



To all Parties to the UNFCCC

Enabling full and effective engagement of delegates during the May–June 2021 Climate Change Conference – sessions of the subsidiary bodies

Colleagues,

In under six months from now the world will be watching as we come together in Glasgow. Our task is to reach agreements that bring the global response to the climate crisis in line with what is required to keep 1.5°C alive. The response must ensure a transition that unlocks the benefits of a net zero future, while building resilience and reducing vulnerability to the impacts of a changing climate. In doing so we must leave no issue and no one behind.

Reaching agreement at COP26 depends on us arriving in Glasgow having done our homework. That is why the [May-June Climate Change Conference](#) - taking place from 31 May to 17 June - is so important. This will be the first time that all Parties have met in session since COP25 in December 2019. Our shared task is nothing short of critical, and we must spare no effort in making this sessional period count.

Tangible progress in June will only be possible with the full, effective and inclusive engagement of all Parties. It is for this reason that we collectively write to you at this time.

We kindly ask for your support in allowing your teams to focus their attention on the upcoming sessional period, giving them the time and space to participate actively in all meetings and events. We also encourage Heads of Delegation to engage actively throughout the sessions to provide the necessary leadership and guidance to accelerate progress.

Leaders and ministers have stressed the importance of compromise if we are to collectively succeed at COP26, and of working together over the coming months to consolidate options and find solutions to the range of issues to be addressed.

We call on you to encourage your teams to engage in this spirit, working flexibly with one another and with the modes of work available to us at this time to resolve issues wherever possible and advance technical work to the fullest extent on those issues ultimately requiring political resolution. Ensuring Parties conclude the three weeks having reached a common understanding of the elements of draft conclusions and decisions, captured in informal notes.

As we are all fully aware by now, there are valid concerns about virtual work that need to be taken into account. We encourage you to review the [conference webpage](#), [joint modalities note](#) and communications from the secretariat for information on how these concerns have been addressed. We trust that these measures provide you and your teams with some reassurance as we approach the June sessional period.

We reiterate our firm commitment to working extremely closely together to guide the UNFCCC intergovernmental process in a transparent and inclusive manner towards a successful outcome at COP26 in Glasgow this November. We count on your understanding, support and collaboration in this matter.

In addition to the work pertaining to the draft provisional agendas for the subsidiary bodies, Presidencies-led events including on adaptation, loss and damage, finance, and oceans as well as multilateral HoDs consultations on the way forward will follow in late June and July, allowing a week of respite immediately after the session. Specific dates will be published on the [governing bodies page](#) of the UNFCCC website once confirmed and communicated to Parties.

We look forward to productive discussions in June and ahead of COP26.

Yours faithfully,

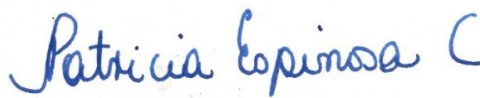
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