



## **SUBMISSION BY DENMARK AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS MEMBER STATES**

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**Subject: Submission on the review of the amended New Delhi work programme and possible elements of a successor work programme on Article 6 of the Convention**

### **Introduction and General Comments**

The European Union is pleased to share its views on the review of the amended New Delhi work programme and possible elements of a successor programme on Article 6 of the Convention.

The original New Delhi Work Programme (NDWP, FCCC/CP/2002/7/Add.1) as well as the structure and contents of the amended New Delhi Work Programme (amended NDWP, FCCC/CP/2007/8/Add.1) provide a good basis to build upon for any future work programme. With the purpose of completing the review and based on the five years of work under the amended programme a number of new international circumstances can be taken into consideration, and should be reflected in a new work programme, including the requirements to:

- Foster partnerships and networking
- Be informed by social research
- Be more linked to the challenge of Article 6: Increase public sensitivity and modify people's behaviour
- Focus more on the sharing of experience and the good practices that consider national circumstances
- Promote elaboration of communication and education strategies
- Foster the participation of all stakeholders
- Be better linked with other, broader education goals that are linked e.g. to sustainable development and the ethical, philosophical dimension of education
- Address in a more balanced manner adaptation and mitigation issues

A more detailed outline of the key elements of a new programme is provided below:



## **Proposal for a future work programme**

### **Time frame**

The implementation of the new programme should start right after the end of the amended NDWP in 2013, in order to avoid gaps.

The EU supports a long eight-year programme (2013-2020), with an intermediate review after three years in accordance with the 2015 agreed outcome.

### **Structure of the new programme**

The general structure of the NDWP has served well and it should be kept. The new work programme should serve as a flexible framework for country-driven action addressing the specific needs and circumstances of Parties, and reflecting their national priorities and initiatives to achieve the objectives of Article 6 in accordance with the provisions of the Convention. No single strategy for raising awareness or building capacity is appropriate for all countries.

### **Scope of the work programme**

In the new work programme, each of the six instruments that have been established previously – international cooperation, education, training, public awareness, public participation and public access to information – remain a useful way to structure the work. These instruments highlight the specific purposes and contributions to the different steps of the learning process: Building knowledge to encourage action. All suggestions are subject to the availability of funding.

## **Implementation**

### ***Parties***

Most of the recommendations contained in the paragraph D of the amended NDWP are still appropriate. However, additional elements should be added in order to better develop awareness or public participation.

Such elements could include:

- Developing activities within the school environment and out-of-school activities for education on climate change and variability (CCV) (integrating environmental issues in curricula, set up side-activities, family education)
- Improvement of consumer information systems, like labelling, and carbon footprint of products and services. Target the consumers, in particular women
- Providing transparency of policies, feedback, debate and partnership, governance



- Elaboration of coherent communication and education strategies to avoid duplication of efforts and stand-alone activities
- Establishment of a nation-wide on-line Climate Information System or Portal
- Improvement of networking and coordination at the national level, through, inter alia, the Article 6 focal points. This networking should involve all the stakeholders, like journalists, teachers, scientists, trade unions, community leaders, local authorities, NGOs, private sector and youth. Networking should encourage stakeholders' participation in the analysis and elaboration of climate change policies and measures. It should also increase their responsibilities for mitigation and adaptation actions
- Encouraging active communication on climate change issues in case of crisis or at key moments (e.g. negotiation outcome, public scepticism, financial crises)
- Making full use of the new UNFCCC institutions (Climate Technology Center and Adaptation Committee) to strengthen training

### ***International cooperation***

In addition to the existing recommendations contained in the amended NDWP, new ideas could be suggested, like:

- Increasing links between Article 6 issues and Capacity Building and Adaptation issues, like networking between experts on these three issues
- Promoting the full use of the Climate Change Information Network portal (CC:iNet)
- Fostering access to specific benchmarking programmes to be easily implemented by all countries
- Fostering the regional dimension of the Article 6 implementation, by improving regional networking and supporting regional workshops
- Encouraging the participation of experts with different backgrounds in the regional workshops on Article 6

### ***Intergovernmental and Non-governmental organizations***

- Inviting these organizations to continue their efforts to implement activities, to cooperate with other organizations and parties under Article 6 and to report on them.

***Review of progress and reporting***

- Improving reporting on Article 6 through national communications: Reminding Parties to include, as appropriate, a separate chapter or section dedicated to Article 6 issues, including relevant information about the implementation of all six fields included in its scope, as well as lessons learned, benefits and gaps.

***Role of the secretariat***

Suggested additional tasks for the Secretariat, relating to the networking issue:

- Actively encourage parties to make full use of CC:iNet, to send regular bulletins on CC:iNet activities, to solicit and appoint new registered users, and to send regular information on Article 6 activities and resources
- Develop CC:iNet by offering specific information for special target groups (such as teachers and journalists) or creating a forum or market section (offers and demands) to allow practical collaborations
- Strengthen cooperation with Article 6 national focal points, in order to increase international cooperation: Initiating and facilitation networking and exchange of information and experiences between national focal points on Article 6

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