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INFORMATION NOTE

Update on the implementation of the international consultation and analysis process for developing country Parties

I am pleased to provide Parties and observer States to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) with an update on the implementation of the process of international consultation and analysis (ICA) of biennial update reports (BURs) from developing country Parties, established by the Conference of Parties through decisions 1/CP.16 and 2/CP.17. The implementation has now started with two streams of activities: the training of experts nominated to the UNFCCC roster of experts to undertake the technical analysis of BURs, and the technical analysis of submitted BURs which is the first step of the ICA process.

The training programme for experts nominated to the UNFCCC roster of experts

Pursuant to paragraph 4 of decision 20/CP.19, the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention developed a training programme for the technical experts nominated to the UNFCCC roster of experts who, upon successful completion of this training, shall be eligible to be part of the team of technical experts to undertake the technical analysis of submitted BURs. The training programme is now open for registration for the experts nominated to the UNFCCC roster of experts.

For further details on the training programme, please contact the secretariat at <ica@unfccc.int>.

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The technical analysis of submitted BURs

In accordance with paragraph 63 of decision 1/CP.16, biennial update reports from developing country Parties will be subjected to ICA under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, in a manner that is non-intrusive, non-punitive and respectful of national sovereignty. There are two stages of the ICA process. The first stage is the technical analysis of the BURs submitted by developing country Parties and the second is the facilitative sharing of views amongst Parties in the form of a workshop. The ICA process will be guided by the “modalities and guidelines for international consultation and analysis” contained in annex IV of decision 2/CP.17 and the “composition, modalities and procedures of the team of technical experts under international consultation and analysis” contained in the annex to decision 20/CP.19.

As per paragraph 58(a) of decision 2/CP.17, the first rounds of ICA will be conducted for developing country Parties, commencing within six months of the submission of the first round of biennial update reports by developing country Parties. With the submission of BURs from developing country Parties starting from 2 December 2014, the provisions relating to the implementation of the ICA process have come into effect.

Accordingly, the secretariat has planned to initiate, as the first step of the ICA process, the technical analysis of BURs from developing country Parties submitted in the period from 2 December 2014 to 28 February 2015.¹ The technical analysis of these BURs will be held in Bonn, Germany from 18 to 22 May 2015. The secretariat has also, tentatively, scheduled two additional rounds of the technical analysis sessions in this year from 17 to 21 August 2015 and from 11 to 16 November 2015 to address any BURs submitted in the period from 1 March to 31 May 2015 and 1 June to 31 August 2015, respectively.

For any further questions, please contact the secretariat at <ica@unfccc.int>.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by)

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¹ The submitted BURs, along with the submission dates, are available at <<http://unfccc.int/2716.php>>.