

**In-Session workshop on functions, work programme and modalities
under the Paris Agreement of the Forum on the impact of the
implementation of response measures**

Session on modalities of the Forum

- The impact of the implementation of response measures is an important concern for all of us – both developed and developing countries, which needs to be addressed in an efficient and effective manner.
- The current arrangements for the response measures Forum have been in place for many years now, and have been improved at COP21, building on lessons learnt and previous experiences with the Forum. The EU believes, that the Forum remains the best means of bringing Parties together to consider important issues, share experiences and find ways to enhance cooperation.
- The practicality of the forum as a single platform for all discussions and negotiations on the impact of the implementation of response measures has been repeatedly acknowledged by many Parties, including the EU. In our view, it should be maintained in the future, to encourage a focused and efficient way of working.
- We believe that the modalities of the Forum serving the Paris Agreement should be aligned with its functions and specific work programme, and building on the experience with the

forum's modalities in their current form. As such, the modalities would therefore be best decided when there is more clarity about the other two elements.

- In our opinion, the current modalities, including in-session workshops and meetings, experts' input, reports and technical papers, were a very helpful means of allowing Parties to share and learn from a wide range of experiences. The Forum has also contributed to a better understanding of just transition and economic diversification.
- We believe it is important to build on and improve current modalities in an incremental manner, which means that the 2018 review of the Forum will be a key step in informing the considerations on the modalities and must be taken into account in further discussions.
- The Forum should also continue to be an inclusive space, with not only Parties, but also observers and other relevant stakeholders being able to contribute, in an interactive manner, to the discussions.
- Experience with the Forum to date, has demonstrated that there is a significant amount of work on issues under discussion in the Forum that is in fact undertaken by institutions and organisations active in its areas of work, such as ILO, ETUC, ITUC.
- While the use of external inputs, including work done by other institutions and organisations, should be encouraged, any

potential overlaps and duplication of work undertaken in other fora, should be avoided.

- We are open to discussing how the use of those external inputs and the participation of experts from relevant institutions and organisations could be optimized, and in particular, what is the most inclusive and cost-efficient manner to bring in external expertise, when needed, and how it could best contribute to enhancing the understanding of the impacts of response measures.
- Finally, in order to maximise participation and to minimise costs and emissions related to travel, it is our view that all activities should take place in-session.