



Activity series to advance discussions on the review of the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention and on future work to enhance the implementation of Action for Climate Empowerment

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, Noway, is convening a series of activities, including informal consultations, technical expert meetings and other events.

This concept note presents the activities 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 proposed 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

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](#).



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II. Objective

The objective of this activity series 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

A mixed mode of technical events and virtual informal consultations will be utilised. Technical events are intended to raise awareness and provide opportunities for specific content elements to be discussed in more detail to support focused discussions in the virtual informal consultations. The focus of each virtual informal consultation aims to build on the technical events and previous informal consultations.

Technical events and consultations will be open to Parties and observers.

IV. Proposed Timeline

Title	Time	Details
Information session	17 March (1hour)	This event will provide a summary of views gathered through submissions, collated in the information note as well as inputs to the 8 th ACE Dialogue in 2020, so that Parties and observers may be fully informed in preparation for expert group meetings and informal consultations.
Second virtual informal consultations	24 March (1.5 hours)	The second virtual informal consultations will focus on possible elements and create a structure for the discussions. Recommendations received through submissions, workshops and Dialogues identify possible elements, action or activities with different characteristics.
First expert group meeting	14 April (2.5 hours)	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.
Third virtual informal consultations	21 April (1.5 hours)	The third virtual informal consultations will continue to discuss elements, including how to balance work across all six elements of ACE in an integrated manner.



Second expert group meeting	5 May (3 hours)	The second expert group meeting will enable a technical discussion on support to implementation, including climate finance and capacity-building.
Fourth informal consultations	19 May (1.5 hours)	The fourth informal consultations will focus on how the ACE work programme will be implemented, including inputs from the expert group meetings, and possible next steps.
In-person workshop	TBC	The workshop will enable Parties to discuss ideas for addressing any remaining areas of divergence of views, if needed.

V. Contact/Additional Information

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