



First Expert Group Meeting on Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting of ACE Activities

Concept Note

The Bureau at its meeting on 25 February requested the presiding officers to make available a plan of upcoming activities in preparation for a successful COP 26 in November 2021. Following this guidance, the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, Ms. Marianne Karlsen, Norway, is convening a series of activities, including informal consultations, technical expert meetings and other events.

This concept note presents one of the activities in the series in support of the review of the Doha work programme for Article 6 of the Convention.

I. Context

The COP requested the SBI, at its 52nd session, to launch the review of the implementation of the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention (thereafter referred to as the review), and to consider future work to enhance the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement, following the review, and to prepare a draft decision for consideration and adoption at COP 26.¹

With the postponement of in-person sessions in 2020, the review could not be formally launched. However, activities in support of the review could be initiated in 2020 by the the SBI Chair under the overarching principle of maximizing progress and minimizing delay as agreed by the Bureau at its meeting on 25 August 2020. Such activities included the virtual regional and global 8th ACE Dialogue events² and the first virtual informal consultation organised under the guidance of the SBI Chair on 3 December 2020.

In 2021, given the continued uncertainty about how the pandemic will evolve, the SBI Chair continues to be guided by the same principle and is proposing [a series of activities](#) in preparation for the next session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation. The activity series aims to build on the two reports³ prepared by the secretariat in accordance with the terms of reference⁴ on the review of the Doha work programme, the virtual regional and global 8th ACE Dialogue events and the first virtual informal consultation by the SBI Chair referred to above. The first expert group meeting is organized as part of this activity series.

¹ Decision 15/CP.25, para 1.

² See recordings, presentations and workshop materials at <https://unfccc.int/topics/education-youth/events-meetings/ace-dialogues/8th-dialogue-on-action-for-climate-empowerment>.

³ Synthesis report on 'Progress and effectiveness, as well as emerging gaps, needs and recommendations, in relation to the Doha work programme and Action for Climate Empowerment' ([FCCC/SBI/2020/9](#)) and information note on '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' ([FCCC/SBI/2020/INF.4](#))

⁴ [Decision 15/CP.25](#)



II. Objective

The objective of this expert group meeting is to provide an informal space for Parties and observers under the guidance of the SBI Chair to advance discussions on the review of the Doha work programme and future work to enhance the implementation of ACE under Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement.

III. Description

The first expert group meeting will enable a technical discussion on how monitoring, reporting and evaluation of national action on ACE can be voluntarily implemented under existing transparency rules and arrangements.

A gap and challenge identified through inputs to the review of the Doha work programme is the need to strengthen voluntary reporting by countries on ACE implementation as a means of communicating to citizens and the international community about progress, gaps and challenges, as well as increasing accountability for implementation.

Several countries and observers are tackling this challenge and identifying solutions.

IV. Proposed programme

Date and time: 14 April 2021 (Wednesday), 16:00 – 19:00 (CEST)

Provisional agenda for the expert group meeting is as follows:

| Time | Topic |
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| 16:00 – 16:15 | Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Marianne Karlsen, SBI Chair Overview presentation from the secretariat |
| Monitoring and Evaluation | |
| 16:15 – 16:30 | <u>Panel discussions</u> on policy instruments for ACE monitoring and evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Alan Ramirez, Technical Director, National Council for Climate Change and Clean Development Mechanism, Dominican Republic Ms. Shamiso Najira, Deputy Director, Environmental Affairs Department, Malawi Ms. Roberta Ianna, ACE National Focal Point, Italy |
| 16:30 – 16:50 | <u>Presentations</u> Principles for monitoring and evaluation of ACE activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. George Marshall, Founding Director, Climate Outreach Monitoring and evaluation of climate education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Marcia McKenzie, Director, Sustainability and Education Policy Network |



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| 16:50 – 17:40 | Break-out group discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Guiding questions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ How might an internationally coordinated monitoring and evaluation system benefit further work on ACE?➤ How can non-Party stakeholders contribute to the monitoring and evaluation process?➤ What are the challenges and what specific elements might be included in further work on ACE? |
| 17:40 – 17:55 | Break |
| Reporting | |
| 17:55 – 18:15 | <u>Presentations</u> Good practices of reporting through National Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Frank Niepold, ACE National Focal Point, United States of America• Dr. Emmanuel Tachie-Obeng, ACE National Focal Point, Ghana |
| 18:15 – 18:55 | Break-out group discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Guiding questions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ What are the remaining gaps and needs for reporting? What are the possible tools and methods?➤ What elements could be included in future work on ACE to foster reporting efforts? |
| 18:55 – 19:00 | Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Marianne Karlsen, SBI Chair |

V. Contact/Additional Information

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