



Canada's Submission on SBI Item 6: Public Registry for Adaptation Communication

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Context

Canada welcomes the opportunity to respond to the invitation from SBI 46 and to submit our input on the development of modalities and procedures for the operation and use of a public registry referred to in Article 7, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement.

The Paris Agreement recognizes that adaptation is a global challenge faced by all with local, subnational, national, regional and international dimensions, and a key component of the global response to climate change. Accordingly, the Agreement establishes a global goal on adaptation of enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change. According to the Agreement, Parties should, as appropriate, submit and update periodically an adaptation communication, which may include its priorities, implementation and support needs, plans and actions, without creating any additional burden for developing country Parties. The adaptation communication shall be recorded in a public registry, which will be maintained by the Secretariat.

Purpose of a Registry for Adaptation Communication

Canada recognizes the value of providing a space that is separate from the Nationally Determined Contribution registry for Parties who choose to submit and update adaptation communications. A separate registry for an adaptation communication will contribute to: maintaining the visibility and profile of global adaptation efforts; strengthening collaboration through the sharing of policies, programs and priorities, implementation and support needs; and sharing plans and actions related to adaptation, including at the local, subnational and regional level in order to provide an accurate picture of adaptation efforts.

Canada recommends that the modalities and procedures for the registry for adaptation communication be relatively simple and focused on establishing a web-based portal that enables, without bifurcation, the open sharing of adaptation inputs from developing and developed countries.

Maintenance of the Registry

As set out in Article 7, paragraph 12 of the Paris Agreement, the adaptation communication public registry shall be maintained by the Secretariat. In maintaining the registry, the Secretariat would be responsible for processes related to the managing, publishing, and coordinating of adaptation communication(s) submitted by Parties for the public webpage. Recognizing that there are a number existing online portals related to adaptation under the UNFCCC, including the Adaptation Knowledge Portal and NAP Central, Parties should consider ways to avoid duplication and to leverage best practices and lessons learned from pre-existing online registries.

Structure and Design Elements

Main Page

The main page of the adaptation registry should be a simple portal that displays a list of hyperlinks to separate party-specific pages maintained by the Secretariat. The date in which the Party's page was last updated or modified should be visible on the main page. Having sort-by-date and sort by-Party browsing functions could facilitate ease of access.

Party Specific Page

In order to make the best use of the information available in a way that does not duplicate reporting/communicating burden on Parties, each Party's page could provide links to documents and/or vehicles containing elements of adaptation communication, which that Party wishes to share. To help viewers locate information and increase accessibility, Parties should be able to customize their adaptation page in order to provide a brief directive note pertaining to what element of their adaptation communication is conveyed in each link to vehicle or document. This could help viewers locate information and increase accessibility.

Further Engagement

Canada wishes to continue engaging with Parties on the modalities and procedures of the adaptation registry and is interested in having future discussions regarding:

- the information management of adaptation communication within the registry; and
- the multilingual accessibility of the adaptation registry.

Canada appreciates this opportunity to share its views on the registry for adaptation communication and looks forward to continuing to exchange constructively with other Parties and stakeholders on this item.