

Draft elements for SBI agenda item 7

Development of modalities and procedures for the operation and use of a public registry referred to in Article 7, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement

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SECTION A: PROPOSALS

Parties outlined different proposals for implementation of a Public registry referred to in Article 7, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement to record adaptation communications including the following (presented in no particular order and noting that some of these could be combined):

1. A new registry for adaptation communications;
2. To designate a single existing registry/website to be the registry referred to in Article 7 paragraph 12, options to include the NDC Registry, NAP Central, or others;
3. NDCs and adaptation communications to be maintained in a single registry;
4. A website with hyperlinks to various websites/registries where the adaptation communications would be found;
5. No designated registry for adaptation communications, instead each party may choose any website maintained by the secretariat to house their adaptation communications.

SECTION B: DETAILED ELEMENTS

1. MODALITIES

- A public registry referred to in Article 7, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement:
 - is a clear, intuitive and easy to use web-based platform;
 - has a user-friendly interface in all 6 UN languages;
 - is a tool to record adaptation communications, inter alia, as appropriate;
 - is presented in a tabular format, with one table row for each adaptation communication contained therein. The table columns display, inter alia, as appropriate: name of Party; document title; document type; version number; status; language; and submitted date;
 - is flexible to enable each Party to submit its adaptation communications in the vehicles it chooses;

- preserves the integrity of the adaptation communications and retains national determination;
- can display adaptation communications in different order, such as alphabetically or chronologically;
- has inbuilt internet security measures to avoid unauthorized access or alterations of contents;
- uses web tools to provide updates and notify users of new and/or modified content (e.g. Really Simple Syndication-RSS).

2. PROCEDURES

- **Submitting/Uploading**

- The national focal point of each Party submits/uploads the adaptation communications and/or informs the secretariat where they are located, using a unique account for the registry;
- The secretariat undertakes a completeness and internet security check of all submitted adaptation communications, before recording;
- The secretariat contacts the national focal point to confirm the receipt of adaptation communications; to request clarifications, when required; and to inform the finalization of recording process.

- **Maintaining**

- Proposal 1 – The public registry constitutes an archive and continue to record all previously submitted adaptation communications, as a matter of public record;
- Proposal 2 – Parties have the right to replace or delete previously submitted adaptation communications.

- **Using/Downloading**

- Parties, non-party actors, other stakeholders and the public have access to download, view, search and read the adaptation communications from the public section of the registry.

3. ROLES

- Each Party designates a national focal point to manage adaptation communications in the public registry;
- Each Party receives access (unique user accounts) to the public registry and manages the account;
- The secretariat is the custodian of the public registry;
- The secretariat establishes, operates and maintains the public registry as per the modalities and procedures, including precautionary actions to avoid unauthorised access and alterations of contents;
- The secretariat communicates with, and provides assistance to Parties, non-Party actors, other stakeholders and the public in using the public registry through a user guide and training.

4. NAVIGATION

- Ensure user-friendly navigation to and between relevant registries and other web resources.