

Briefing for Heads of Delegation on Informal Ministerial Consultations on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement

Introduction

At the recent Petersberg Climate Dialogue, the COP26 President Designate, Alok Sharma MP, announced that he had asked Minister Grace Fu of Singapore and Minister Shinjirō Koizumi of Japan to lead a series of informal discussions at ministerial level on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. He asked the ministers to report back to him ahead of an intended in-person ministerial meeting hosted by the UK in July.

Since that announcement, Minister Shinjirō Koizumi of Japan has unfortunately had to withdraw for personal reasons. We're pleased to inform you that Minister Sveinung Rotevatn of Norway has agreed to assume this role.

These ministerial consultations will build on the extensive efforts by the SBSTA Chair, co-facilitators and all Parties during 2021 SB sessions, during which valuable progress was made. These consultations will complement this by providing a forum for political engagement, which Parties have identified as necessary to unlock some elements of further progress. They will be an opportunity for ministers to address the key issues within Article 6 and bring forward solutions that can help bridge differences between Party positions.

Group chairs and coordinators will be asked to coordinate attendance at the informal ministerial consultations from within their group. Discussion questions will be shared with Parties shortly.

Timing

Ahead of these ministerial consultations, we will host an informal briefing session for all Heads of Delegation, during which we will be able to provide further information and to address any questions Parties have on the process.

The timing for this Heads of Delegation session is as follows:

- **14:00 - 15:30 (CEST) on 23 June 2021**

Meeting Structure

This briefing will be co-chaired by Norway and Singapore. All Heads of Delegation are invited and eligible to intervene, subject to time constraints.

Etiquette & Technical Information

A note with further information on meeting etiquette, the technological platform used and wider logistical matters for this briefing session has been shared with Parties alongside this note.