

Updated SBSTA plan for the second half of 2021:

Further informal technical activities by the SBSTA Chair

Version of 6 October 2021

Times shown below are in Central European Summer Time (CEST)

In response to the request by the Bureau of COP/CMP/CMA at its meeting on 25 February 2021, the SBSTA Chair proposed an initial set of informal activities for the first half of the year from April up to June 2021 and made them available on the SBSTA Chair lobby.¹ Following further discussions at the Bureau meeting on 9 August 2021, the SBSTA Chair updated the SBSTA plan for 2021 to include further informal technical activities and events to be convened in the second half of the year in preparation for COP26 in Glasgow.

The updated plan proposes activities up to the Glasgow session and is being developed in an iterative manner with built-in flexibility for adjustments as lessons are learned and as circumstances change regarding COVID-19 regulations and travel restrictions imposed by governments. The updated plan is therefore not a comprehensive list of all matters to be addressed. New topics and activities will continue to be included as the plan is updated.

Proposed activities of the SBSTA in the lead up to Glasgow

Article 6 of the Paris Agreement

(These activities will be conducted in collaboration with the Presidencies)

Informal technical expert dialogues: To facilitate further informal discussion among Parties on unresolved issues, the SBSTA Chair will provide in advance an information note/notes with background information, agenda and guiding questions on the following 6 topics:

- 23 September 2021, 23:00 – 02:00: Reporting and review cycle per A.6.2 guidance;
- 24 September 2021, 14:00 – 17:00: Clean development mechanism transition;
- 07 October 2021, 23:00 – 02:00: Governance and timelines for the 6.8 framework;
- 08 October 2021, 14:00 – 17:00: Implementation of cooperative approaches using non-GHG metrics per 6.2 guidance;
- 14 October 2021, 23:00 – 02:00: Baselines and additionality for the 6.4 mechanism;
- 15 October 2021, 14:00 – 17:00: Overall mitigation in global emissions.

Submissions: The SBSTA Chair would encourage Parties and admitted observer organizations to make voluntary submissions on the above upcoming topics of the informal technical expert dialogues.

Chair's summaries: The SBSTA Chair will continue to make available informal summaries of the discussions that take place at each topic to facilitate further deliberations among Parties at the SBSTA session in Glasgow.

¹ https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/sbsta_chair_activities_june2021.pdf

Matters relating to methodological issues under the Paris Agreement (Transparency)

(These activities will be conducted in collaboration with the Presidencies)

A two-day, virtual information event will be held on 24-25 August, as follows:

- *Part I: Enhancing understanding on reporting of GHG inventories and transparency of action*
 - Date: 24 August 2021; 12:00-14:00 CEST
 - Additional information will be made available at <https://unfccc.int/event/information-event-on-transparency-part-i>
- *Part II: Enhancing understanding of reporting on transparency of support, submitting national reports and training of review experts*
 - Date: 25 August 2021; 21:00-23:00 CEST
 - Additional information will be made available at <https://unfccc.int/event/information-event-on-transparency-part-ii>

Nairobi Work Programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change (NWP)

Informal events and meeting to be convened in October 2021:

- *Informal meeting by the SBSTA Chair with the UNFCCC constituted bodies, Parties and partners:*
 - 5 October 2021, 13:00 – 14:30
 - Objective will be to share the progress made under the NWP and to solicit inputs on how work under the NWP can be strengthened in supporting constituted bodies in implementing their planned activities on adaptation related matters and in assisting Parties in the implementation of the Paris Agreement.
- *Informal event on innovative approaches to strengthen coastal and ocean adaptation-a collaborative work between the NWP expert group on oceans, Technology Executive Committee (TEC), IUCN and Friends of Ecosystem-based Adaptation (FEBA).*
 - 13 October 2021, 14:00 – 15:30
 - Objective will be to respond to various gaps that have been identified through the oceans, coastal areas and ecosystems thematic work under the NWP and will be linked to the TEC “Technology Day”, a series of events organized in 2020 and 2021 for countries and stakeholders to showcase and discuss innovative approaches for climate adaptation technologies in various sectors.
 - The event will provide an opportunity for experts to present and discuss innovative learning and examples from integrating technology and ecosystem-based adaptation in various policies and programmes in order to build resilience of oceans and coastal ecosystems and communities.
- *Informal event on closing adaptation knowledge gaps through partnerships:*
 - 14 October 2021, 14:00 – 15:30
 - Objective will be to showcase the progress made under the NWP in various initiatives that provide specific highlights, lessons learned and challenges, focusing on how the NWP is engaging Parties, UNFCCC national focal points, partners and experts in addressing adaptation and resilience needs in countries and regions.

Impacts of the implementation of response measures:

Joint SB informal technical expert meetings: (To be convened in October 2021)

- *Technical expert meeting on practical approaches to economic diversification and transformation.*
 - 18 October, 14:00 – 16:00
- *Technical expert meeting on practical approaches to just transition of the workforce and creation of decent work and quality jobs.*
 - 20 October, 14:00 – 16:00
- Additional information will be made available at the SBSTA Chair lobby in due course.

More SBSTA-related activities may be added in the plan for the second half of the year as needed.