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on

SBSTA 56 agenda item 12 Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 2/CMA.3

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) considered the guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2,¹ and in decision 2/CMA.3.
2. The SBSTA welcomed the relevant submissions² from Parties.³
3. The SBSTA also welcomed the outcomes, reflected in the informal reports by its Chair,⁴ of the technical workshops held intersessionally.⁵
4. The SBSTA took note of the informal note⁶ prepared by the co-facilitators for this agenda item to capture possible further elements of the guidance on cooperative approaches.
5. Emphasizing that the sooner submissions are received, the more time all Parties have to consider them, the SBSTA invited Parties and admitted observer organizations to submit via the submission portal⁷ their views on:
 - (a) The special circumstances of the least developed countries and small island developing States;
 - (b) The elaboration of further guidance in relation to corresponding adjustments for multi-year and single-year nationally determined contributions in a manner that ensures the avoidance of double counting;
 - (c) Whether internationally transferred mitigation outcomes could include emission avoidance;
 - (d) Options for the tables and outlines for reporting the information required pursuant to chapter IV of the annex to decision 2/CMA.3;
 - (e) Guidelines for the reviews as referred to in paragraph 7 of decision 2/CMA.3 pursuant to chapter V of the annex to that decision;
 - (f) Options for implementing the infrastructure requirements referred to in chapter VI of the annex to decision 2/CMA.3.
6. The SBSTA acknowledges the importance and urgency of capacity-building for operationalizing the guidance on cooperative approaches and noted that the secretariat will include in the design and implementation of the capacity-building programme referred to in paragraph 12 of decision 2/CMA.3, support for Parties for implementing the requirements set out in chapter III of the annex to that decision in order to assist them with meeting the reporting requirements set out in chapter IV.A of the same annex.

¹ “Article” refers to an Article of the Paris Agreement, unless otherwise specified

² Available at <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx> (in the search field, type “Article 6”).

³ See decision 2/CMA.3, paras. 4 and 8.

⁴ Available at <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/the-paris-agreement/cooperative-implementation/technical-workshops-related-to-the-article-62-of-the-paris-agreement>.

⁵ See decision 2/CMA.3, paras. 5 and 9.

⁶ <<Link to Co-Facilitators informal note>>

⁷ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

7. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare, considering the relevant work undertaken in the first intersessional period of 2022 and views expressed by Parties at this session, a technical paper, which includes flowcharts and other visual representations, on:

(a) Guidelines for the reviews as referred to in paragraph 7 of decision 2/CMA.3 and pursuant to chapter V of the annex to that decision, including on the difference in scope from the technical expert review referred to in chapter VII of the annex to decision 18/CMA.1;

(b) Options for the tables and outlines for reporting the information required pursuant to chapter IV of the annex to decision 2/CMA.3, including on the agreed electronic format referred to in chapter IV.B of that annex;

(c) Options for implementing the infrastructure requirements, including for registries, the international registry, the Article 6 database and the centralized accounting and reporting platform, referred to in chapter VI of the annex to 2/CMA.3, including information on high-level design requirements and registry archetypes, a glossary of relevant terms and examples of methods for transfer of ITMOs;

(d) The operation of the infrastructure for cooperative approaches in relation to the registry for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4 of the Paris Agreement and the CDM registry.

8. The SBSTA also requested the secretariat to conduct a survey of Parties on their intention to use the infrastructure referred to in chapter VI of the annex to decision 2/CMA.3 with a view to including the results of the survey in the technical paper referred to in paragraph 7 above.

9. The SBSTA also requested the secretariat, before SBSTA 57 (November 2022), to organize [a technical workshop] [in-person technical workshop] [series of virtual technical workshops] to consider the work undertaken by Parties referred to in paragraphs 2–4 above, taking into account the submissions referred to in paragraph 5 above and the technical paper referred to in paragraph 7 above, ensuring broad participation of Parties.

10. To facilitate deliberations on further guidance on cooperative approaches at SBSTA 57 (November 2022), the SBSTA requested its Chair to prepare an informal document on the basis of the work referred to in paragraphs 2–5, 7 and 9 above, including textual proposals, for consideration by the SBSTA in recommending a draft decision on further guidance on cooperative approaches for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its fourth session (November 2022).

11. The SBSTA invited Parties to make contributions to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities for operationalizing the guidance on cooperative approaches and supporting the intersessional work referred to in paragraphs 6–9 above.

12. The SBSTA took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 6–9 above.

13. The SBSTA requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

14. The SBSTA agreed to continue work on this matter at SBSTA 57.
