"

Informal note by the facilitator

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These draft elements have been prepared by the facilitator of the negotiations on this agenda item under his own responsibility, on the basis of the deliberations by Parties at this session and the views they have submitted. These elements are preliminary and should not be considered as final in any way; they do not prejudge further work or prevent Parties from expressing their views in the future. It is recognized that the outcome of deliberations on this item will form part of the overall outcome under the Paris Agreement work programme.

I. Introduction / mandate / purpose

At the first part of its first session, the CMA, through the COP, requested the APA to continue its consideration of possible additional matters relating to the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the convening of CMA 1. It is also noted that CMA 1 requested the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its forty-seventh session, to consider matters relating to decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 83 (ways of enhancing the implementation of education, training, public awareness, public participation and public access to information).

II. Cross-cutting and overarching considerations / relevant context / general elements

Parties emphasized the need to identify the way forward, actions under Article 12 and ACE (Action for Climate Empowerment) activities to enhance the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

III. Elements of relevant guidance

Element 1 - Resources

Parties recognized that there is a need for financial, technical and human resources to undertake the activities at global, regional, national and subnational levels.

With regard to financial resources, they indicated that these could be, without being limited to:

- Seed/start-up funds, voluntary contributions from donors, UN Alliance and the private sector
- Existing financing mechanisms under the Convention.

Element 2: International cooperation

Parties recognized the key role that international cooperation can play in enhancing ACE implementation.

Element 3: Integration

Parties mentioned that it is important to explore opportunities for synergies with other work streams under APA/SBSTA that could complement the activities/actions under ACE and Article 12.

Element 4: ACE focal points

Some Parties have designated ACE national focal points. Parties and stakeholders recommended that the role and capacity of national focal points be strengthened through activities at the international, regional and national levels. Parties that have not yet designated such national focal points are encouraged to do so.

Element 5: Role of observers and stakeholders

Parties acknowledged the key role of observers and stakeholders in the implementation of ACE. Parties emphasized the need to continue such collaboration and reiterated that involvement from all stakeholders will ensure the successful implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Element 6: Role of young people

Parties acknowledged the importance of empowering and building the capacities of young people to implement climate action. It was highlighted that financial resources are needed to facilitate the participation of youth in the intergovernmental process.

Element 7: Principles

ACE implementation shall be gender sensitive and promote intergenerational dialogue.