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MESSAGE TO PARTIES TO THE PARIS AGREEMENT

Launch of the facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress at the sixty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

I am pleased to inform Parties to the Paris Agreement that the facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress (FMCP) under the enhanced transparency framework (ETF) will be launched at the sixty second session of the Subsidiary Body of Implementation (SBI 62) to be held in Bonn, Germany.

The secretariat is committed to supporting Parties as they implement their decisions to strengthen transparency under the Paris Agreement. The new 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.

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 62.

An information session led by the SBI Chair was held at SBI 61 to inform Parties about the ways to operationalize the FMCP working group session. Views expressed by Parties during that session have been taken into account, as relevant, in conducting the working group session that will be initiated during the SBI 62.

The written question and answer phase will be conducted via the dedicated portal, built on the Multilateral Assessment (MA) portal. Party representatives previously registered with the MA portal will be able to continue using their accounts. Additional FMCP participants can be nominated by sending nominations via email to fmcp@unfccc.int.

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Information on practical arrangements pertaining to the first session of FMCP at the SBI 62, can be found in the annex and at <https://unfccc.int/facilitative-multilateral-consideration-of-progress>. Parties that will undergo the first session of FMCP are listed on the working group session website¹.

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

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by)

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¹ https://unfccc.int/First_session_FMCP



Annex

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, they are invited to use the designated portal².

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 groups session under the SBI, the Parties are encouraged to raise and address detail 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 questions 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 designated portal ² .	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 best efforts to respond to the questions in writing via the designated portal within the indicated timelines. The Party may indicate in its response if it considers the written question to be outside the scope of a FMCP.	Respond no later than 1 month (2 weeks ³) prior to the working group session.
The secretariat shall compile the questions and answers and publish them on the FMCP working group session website ⁴ .	Prior to the working group session.

II. Working group session phase

4. During the working group session, each Party undergoing FMCP will be given the opportunity for introductory remarks before showcasing a pre-recorded presentation, followed by a joint discussion session that will be held for all Parties involved.

² <https://process.unfccc.int/sites/ma>

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

⁴ https://unfccc.int/First_session_FMCP



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

6. To facilitate better time management, Parties are asked to pre-record their presentations, which will be made available on the FMCP working group session website⁵. In the pre-recorded presentations, Parties are invited to highlight their climate change policy development and implementation, in the context of progressing towards 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.

7. The FMCP working group sessions 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 raising detail technical questions in writing via designated portal.

8. 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. English will be the working language and interpretation into other official United Nations languages will not be provided.

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

10. 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.

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

III. Other practical arrangements

12. Taking into account the views expressed by Parties on the ways how to operationalize the modalities of FMCP during the information session on the FMCP at SBI 61 in Baku, Azerbaijan, the Secretariat will explore opportunities for Parties undergoing FMCP, to further elaborate on their climate change policies development and implementation.

13. A Party undergoing FMCP may hold a webinar ahead of and/or after an SBI session. The secretariat will make arrangements accordingly.

⁵ https://unfccc.int/First_session_FMCP