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MESSAGE TO PARTIES AND OBSERVERS

Arrangements for the fifty-eighth sessions of the subsidiary bodies

The secretariat of the would like to update Parties and observers on the arrangements for the <u>fifty-eighth session of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies (SB 58)</u> to be held at the World Conference Center Bonn (WCCB), Germany from 5 to 15 June 2023.

During SB 58, the standard opening hours of the WCCB will be from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. local time. Meetings of negotiating groups may continue at the venue after this time. **Please note that the Center will be closed on Sunday, 11 June.**

As for previous sessions, the online registration system is being used for SB 58. The system features several new innovative changes, including a photograph identification function and the possibility to register for virtual participation.

All on-site participants, including ministers and high-level delegates, will now be required to have a photograph on their badges. Photographs can be submitted by national focal points on behalf of their delegations through the online registration system.

As mentioned in the Message to Parties and observers dated 10 May 2023, the online registration system now includes a function, being piloted for SB 58, that enables Parties and observers to register for virtual-only participation. This will enable delegations to register additional delegates without affecting the on-site participation quota of observer organizations. Those registered for virtual-only participation will be included in a separate list of participants and will not be able to make interventions during meetings on agenda items under negotiation.

The digital platform that was used for COP 28 will be made available for SB 58 through the UNFCCC website. The platform will be launched prior to the start of the sessions and available to all registered participants, both virtual and on-site, who will be able to watch or join meetings as applicable.

Further information on the arrangements for SB 58 will be provided in a message to Parties and observers, as well as on the UNFCCC web page (https://unfccc.int/sb58#attend), in due course.

Distribution: To Parties and observer States through their national focal points for climate change and diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany as well as United Nations and related organizations, specialized agencies and admitted observer organizations.