

AGENDA

Information event on transparency

24 August 2021

1. Background

A key pillar of the Paris Agreement is the enhanced transparency framework (ETF) of action and support outlined in Article 13. The modalities, procedures and guidelines (MPGs) for the ETF contained in decision 18/CMA.1 build on and enhance the transparency arrangements under the Convention.

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) requested the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) to develop, pursuant to the MPGs, for consideration and adoption by the CMA at its third session:

- (a) Common reporting tables for the electronic reporting of the information referred to in chapter II, and common tabular formats for the electronic reporting of the information referred to in chapters III, V and VI, of the annex, taking into account the existing common tabular formats and common reporting formats;
- (b) Outlines of the biennial transparency report, national inventory document and technical expert review report, pursuant to the modalities, procedures and guidelines contained in the annex;
- (c) A training programme for technical experts participating in the technical expert review

2. Objective

Recognizing that Parties have different experiences and levels of participation in the current transparency arrangements under the Convention, the SBSTA Chair has requested the secretariat to organize an information event on matters relating to transparency, as part of its work on the methodological issues under the Paris Agreement. The event will take place on 24 and 25 August 2021 and is **designed to help Parties gain a better understanding of the evolution of the international transparency regime in preparation for their effective engagement in the next session of the SBSTA** and, ultimately, a successful COP 26 in November 2021.

Below is the Agenda for Part I of the information event, to take place on 24 August 2021, 12:00-14:00 CEST.

3. Agenda

Enhancing understanding on reporting of greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories and transparency of action

12:00–12:05: Opening, SBSTA Chair

12:05 – 13:05: Experience in reporting of GHG inventories

This session aims to support Parties to acquire an enhanced understanding of current approaches for the compilation of GHG inventories, including the use of reporting tables, tools and software by developing and developed country Parties.

The secretariat will provide a short introduction to frame the topic and discussion. This will be followed by sharing of information on the experience of Parties, including challenges and solutions in compiling and reporting GHG inventories, the use of reporting tables, tools and software and the establishment of institutional arrangements to support the compilation of inventories and reporting.

We encourage participants to review the following [background information](#) to help prepare for the discussion and question/ answer.

13:05–14:00: Experience in reporting on implementation of action

This session aims to support Parties to acquire an enhanced understanding of experience with reporting on progress towards economy-wide targets/ nationally appropriate mitigation actions and how this experience can help Parties develop the common tabular formats for tracking progress of NDCs.

The secretariat will provide a short introduction to frame the topic and discussion. This will be followed by sharing of information on the experience of Parties in reporting implementation of actions.