Dear colleagues,

As follow-up to the UNFCCC Bureau meeting on 9 March, please find below a rationale for including MWP on the agenda for the SBs.

Proposal for a joint SBSTA and SBI agenda item on the “Sharm El-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme”, as also contained in the DPA for CMA5.

Rationale:
In Sharm El-Sheikh, Parties confirmed that the objective of the mitigation work programme shall be to urgently scale up mitigation ambition and implementation in this critical decade in a manner that complements the global stocktake (para 2 of the MWP CMA decision) It was further decided that the work programme would start immediately after the CMA 4 (para 5 of the decision). Para 15 of the decision requests the secretariat to prepare, under the guidance of the co-chairs of work programme, a report on each of the global dialogues referred to in paragraphs 8–9, (…) and to prepare an annual report comprising a compilation of the individual dialogue reports for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation; Paragraph 16 also requests the SBSTA and the SBI to take into account the annual report referred to in paragraph 15, to consider progress, including key findings, opportunities and barriers, in implementing the work programme with a view to recommending a draft decision for consideration and adoption by the CMA at each of its sessions. Given that the CMA is asked to take decisions annually and the report is only to be presented annually, it’s imperative to have a formal space in the SBs agenda where Parties can exchange views on the content of the annual CMA decision, which ultimately will take into account the report, but not exclusively. So, in order to support the objectives of the Mitigation work programme and robust annual decisions at the CMA, it’s necessary to include an agenda item at the SBs in June, in addition to the SB’s sessions at every COP. The title of the agenda item should be the same in the SBSTA, SBI and the CMA agendas.

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