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MESSAGE TO PARTIES TO THE PARIS AGREEMENT

Nominations for the voluntary forum of Article 6 registry system administrators and technical experts

The secretariat would like to invite Parties to the Paris Agreement to submit nominations for the voluntary forum of Article 6 registry system administrators and technical experts (Article 6 RSA Forum) referred to in paragraph 34 of decision 6/CMA.4.

The objectives of the Article 6 RSA Forum are to:

- Facilitate cooperation and encourage collaboration and networking among participants, fostering shared goals and discussions on specific areas of interest;
- **Promote exchange of knowledge**, information, expertise and best practices related to the implementation, management and operation of registries;
- Support capacity-building efforts by promoting exchange of experience, lessons learned and effective approaches in managing registry systems;
- Provide input on and contribute to the development of Article 6 infrastructure and standards: for participating Parties applying the guidance in chapter I.B of annex I to decision 6/CMA.4, the Forum will provide input on communication standards and recommended practices for registries, thus ensuring that the perspectives and expertise of registry system administrators are considered.

A collaborative online platform will be established for registry system administrators to share experience, exchange knowledge and contribute to the development of efficient and transparent registries.

Paris Agreement Parties are requested to send the contact details of at least one nominated primary and one nominated alternate registry system administrator and/or the contact details of relevant technical experts to <u>a6rsaf@unfccc.int</u>. Nominated registry system administrators and technical experts should ideally possess a background in information technology and/or management, along with a comprehensive understanding of registry or similar systems. Nominations should be submitted to the secretariat as soon as possible and no later than 31 August 2023.

The Article 6 RSA Forum will operate under the guidance and oversight of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, with the secretariat leading and coordinating the work. The inaugural meeting of the Forum is scheduled for **second half of October 2023**, with subsequent meetings anticipated to occur twice a year initially, before transitioning to annually.

The secretariat encourages active participation in and contribution to the Article 6 RSA Forum as it will play a vital role in shaping robust and harmonized registries. More information is available at https://unfccc.int/process/the-paris-agreement/cooperative-implementation.