

Draft elements for SBI agenda item 6

Development of modalities and procedures for the operation and use of a public registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement

Informal note by the co-facilitators

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SECTION A: PROPOSALS

Parties outlined different proposals for implementation of the public registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12 of the Paris Agreement including the following (presented in no particular order and noting that some of these could be combined):¹

- Establish and operationalize the public registry (based on the options below):

Option 1: Adopt the interim registry as the final public registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12 of the Paris Agreement with no further revisions;

Option 2: Adopt the interim registry as the final public registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12 of the Paris Agreement with minor revisions, including the removal of the search function;

Option 3: Improve the interim registry based on the detailed elements of the public registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12 of the Paris Agreement including those presented below;

- Invitation to Parties on the use of the registry;
- Request to secretariat to develop a prototype of the public registry referred to in option 3 above by the fifty-first session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (November 2019), on the basis of the detailed elements presented below;

SECTION B: DETAILED ELEMENTS

1. MODALITIES

- A public registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12 of the Paris Agreement:
 - is a clear, intuitive and easy to use web-based platform;
 - has a user-friendly interface in all 6 UN languages;

¹ The text in italics represents an explanatory text and will not form part of the decision.

- is a tool to record NDCs similar with the interim public registry as referred to in paragraph 30 of decisions 1/CP.21;
- is presented in a tabular format, with one table row for each NDC contained therein. The table columns display, inter alia, as appropriate: name of Party; document title; document type; version number; status; language; and submitted date;
- is flexible to enable each Party to submit its NDCs in the form submitted;
- preserves the integrity of the NDCs and retains national determination;
- can record NDCs in different order, such as alphabetically or chronologically;
- has inbuilt internet security measures to avoid unauthorized access or alterations of contents;
- ensures user-friendly navigation to and between relevant registries and other web resources;
- uses web tools to provide updates and notify users of new and/or modified content (e.g. Really Simple Syndication-RSS);

2. PROCEDURES

- **Submitting/Uploading**
 - The national focal point of each Party shall have a unique account for the public registry to submit/upload the NDCs;
 - The secretariat undertakes a completeness and internet security check of all submitted NDCs, before recording;
 - The secretariat contacts the national focal point to confirm the receipt of NDCs; to request clarifications, when required; and to inform the finalization of recording process;
 - The secretariat provides technical assistance to Parties that may need assistance in uploading NDCs to the registry;
- **Maintaining**
 - Proposal 1 - The public registry constitutes an archive and continue to record all previously submitted NDCs, as a matter of public record;
 - Proposal 2 - Parties have the right to replace or delete previously submitted NDCs;
- **Using/Downloading**
 - Parties, non-Party actors, other stakeholders and the public have access to download, view, [search] and read the NDCs from the public section of the registry;
 - Files should be available in different sizes for easier downloading in countries with slow Internet speed or limited capabilities for downloading;

3. ROLES

- Each Party designates a national focal point to manage NDCs in the public registry;
- Each Party receives access (unique user account) to the public registry and manages the account;
- The secretariat is the custodian of the public registry;
- The secretariat establishes, operates, maintains and updates the public registry as per the modalities and procedures, including precautionary actions to avoid unauthorised access and alterations of contents;
- The secretariat communicates with, and provides assistance to Parties, non-Party actors, other stakeholders and the public in using the public registry, including a user guide and training.
