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**MESSAGE TO PARTIES TO THE PARIS AGREEMENT FROM THE
CHAIR OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

I am pleased to transmit to the Parties to the Paris Agreement a letter from the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, Julia Gardiner, regarding the facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress and the modalities of the working group session at sixty-fifth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to be held in November 2026.

The letter is contained in the annex to this note.

Yours sincerely,

(signed by)

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Director
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Distribution: To Parties to the Paris Agreement through their national focal points and diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany.
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Annex

Letter from the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

Dear colleagues,

I am writing to inform Parties to the Paris Agreement that the fourth session of the facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress (FMCP4) under the enhanced transparency framework (ETF) will take place at the sixty-fifth session of the Subsidiary Body of Implementation (SBI 65) to be held in Antalya, Türkiye.

The FMCP¹ is a collaborative forum at the centre of the Paris Agreement's transparency arrangements. It is a valuable opportunity to understand and commend countries' progress towards their NDCs and climate finance efforts. With active engagement of Parties and observers, the FMCP can be a powerful tool to support implementation. It provides a platform for sharing successful policies and actions, discussing approaches to overcoming barriers and challenges, and uncovering opportunities for enhanced international cooperation, including capacity-building and support needs. I encourage all Parties to engage in the FMCP process and to consider how to best use the process to support on-ground climate action.

The FMCP includes two phases:

1. A written question and answer phase starting three months prior to the working group session;
2. A working group session that takes place during SBI sessions.

The written question and answer phase is conducted via a dedicated online FMCP question and answer (Q&A) portal. For FMCP4, I invite National Focal Points to nominate Party representatives for registration in the FMCP Q&A portal by sending nominations by 31 July 2026 via email to fmcp@unfccc.int.

Across the first three sessions of the FMCP (held in 2025 and 2026), a total of 49 Parties participated, beginning with 3 Parties in FMCP1, expanding to 9 Parties in FMCP2, and scaling-up to 37 Parties in FMCP3. These sessions allowed us to test different approaches and formats, generating valuable lessons on how best to organize the working group discussions and support meaningful exchanges. FMCP3 sessions demonstrated that the modalities used work effectively. These will be replicated at the FMCP4.

The FMCP4 is planned as follows:

¹ The FMCP process is an integral part of the ETF established by Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, and operationalized in the modalities, procedures and guidelines (MPGs) as per decision 18/CMA.1, to be undertaken with respect to the Party's efforts under Article 9 of the Paris Agreement and the Party's respective implementation and achievement of its Nationally Determined Contribution.



1. Before the FMCP working group session, each Party undergoing FMCP will be asked to pre-record a presentation highlighting the achievements in implementing its NDC, successes and challenges in implementing policies and measures, experience in providing and receiving support. These presentations will be made available on the FMCP working group session website and screened at a central location during SBI 65.
2. During the FMCP working group session, each Party undergoing FMCP will be asked to deliver a statement of no more than 5 minutes, highlighting its progress made towards implementing NDC and priorities of national climate change policy. Following the statements by a set of 4-5 Parties, a combined discussion session will be convened, in which participants will be invited to ask question of those Parties. The time allocated to each set of Parties for the statements and the combined discussion session will be about 90 minutes followed by the next set of 4-5 Parties. (Participants are encouraged to limit themselves to two questions per intervention, to ensure the widest number of Parties and observers can participate.)
3. After the FMCP working group session, Parties will have the opportunity to participate in voluntary, informal FMCP dialogues² for deeper, more informal discussion on areas of interest.

More information on practical arrangements pertaining to the fourth session of FMCP at SBI 65, can be found in the appendix below and will also be made available at: <https://unfccc.int/FMCP4>.

All questions regarding FMCP should be sent to fmcp@unfccc.int.

Yours sincerely,

(signed by)

Julia Gardiner,
Chair
Subsidiary Body for Implementation

² Reflections from the informal dialogues conducted at the SBI64 could be viewed on the [UNFCCC Flickr site](#).



Appendix

Practical arrangements for facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress

I. Written question and answer phase

1. In accordance with the MPGs, Parties may submit written questions in advance of the working group session. To do so, NFPs may nominate Party representatives to the designated FMCP Q&A portal by sending an email to fmcp@unfccc.int. Nominated representatives by Parties for FMCP3 will retain their access.

2. The scope of the written questions should be with respect to the Party's efforts under Article 9 of the Paris Agreement and the Party's respective implementation and achievement of its NDC. Noting the time limitation during the FMCP working group session under the SBI, the Parties are encouraged to raise detailed technical questions during the written question and answer phase.

3. The timeline for the written question and answer phase is outlined in the table below. The working language for the question-and-answer phase is English.

Timeline for the written question and answer phase

Action	Timeline
- Any Party may submit written questions to the Parties taking part in the working group session. - Questions shall be submitted by nominated users via the FMCP Q&A portal.	- Portal opens 3 months prior to the working group session - Parties may respond to questions that are received later than 2 months prior to the working group session at their discretion
- The Parties taking part in the working group session shall make the best efforts to respond to the questions in writing via the FMCP Q&A portal within the indicated timelines. - The Party may indicate in its response if it considers the written question to be outside the scope of the FMCP.	Respond no later than 1 month (2 weeks³) prior to the working group session.
The secretariat shall compile the questions and answers and publish them on the FMCP working group session website.	Prior to the working group session.

II. Working group session phase

4. During the working group session, each Party undergoing FMCP will be invited to deliver a brief introductory statement.

5. Following the introductory statements by a set of 4–5 Parties, a discussion session will be convened as a combined session for those Parties.

³ Only for those developing country Parties that need flexibility in the light of their capacities.



6. Parties are asked to pre-record video presentations. In these presentations, Parties are invited to highlight their climate change policy development and implementation, in the context of the progress in implementing and achieving the NDCs, and their efforts under Article 9 of the Paris Agreement, as well as share success stories, innovative approaches, experience and lessons learned while implementing the ETF. Parties pre-recorded presentation should include subtitles to facilitate understanding and outreach.

7. Pre-recorded presentations will be made available on the FMCP working group session website⁴, and screened in a central location at the venue during the SBI session.

8. In addition to the FMCP working group session, Parties will have the opportunity to participate in voluntary, informal FMCP dialogues to further engage in discussion among Parties in a more informal setting.

9. As per MPGs, the Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States may choose to participate as a group in the FMCP working group session.

10. The FMCP working group session will be open to Parties and observers and will be made publicly accessible through an online live recording. However, questions can be raised by the Parties only. Building on relevant experience and lessons learned gathered during the similar multilateral processes established under the Convention, the Parties are advised to focus on policy related questions during the working group session, while detailed technical questions can be raised in writing via the FMCP Q&A portal during the written question and answer phase prior to the working group session.

11. The FMCP working group session will be conducted in-person. Parties undergoing FMCP may nominate experts who will respond to questions raised during the discussion phase of the working group session remotely.

12. English will be the working language for the FMCP. Parties are kindly invited to prepare any communications, such as statements and presentations, in English.

13. A Party may provide additional written responses to questions raised during the discussion session within 30 days following the session.

14. The SBI Chair will preside over the proceedings of the working group session. In the event that the SBI Chair is not available, the Vice-Chair or the Rapporteur of the SBI will preside over the proceedings on behalf of the Chair.

15. A record of the FMCP working group session will be prepared and published within one month of the working group session.

⁴ <https://unfccc.int/FMCP4>