

AGN INTERVENTION FOR MODALITIES FOR THE FORUM UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT

Under the Improved Forum there have been challenges in advancing technical work on the impacts of response measures and measures to minimize cross border impacts at a pace that complements the improved forum's work program. Whilst we expect this to be proactively addressed by the 2018 review the experience has provided the lesson that going forward the modalities of the Forum serving the Paris Agreement must be better aligned with its functions and the work program. The modalities for the better functioning of the forum as a platform for Parties to raise priority concerns, will be one that promotes cooperation regarding the systematic review of measures and their implications for developing countries. This will include as required constituting technical expert group(s) to undertake specific tasks emanating from the review of measures.

The TEG remains a useful and practical modality for pursuing technical analysis and knowledge building, critical for advancing the action oriented work of the forum and the concept of having a technical body of the forum must be seen as permanent whilst having the flexibility to have technical experts who will be selected for specific work within a limited period guided by TORS.

In this respect, AGN is of the view that the TEG should be institutionalised as the technical arm to the forum with a continuous work program on understanding the impacts of response measures and work program that addresses issues of concern and interest to parties most affected by response measures.

Functions of TEG: to proactively address the fact that limited technical work exists and that more is necessary to develop conceptualisations of the scope and nature of cross border impacts, conditions of vulnerability, the nature of the negative impact and if it can be minimised, by whom or by what?

- Convene in-forum and intersessional workshops, technical meetings and research dialogues
- Undertake technical studies and review of measures.
- Manage review or assessment process and inputs received.
- Facilitate regional training workshops to enhance the capacities of countries to assess and report on the impacts of implementation of response measures.
- Developing technical materials for capacity building tools including guidelines, methodologies modelling tools to assess and address the impact of the implementation of response measures
- Address the lack of case study material pertaining to the Parties with economies most affected by the impacts of response measures, particularly developing country Parties.

Outputs of TEG

- Technical papers and reports
- Pilot projects at regional / national level.
- Country-specific and sector-specific case studies of cross border impacts of measures
- Database of measures, mapping detailed information on reported or potential impacts

How these outputs will be used?

- To identify capacity needs of the Parties with economies most affected by the impacts of response measures, particularly developing country Parties. To enhance the capacities of these countries to assess and report on the impacts of implementation of response measures.
- To identify and promote the implementation of pilot projects.
- To inform need and scope of collaborative work / projects with international and intergovernmental organizations;
- To inform outreach activities on response measures with media, business and academia
- To be utilised for securing support for pilot projects of interest to Parties with economies most affected by the impacts of response measures, particularly developing country Parties.
- To inform development of recommendations regarding Parties with economies most affected by the impacts of response measures, particularly developing country Parties.

How the TEG will interact with the FPA?

The TEG outputs are to be considered by the Forum with a view to recommending specific action to COP.