

Session I:
Proposals for enhancing
existing means of participation

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- **Preserving and strengthening what has worked well**
 - Building on existing arrangements, e.g. the communication channel between the Secretariat and the focal points;
 - Retaining the NGO guidelines;
- **Continuing progress to increase value and effectiveness of engagement for government delegations and observers**
 - encourage informal dialogues such as the public-private Mexican Dialogues or the Business Days through acknowledgement and participation;

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- **Exploring how the existing models can be enhanced by new technologies and innovative approaches, such as**
 - **the new on-line registration system**
 - **news flashes** – also for the constituencies, e.g. on interventions;
 - **web page for each constituency** where the Secretariat can put information accessible to all;
 - **During meetings (COP and SB) all online applications should be maintained** - we would propose:
 - **documents** should be uploaded online at the same time when they are distributed so everyone can have access to them;
 - existing **iPad** application - which is very useful – should be well maintained during COPs;
 - **good online connection**;
 - extending broadcasting of meetings on **CCTV**;
 - However, while new technologies can address some challenges of participation, they cannot be substitute for in-person attendance and should not be used as a justification for limiting public participation.
- **Ensuring that business from around the world can participate and be heard**
 - We suggest the SBI to explore possibilities for observers to allow better access, for example
 - through **new technology possibilities** allowing for “virtual interactions” where appropriate,
 - and opportunities for **capacity building**, including through partnership between the UNFCCC Secretariat and constituencies;