



Round-table discussion on the process to identify the information to be provided by Parties in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement

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10:00-13:00

PROGRAMME

The Conference of the Parties (COP) decided to initiate at COP 22 a process to identify the information to be provided by Parties, in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement with a view to providing a recommendation for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its first session (CMA 1) (decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 55). Article 9, paragraph 5 stipulates that developed country Parties shall biennially communicate indicative quantitative and qualitative information related to paragraphs 1 (provision of climate finance) and 3 (mobilization of climate finance) of this Article, as applicable, including, as available, projected levels of public financial resources to be provided to developing country Parties; and other Parties providing resources are encouraged to communicate biennially such information on a voluntary basis.

Having initiated this process, the COP, by decision 13/CP.22, paragraph 2, requested the secretariat to organize a round-table discussion among Parties on this matter in conjunction with the forth-sixth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (May 2017). COP 22 also recalled as being relevant to this process, decision 3/CP.19, paragraph 10, which requests developed country Parties to prepare biennial submissions on their updated strategies and approaches for scaling up climate finance from 2014 to 2020, including any available information on quantitative and qualitative elements of a pathway.

This round-table discussion is aimed at providing Parties with the opportunity to engage from a technical point of view on the process to identify the information to be provided by Parties in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement. Specifically, it aims:

- To identify the **challenges and gaps** in providing indicative quantitative and qualitative information related to the provision and mobilization of climate finance (ex-ante information) based on existing arrangements;
- To discuss **possible types of ex-ante information** envisaged in Article 9.5;
- To identify **possible milestones for the completion of the process by 2018**.

The round-table discussion will be co-facilitated by Ms. Outi Honkatukia (Finland) and Mr. Rafael da Soler (Brazil). Two interactive sessions will be held with guiding questions for each session. The first session will also include presentations by developed country Party representatives on their experiences in providing ex-ante information to inform and to stimulate discussions. The co-facilitators will wrap up and close the round-table.

The secretariat will prepare a summary report reflecting the discussions at the roundtable for consideration by COP 23 (November 2017).

15 min.	<p><i>Opening and introduction by co-facilitators</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Outi Honkatukia, Finland • Mr. Rafael da Soler, Brazil
70 min.	<p><i>Session I: Experiences on the provision of indicative quantitative and qualitative information on climate finance under existing arrangements</i></p> <p>Decision 3/CP.19, paragraph 10, requests developed country Parties to prepare biennial submissions on their updated strategies and approaches for scaling up climate finance, including any available information on quantitative and qualitative elements of a pathway. The aim of this session is to identify the challenges and gaps in the provision of ex-ante information from Parties based on current experiences and further discuss potential types of information envisaged in the context of Article 9.5 of the Agreement.</p> <p>[Speakers]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Key lessons from the preparation of strategies and approaches for scaling up climate finance</i> • <i>Insights on Parties' provision of information on projected levels of climate finance</i> <p>-Peter Horne (Australia) -Katharina Stepping (Germany) -Gabriela Blatter (Switzerland) -Robert Moore (United Kingdom)</p> <p>[Guiding Questions]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What types of ex-ante information in the existing arrangements were useful?</i> • <i>What were the challenges and gaps in providing ex-ante information?</i> • <i>What are the potential types of information envisaged in the context of Article 9.5 of the Agreement?</i>
5 min. break	
70 min.	<p><i>Session II: Possible approaches and milestones for the process on ex-ante information on climate finance</i></p> <p>The aim of this session is to discuss possible approaches to communicating ex-ante information on climate finance.</p> <p>As part of the deliberations, Parties may also wish to identify possible milestones for the work on the identification of information to be provided by Parties in accordance with Article 9.5 of the Paris Agreement. By mandate, a recommendation on information to be provided by Parties in accordance with Article 9.5 of the Paris Agreement is due by CMA 1 (Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 55). At the first part of CMA 1, the COP was invited to accelerate work on the work programme under the Paris Agreement and forward the outcomes at the latest to the third part of CMA 1 to be convened in conjunction with COP 24 (decision 1/CMA.1). At COP 22, Parties agreed to advance work on this matter at COP 23 (decision 13/CP.22, paragraph 4).</p> <p>[Guiding Questions]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How can the ex-ante information in accordance with Article 9.5 of the Agreement be communicated?</i> • <i>What are the appropriate milestones for the process under the COP?</i>
20 min.	<p><i>Wrap-up by co-facilitators & closure</i></p>