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NOTIFICATION
ON THE TOPICS FOR THE TECHNICAL EXAMINATION PROCESS
ON MITIGATION FOR THE PERIOD UNTIL 2020

I am pleased to convey to Parties to the Convention and observers a joint message from the high-level champions of global climate action, H.E. Mr. Inia B. Seruiratu and Mr. Tomasz Chruszczow, on the topics for the technical examination process on mitigation for the period until 2020, in accordance with decision 13/CP.23.

The note on the topics for the technical examination process on mitigation for the period 2018–2020 is available at http://unfccc.int/parties_and_observers/notifications/items/3153.php.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by)

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Topics for the technical examination process on mitigation for the period 2018–2020

Background and mandate

At its twenty-third session the Conference of the Parties (COP) strongly urged the high-level champions to identify, in consultation with the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) and the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN), topics for the technical examination process (TEP) on mitigation for the period until 2020.¹ The COP also strongly urged that the focus be placed on specific policy options and opportunities for enhancing mitigation that are actionable in the short term, including those with sustainable development co-benefits, and stressed the urgency of improving the TEPs, including by better integrating them with the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action.

Parties recognized that the technical examination processes and the work of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action could play an important role in taking stock of pre-2020 implementation and ambition.² The Fiji momentum for implementation calls for consideration of the work of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action, including the summaries for policymakers of the TEPs and the yearbooks on global climate action prepared by the high-level champions, at the stocktake on pre-2020 implementation and ambition at COP 24.³

TEPs also play a role in the preparatory phase of the Talanoa Dialogue. The preparatory phase seeks to build a strong evidence-based foundation for the political phase. The TEPs contribute to this foundation by providing specific policy options and opportunities that are actionable in the short term. Moreover, the Dialogue will be conducted in a manner that promotes enhanced ambition. Parties and non-Party stakeholders were invited to cooperate in convening local, national, regional or global events in support of the Dialogue and to prepare and make available relevant inputs.⁴ The Talanoa Dialogue meetings during the forty-eighth sessions of the subsidiary bodies will be used to explore the three general topics of the Dialogue (Where are we? Where do we want to go? How do we get there?) informed by the TEPs and global climate action activities among other inputs, with the support of the high-level champions.

Taking into consideration COP 23 decisions, TEPs and technical expert meetings (TEMs) should aim to constructively and effectively support pre-2020 implementation and ambition, including to providing inputs into the Talanoa Dialogue process.

Identifying topics for the TEP on mitigation until 2020

In identifying topics for the TEP on mitigation until 2020 in accordance with the mandate above, the following was considered:

- Previous topics for the TEP on mitigation;⁵
- Recommendations from the TEC and CTCN.
- Topics for the TEP on adaptation (for reference and harmonization of high-level engagement activities).⁶

¹ Decision 13/CP.23.

² Decision 1/CP.23, paragraph 17.

³ Decision 1/CP.23, paragraphs 17(d) and 18(e).

⁴ Decision 1/CP.23, annex II.

⁵ See http://unfccc.int/focus/mitigation/technical_expert_meetings/items/8179.php.

⁶ See http://unfccc.int/adaptation/workstreams/technical_examination_process_on_adaptation/items/9542.php.



- COP 23 decisions, especially decision 1/CP.23.
- Established plans and priorities of and outcomes from the Marrakech Partnership coalitions, initiatives and activities.⁷

The following topics have been identified in consultation with the TEC and CTCN:

- **2018:**
Industry: implementation of circular economies and industrial waste reuse and prevention solutions

Waste-to-energy technologies will be examined, including policy options and contractual arrangements between national, subnational and local governments and technology providers, supply chain redesign and just transition of the workforce to these innovative sectors.

- **2019:**
Energy: off-grid and decentralized energy solutions for smart energy and water use in the agrifood chain

Innovative solutions for securing clean energy and water access for the agrifood chain will be examined, including related off-grid renewable power systems, storage technology and energy-efficient solutions.

- **2020:**
Human settlements: sustainable low-emission housing and building solutions

Technologies and design for buildings, housing and construction and the use of indigenous and local knowledge, techniques and resources will be examined.

The UNFCCC secretariat will identify lead expert organizations to support the development and delivery of the TEMs agenda and specific policy options and opportunities that are actionable in the short term, including those with sustainable development co-benefits, for the TEMs during the forty-eighth session of the subsidiary bodies. This will take place in consultation with Parties, non-Party stakeholders (in particular the Marrakech Partnership Collaboration Forum), the TEC and the CTCN. This approach is suggested to also be used for organizing regional technical meetings in conjunction with other meetings during the year.

The TEP topics target certain mitigation areas within the broader thematic areas of the Marrakech Partnership. The work programme of the Partnership address topics additional to those defined above. The outcomes of the TEP will feed back into Partnership to facilitate follow-up and continuity.

The UNFCCC secretariat, in consultation with the lead expert organizations, will also explore means to improve the effectiveness of the process related to enhancing interactivity and the participation of appropriate national experts and implementers with balanced geographical representation and to ensuring follow-up and continuity.

⁷ See http://unfccc.int/files/paris_agreement/application/pdf/gca_approach.pdf.