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Submission to UNFCCC on opportunities to further enhance the effective engagement of non-Party stakeholders with a view to strengthening the implementation of the provisions of decision 1/CP.21

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Non-party stakeholder engagement can support knowledge-related capacity building within the UNFCCC process, especially with regard to providing science-based learning opportunities for Parties in the form of materials/documents, in-session presentations or other, more creative formats and exercises (e.g., serious games). Parties' primary and dominant engagement with scientific knowledge and the scientific community is channeled through the IPCC. However, there is a large set of research organizations and knowledge brokers (many of them part of the RINGO constituency) whose potential as providers of knowledge and learning opportunities independently of the IPCC has so far remained largely untapped. Especially in the context of the new 1.5C temperature goal, and the increased need for a fast flow of information between the scientific community and the negotiation community, the increased engagement of non-Party stakeholders for knowledge-related capacity building among negotiators could fulfil a critical function.

More specifically, the Secretariat could consider establishing a communication platform ("Knowledge Exchange"), where science-based organizations and Parties could interact, e.g., offering or requesting scientific advice on a particular subject. Parties could post science-related questions and issues they are particularly interested in; science- and research-based organizations could respond to those requests and offer targeted advice to specific parties for groups.

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