

Informal note by the Chair

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1. The secretariat engages in collaborative activities, initiatives and programmes with United Nations entities, secretariats of other multilateral environmental agreements and intergovernmental organizations in accordance with Article 7, paragraph 2(l), of the Convention.
2. As per usual practice, the secretariat prepared a summary of its cooperative activities with United Nations entities and other international organizations and made it available in the first sessional period of the year.¹
3. To highlight this work of the secretariat and take stock of the progress of the inter-agency cooperation, the SBSTA Chair held an information event on 3 June 2021. During the event, the secretariat provided a summary of its cooperative activities undertaken between May 2020 and May 2021. Representatives of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Bank highlighted common initiatives and programmes that support countries in increasing their climate ambition and effectively implementing the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement. The discussion that followed emphasized the need to enhance cooperative efforts and underlined how inter-agency collaboration is also very relevant to the wider multilateral action on sustainable development.
4. Parties expressed their appreciation for the summary by the secretariat and the synergies established by the various organizations. They encouraged the SBSTA Chair to continue providing space for Parties and stakeholders to exchange views on progress and provide guidance for the work of the secretariat on this matter at future sessions.
5. As stated at the closing of the information event, the SBSTA Chair has made available this informal note with the following possible elements of an outcome on this matter:
 - Welcome the summary by the secretariat of its cooperative activities with United Nations entities and other intergovernmental organizations for May 2020 to May 2021 as well as the previous summary for June 2019 to May 2020, prepared in 2020;
 - Also welcome the information event held during the sessional period on the secretariat's cooperation with United Nations entities and other intergovernmental organizations;
 - Note the importance of the secretariat's cooperation, within the scope of existing mandates provided by the governing bodies, with relevant United Nations entities and other intergovernmental organizations in relation to supporting Parties' efforts to enhance the ambition of their climate action, including with regard to mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation, and contributing to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2021/INF.1. See also the previous summary, contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2020/INF.2