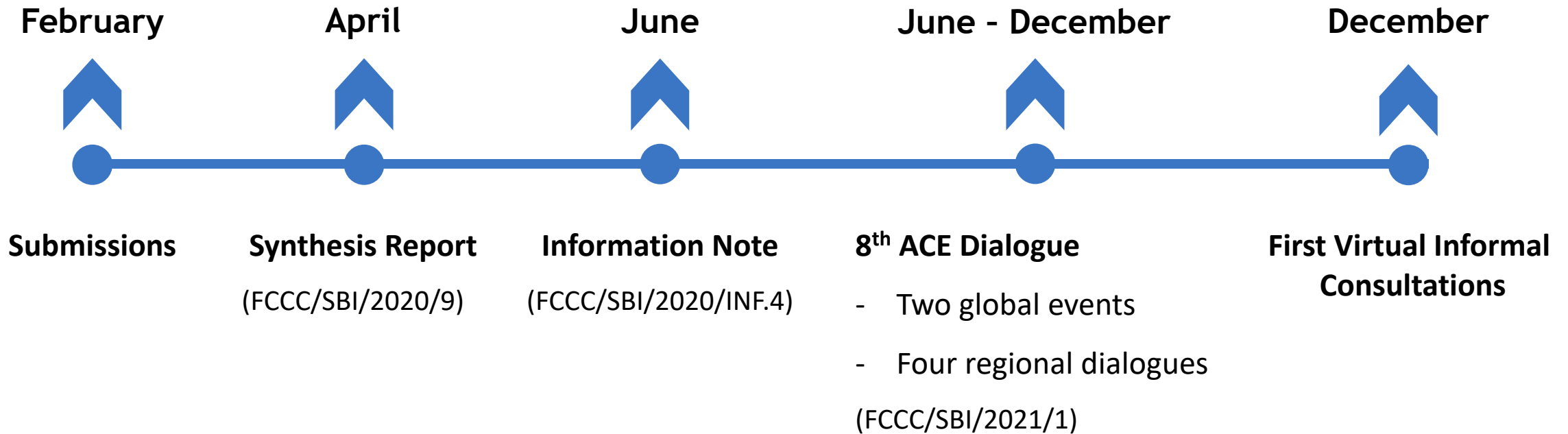


# Options and ways for future work to enhance the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement, following the review of the Doha work programme

Information note by the secretariat



# 2020 Recap



# Action for Climate Empowerment

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-  Training
-  Public awareness
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-  Public participation
-  International cooperation



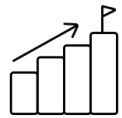
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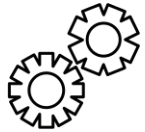
It is broadly agreed that **ACE is fundamental to achieving the objectives** of the Convention and the Paris Agreement. For enhanced climate ambition and action, Parties and non-Party stakeholders at all levels require a **better understanding** of the climate emergency and the **capacity and determination** to contribute to climate solutions.

# Gaps and needs for ACE

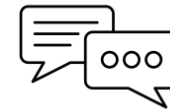
- The **Synthesis Report** (FCCC/SBI/2020/9) and the **8<sup>th</sup> ACE Dialogue** both revealed some of the persistent gaps and needs for ACE implementation.



✓ Lack of **financial resources**



✓ Lack of **capacity**



✓ Need for stronger **international cooperation**



✓ Lack of **commitment**



✓ Lack of **engagement**



✓ Lack of **awareness**



✓ Persistent gap in **climate education**

→ Information note and the discussions made at the 8<sup>th</sup> ACE Dialogue focused on **identifying options and ways for** overcoming these challenges.

# Information Note

- Following the terms of reference for the review of the Doha work programme adopted at COP 25 (2019), the **information note** synthesizes the proposals made by Parties and non-Party stakeholders.

© Information sources include:

Submissions (by 22 MAY 2020)

Outcome of ACE Youth Forum  
& ACE Workshop (2018)

Report on 7<sup>th</sup> ACE Dialogue (2019)

Report on 8<sup>th</sup> ACE Dialogue (2020)

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# General observations

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- It is recognized that the review must catalyse **a quantum leap** in enhancing implementation of ACE and mainstreaming it in climate policy.
- In general, Parties and non-Party stakeholders suggested the following **options** for a successive work programme to enhance implementation of ACE:

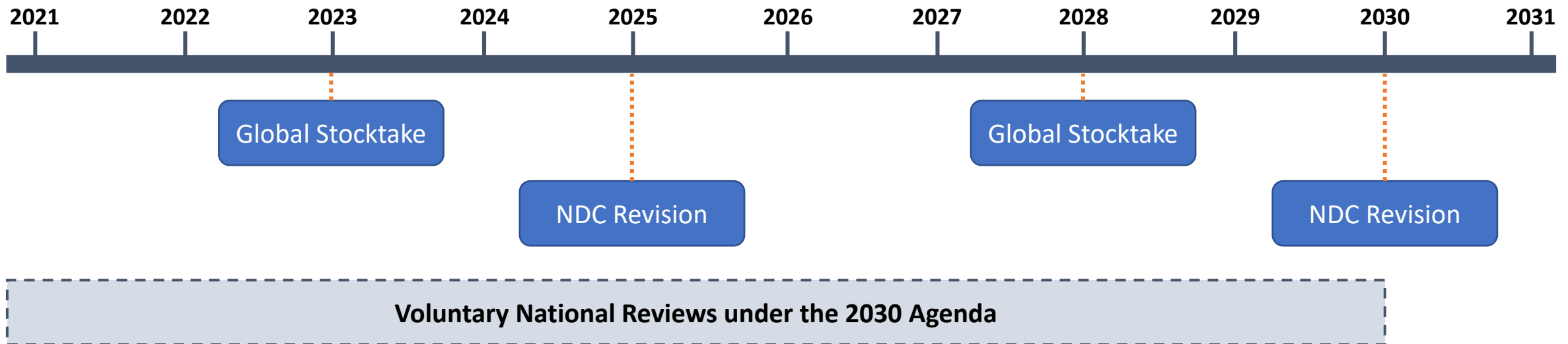
(a) An **updated Doha work programme** that serves as a flexible framework with no time-bound activities for long-term engagement and implementation;

(b) A **new work programme with an action plan or road map** that identifies common priority areas with key activities, targets and indicators.



# Time frame

- Parties and non-Party stakeholders proposed a time frame of **5 or 10 years** for a successive work programme, with either annual progress review or periodic reviews of progress aligned with:



# Purpose and guiding principles

## Purpose

- A successive work programme could **continue to serve as a flexible framework for country-driven action** addressing the specific needs and circumstances of Parties and reflecting their national priorities and initiatives.

## Guiding Principles

- A successive work programme could **retain** the guiding principles from the Doha work programme.
- Additional approaches, principles and target actions were also proposed:
  - ❑ **To strengthen** certain aspects of existing principles, such as gender mainstreaming, youth empowerment, and stronger engagement and collaboration with all actors;
  - ❑ **To add** new principles, including on human rights, indigenous peoples, just transition, addressing six ACE elements in a balanced manner, ‘lifelong learning’, and building a social mandate for climate action.





# Scope and activities

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## Scope

- The Doha work programme set out the scope of and provides the basis for action on activities related to ACE.
- Parties and non-Party stakeholders proposed that a successive work programme **address the six ACE elements in a balanced manner** and that each element **be defined or described**.

## Activities

- Parties and non-Party stakeholders proposed a non-exhaustive list of specific activities that can be undertaken at different levels under a successive work programme.
- Multiple good practices are also recorded in the Synthesis Report as well as through the annual ACE Dialogues.



## Priority areas (I)

Successive work programme could include an action plan or road map as well as priority areas with key activities, annual targets and indicators for measuring progress using gender-disaggregated data.

### <Potential priority areas and cross-cutting issues identified in previous ACE events>

Information Note	8 <sup>th</sup> ACE Dialogue (2020)	7 <sup>th</sup> ACE Dialogue (2019)	ACE Workshop (2018)
Policy Coherence	Policy Coherence	Policy Coherence	Policy Coherence
Coordinated Action	-	Role of ACE Focal Points	-
	Role of Non-Party Stakeholders	Role of Non-Party Stakeholders	Role of Non-Party Stakeholders
Harmonized Reporting	Monitoring and Reporting	Tracking and Reporting	Assessing and Monitoring
Tools and Support	Tools and Support	Tools and Support	Partnerships and Funding,
-	International Cooperation	International Cooperation	International Cooperation



# Priority areas (II)

## I. Policy Coherence

### At the international level

Enhance efficiency and avoid duplication of efforts by:

- (a) **Mainstreaming ACE** across the Convention and the Paris Agreement including in the work of technology, gender, local communities and indigenous peoples, adaptation and capacity-building;
- (b) **Establishing linkages with international frameworks** including 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and UNESCO framework on ESD for 2030.

### At the national level

- (a) **Integrating ACE as an essential component** of national education and climate change policies (such as NDCs, NAPs, LT-LEDS), and sectoral strategies and plans;
- (b) Developing and implementing **national ACE strategies** with an action plan and evaluating them regularly through a participatory process.



# Priority areas (III)

## II. Coordinated action

### Coordination & Collaboration

- (a) Enhancing **in-country coordination**, between the education and environment sector, as well as with subnational and local governments;
- (b) **Decentralizing the leadership** of ACE projects to local governments and organizations;
- (c) Establishing **effective multi-stakeholder partnerships** at all levels for fostering implementation of ACE national strategies;

### Institutional arrangements

- (a) Establishing a multisectoral and multi-stakeholder **national coordination platform** for ACE;
- (b) Establishing annual **national ACE dialogues**;

### ACE national focal points

- (a) Appointing ACE focal points and providing them with **adequate training, mandates and resources**;
- (b) Strengthening national **institutional capacity beyond** the ACE national focal point;



## Priority areas (IV)

### III. Harmonized reporting

- It was proposed to develop a clear tracking, review and reporting, which could include:

#### Robust indicators

- all Parties have the capacity to apply;
- in line with the action plan of the work programme;
- based on a multi-stakeholder, inclusive and participatory process.

#### Specific guidelines and templates

- to track progress of and reporting on action on the six ACE elements;
- via communication and reporting by Parties under the UNFCCC.



# Reviewing progress and reporting

- **Monitoring**

- With **common targets** and **measurable indicators** for the six elements, while ensuring country-driven action, accompanied by an **annually assessed action plan** that is linked to an **enhanced ACE Dialogue** as well as an overall **periodic monitoring and review** system.

- **Review**

- SBI could review the implementation of the work programme **annually or biennially**;
- Outcome could inform global stocktake, NDC revision, and voluntary national reviews under the 2030 Agenda.

- **Targets and indicators**

- Could be derived from **SDG indicators** and the UNESCO Education for SDGs **Learning Objectives**;
- Other specific indicators are also proposed for each ACE element.

- **Reporting**

- Through **national communications, biennial reporting and other relevant reports.**



# Priority areas (V)

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## IV. Tools and support

- (a) Strengthening **individual and institutional capacity** to foster ACE implementation;
- (b) Developing **tailored materials, toolkits, guidelines and knowledge products**;
- (c) Establishing **knowledge management systems** to identify and compile good practices and lessons learned;
- (d) **Capacity-building** and **knowledge exchange activities** using in-person and virtual tools;
- (e) Strengthening the **global and regional networks** of ACE national focal points;
- (f) Facilitating **mobilization of resources**, including by national investment plans, proposals or a marketplace.



# Means of implementation (I)

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- A successive work programme needs to be accompanied by **accessible, predictable and varied sources of funding** from international, public and private sources, and **technology and capacity-building support**.
- Also, a successive work programme could:
  - ❑ Establish **new instruments** for finance and capacity-building:
    - an ACE marketplace to facilitate the provision of financial support;
    - an ACE fund or seed fund that would provide grants for ACE programmes and projects;
    - an ACE portal or platform to share experiences and good practices, track progress and foster cooperation.
  - ❑ Encourage dedicated financial support for **standalone ACE programmes and projects** in developing countries;  
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## Means of implementation (II)

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- ❑ Integrate ACE into existing financing mechanisms and frameworks:
  - Operating Entities of the Financial Mechanisms could include ACE elements as **necessary components** of funding proposals;
  - Other entities proposing and implementing climate finance projects could **incorporate some ACE principles**;
  - Invite Operating Entities and Party delegates on finance matters to **participate in ACE workshops and meetings**;
- ❑ Invite Parties and non-Party stakeholders to jointly explore **blended finance strategies, multi-stakeholder investment strategies**, and **public-private partnerships** to facilitate sustainable financing of ACE;
- ❑ Support **projects** and **scholarships for youth** to participate in climate change negotiations;
- ❑ Increase **secretariat's budget** for supporting ACE implementation.



# Other arrangements

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- Parties and non-Party stakeholders highlighted the importance of an **annual ACE Dialogue** continuing under a successive work programme.
- Other proposals for arrangements include:
  - Developing **national ACE online platforms** for sharing materials and interacting with ACE national focal points;
  - Organizing **regional, national and local ACE dialogues**;
  - Establishing an **ACE task force or expert committee**, with members representing Parties and non-Party stakeholders, that could help to ensure effective and inclusive action and identify experience and good practices;
  - Establishing an **international network of organizations** working on ACE.



# Role of the secretariat

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- The secretariat continues to carry out open-ended mandates under the Katowice decision (17/CMA.1).
- Parties and non-Party stakeholders further proposed that the secretariat:
  - Map opportunities** for financial support and making support more accessible to Parties;
  - Develop guidelines** for fostering ACE implementation and compiling good practices;
  - Identify entry points** of ACE into **other workstreams** under the Convention and the Paris Agreement;
  - Support** global and regional **awareness-raising**;
  - Ensure** that ACE workshops and activities are **participatory**;
  - Produce reports** on the ACE Dialogue.



# Next steps

2021



March	<b>24 March</b>	Informal Consultations #2
April	<b>14 April</b>	Expert Group Meeting on Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting
	<b>21 April</b>	Informal Consultations #3
May	<b>5 May</b>	Expert Group Meeting on Support (Finance & Capacity-Building)
	<b>19 May</b>	Informal Consultations #4

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