



Submission by the Republic of Maldives on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States on “Development of views on the design elements, modalities and procedures of a public registry, including on possible linkages with a public registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement being discussed under agenda item 5”.

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Title: Submission on Adaptation Registry

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AOSIS is pleased to provide its contributions on the “Development of views on the design elements, modalities and procedures of a public registry, including on possible linkages with a public registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement being discussed under agenda item 5” as contained in the conclusions proposed by the SBI Chair during the May intersessions (Bonn, 2017) and contained in document FCCC/SBI/2017/L.8

AOSIS Views

Design elements: Any adaptation registry should be structured in a simple yet effective manner. It should be user-friendly, searchable, and include linkages with other public portals on climate change adaptation (as appropriate).

On modalities and procedures: Any adaptation registry should ensure security and fidelity in information communicated through a secure input framework. The registry should allow for updating by Parties (as appropriate). It should be clear when updates are / have been made and previous versions of communications should be accessible in the registry.

Placement of the registry: AOSIS wishes to see a clear separate treatment of adaptation and mitigation.

Linkages: AOSIS is of the view that this adaptation registry may be linked to other public registries related to adaptation hosted by the UNFCCC Secretariat as well as to the public registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12 and the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement. However, with regards to the latter one, there should be a clear separation. These two might be linked, however, the content of each will be very different, with very different planning horizons and input cycles.

Flexibility: Noting the flexibility embedded in the Paris Agreement, Parties utilizing NDCs as the vehicle for their adaptation communication will be using a 5-year reporting cycle. Experience shows that other agreed vehicles, such as NAPs and National Communications, will have different timelines. For this reason, AOSIS reiterates that the mitigation and adaptation registries remain separate and that SIDS be given flexibility regarding the timing and requirements of reporting on adaptation, based on their recognised special circumstances and existing capacities.
