

8th Dialogue on Action for Climate Empowerment

Asia and the Pacific Regional Dialogue, 26 August 2020, 7:00 – 10:00 CEST

“Options and ways for future work to enhance the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement, following the review of the Doha work programme”

Information note by the secretariat



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General observations

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The Information Note **synthesizes proposals from Parties and non-Party stakeholders** on enhancing ACE implementation drawing on the following information sources:

- The submissions from Parties and non-Party stakeholders;
- The outcome documents of the April 2018 ACE Youth Forum and the ACE workshop held at SBI 48;
- The report on the 7th ACE Dialogue.



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General observations

There was broad agreement that the six ACE elements (education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information, and international cooperation on those matters)

play a key role in increasing the climate ambition and action of all Parties and non-Party stakeholders

by fostering a better understanding of the climate emergency and contributing to enhancing capacity for climate action.



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Purpose and Guiding Principles

Some Parties and non-Party stakeholders suggested that a successive work programme continue to serve

as a **flexible framework for country-driven action** addressing the specific needs and circumstances of Parties and reflecting their national priorities and initiatives.

Guiding Principles

- Retaining the Principles of the Doha work programme;
- A **country-driven** and **human-rights-based approach**;
- Be guided by the principles of **intergenerational equity** and **gender equality**;
- Be targeted at meeting the needs of **children** and **youth**;
- Promote **multisectoral** and **multi-stakeholder** engagement; and
- Address the **six ACE elements** in a balanced manner.



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Options for a successive work programme to enhance ACE implementation

Parties and non-Party stakeholders suggested the following options for a successive work programme to enhance implementation of ACE:

- **An updated Doha work programme** that serves as a flexible framework with no time-bound activities for long-term engagement and implementation;
- **A new work programme** with an action plan or road map that identifies common priority areas with key activities, targets and indicators.

Time frame

Five years (2021–2025) or ten (2021–2030) years



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Progress reviews

Parties and non-Party stakeholders proposed **either annual progress reviews or periodic reviews** of progress aligned with:

- the global stocktake of the implementation of the Paris Agreement in 2023 and 2028;
- the revision of NDCs in 2025 and 2030; and
- the voluntary national reviews of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



ACE work programme

Parties and non-Party stakeholders proposed that
Under a successive work programme

- **ACE be mainstreamed** across all areas of implementation of the Convention and the Paris Agreement

Synergies be established with

- The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- The UNESCO global framework for education for sustainable development for 2020–2030
- Other UNFCCC and international frameworks.



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Priority Areas and Activities

Some Parties and non-Party stakeholders suggested that a successive work programme include **an action plan or road map as well as priority areas with key activities and annual targets and indicators.**

The priority areas could address issues that cut across all six ACE elements, such as:

Policy coherence
Coordinated action
Harmonized reporting
Tools and support

In addition, the information note **includes activities that could be undertaken for each ACE element** according to the national circumstances



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Implementation of a successful work programme

Other Arrangements

Parties and non-Party stakeholders proposed:

- continuation of the **annual ACE Dialogue**;
- potential organization of **regional, national and local ACE dialogues**;
- establishment of an **ACE task force or expert committee** and an **international network of organizations** working on ACE that could contribute to scaling up ACE implementation.



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