

Draft elements for SBI agenda item 7

Development of modalities and procedures for the operation and use of a public registry referred to in Article 7, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement

Informal note by the co-facilitators

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Elements of a draft decision (old SECTION A: PROPOSALS)

Parties outlined different proposals for implementation of a public registry referred to in Article 7, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement to record adaptation communications including the following (presented in no particular order and noting that some of these could be combined):¹

- Establish/designate a public registry for adaptation communications based on one or a combination of the following options:

1. A new registry for adaptation communications;

Sub-option to add to above: As a website with hyperlinks to various websites/registries where adaptation communications can be found (old 4);

2. A single existing registry/website designated as the registry referred to in Article 7, paragraph 12, with options to include the NDC registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12, NAP Central or others;

3. NDCs and adaptation communications to be maintained in a single registry;

Sub-option to add to above: The single registry will have two parts: adaptation communications and NDCs;

4. ~~No designated registry for adaptation communications, instead each party may choose any website maintained by the secretariat to house their adaptation communications.~~ No additional registry for adaptation communications; instead, each Party may choose any one of the web platforms/registries for NDCs, NCs or NAPs, maintained by the secretariat, to record their adaptation communications;

- Authority of the CMA over the registry, including steps to review and provide further guidance on operation as necessary;
- Invitation to Parties on use of the registry;
- Request to the secretariat to create and manage the registry;
- Note that the adaptation registry will only reflect adaptation actions;

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

- Procedure for reviewing the registry.

Option 1:

Annex on technical details on modalities, procedures and navigation (old SECTION B: DETAILED ELEMENTS)

1. MODALITIES

- A public registry referred to in Article 7, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement:
 - is a clear, intuitive and easy-to-use web-based platform;
 - has a user-friendly interface in all six official languages of the United Nations;
 - is a tool to record adaptation communications, inter alia, as appropriate;
 - is presented in a tabular format, with one row for each adaptation communication contained therein. The table columns display, as appropriate: name of Party, document title, document type vehicle, version number, status, language and submitted date;
 - is flexible to enable each Party to submit its adaptation communications in the vehicles it chooses;
 - preserves the integrity of the adaptation communications and retains national determination;
 - can sort and display adaptation communications in different ways, such as alphabetically, chronologically or by region;
 - has inbuilt Internet security measures to avoid unauthorized access or alterations of content;
 - ensures user-friendly navigation to and between relevant registries and other web resources;
 - uses web tools (e.g. really simple syndication (RSS)) to provide updates and notify users of new or modified content.

2. PROCEDURES

- **Submitting/Uploading**
 - The national focal point of each Party submits/uploads the adaptation communications, or informs the secretariat where they are located, using a unique account for the registry;
 - The secretariat undertakes a completeness and Internet security check of all submitted adaptation communications, before recording;
 - The secretariat contacts the national focal point to confirm the receipt of adaptation communications and to request clarification when required, and informs the national focal point that the recording process has been finalized;
 - The secretariat provides technical assistance to Parties that may need assistance in uploading adaptation communications 'documents' to the registry;
 - Parties submit an adaptation communication 'document' as a stand-alone document extracted from the NAP, NC or NDC and have the option of submitting it together as

part of, or in conjunction with, any vehicle it may choose, but a specific page number for the adaptation communication 'document' is specified.

- **Maintaining**

- Proposal 1 – The public registry constitutes an archive and continues to record all previously submitted adaptation communications as a matter of public record;
- Proposal 2 – Parties have the right to replace or delete previously submitted adaptation communications.

- **Using/Downloading**

- Parties, non-party actors, other stakeholders and the public have access to download, view, search and read the adaptation communications from the public section of the registry;
- Files should be available in different sizes for easier downloading in countries with slow Internet speeds or limited capabilities for downloading.

3. ROLES

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

4. NAVIGATION

Option 1: To be included as part of Section 1.

Option 2: As Sec. b.4

- Ensure user-friendly navigation to and between relevant registries and other web resources.

Option 2:

Annex on technical details on modalities, procedures and navigation (old SECTION B: DETAILED ELEMENTS)

Please refer to elements in Section B of the informal note for SBI item 6, Development of modalities and procedures for the operation and use of a public registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12.

Option 3:

No annex.