

Collated written submissions Agenda Item 5 - CONSTITUTED BODIES AND SUPPORT TEAM.

Actor: UNFCCC Secretariat

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WGC	Western European and Others	Quality of engagement with constituted bodies and support team	From our experience as an observer for the past 7 years, we see that in the UNFCCC negotiations, several parties have a disproportionate amount of power in the negotiations. We do not know what is happening during bilaterals or closed meetings but some of the statements or interventions made are not always consistent, leading us to conclude that sometimes there are tricks being played, trust lost and some parties being steered over or bullied into making specific statements one way or another. This, in addition to unfulfilled commitments, has been causing an erosion of trust, mounting anger and a growing sense of hopelessness jeopardizing the UNFCCC process. Due to this imbalance of powers amongst parties, it is even more important to include marginalized and under-represented voices as well as those disproportionately-impacted by the climate crisis. Since the parties do not adequately reflect this diversity, the observer organizations offer an opportunity to attempt to fill that void and counterbalance the existing, unequal power structure. The meaningful participation of observer organizations can play a role in transforming this unbalanced process into a more inclusive, transparent and ambitious process.	1. Do not leave observer interventions and questions until the end of sessions, plenaries and meetings since they are more likely to be canceled and/or the room is empty, often it is very late at night so there are not many people to hear the interventions. 2. All party and observer interventions should be given equal weight, respect, importance, and time limits. Change the selection system to either 1) a computer-generated random selection 2) alphabetical 3) in order of raised signs or 4) some other system where constituencies/observers are not just left until the end. Being last makes observers feel that what they have to say is not valued in the process. 3. search for ways to include and uplift observer input from under-represented groups to provide and create space for rarely included input, as much as possible 4. use live webcasts and play-back on demand systems to make side-events, meetings, plenaries, informals etc. more accessible to all 5. establish a robust conflict of interest policy to limit the amount and type of influence for-profit organizations (who are profiting off continued greenhouse gas emissions GHG) might have on the UNFCCC process as well as on others involved in the process. Due to their profits being dependent on continued GHG emissions, their goals may not align with the Paris agreement in the climate negotiations Also... -some of the constituted bodies actually do a better job of including observers more than the general UNFCCC meetings and COPS since they sometimes allow observers to be part of the core team and contribute throughout the year to their work. -break-out session, which nearly always includes observers, is a great way to share input with parties and open discussions - maybe having the opportunity to have each of the 9 constituencies represented in all of the major constituted body teams, work programmes, formal working groups and task forces. This will ensure year round input into the work plan, work, workshops, information gathering and communication etc. - Co-create a platform to bring together all observers under UNFCCC. This will facilitate the coordination of participants and representatives, preparing of joint submissions, pooling of resources such as badges, and funding, assist in identifying experts/representatives in specific fields as well as enabling those who want to be involved to organize and mobilize on relevant issues. There could be constituency sections where those interested organizations could join and advocate through the constituencies or not. There could be constituted body sections where anyone interested in adaptation or technology, etc could come together to work with the related constituted body to provide input (Adaptation Committee, TEC, etc).	Short-term				
ENGO	Asian States	Quality of engagement with constituted bodies and support team	A clear mapping of the "routes in" and channels to high-quality/meaningful engagement is required. As a new NGO Observer organization, we are not at all clear about how we are encouraged or permitted to contribute.	* offer a series of workshops/training on the process of engagement in the UNFCCC (COP)	Mid-term	Quality of engagement with constituted bodies and support team	A clear mapping of the "routes in" and channels to high-quality/meaningful engagement is required. As a new NGO Observer organization, we are not at all clear about how we are encouraged or permitted to contribute.	* Offer a series of workshops or training to address the issue	Mid-term
RINGO	African States	Quality of engagement with constituted bodies and support team	The quality of engagement with constituted bodies and support team should be encouraged with states MDAs. It should be based on standard quality and procedure in terms of relationship; reliability and validity of observer NGOs activities, including conducting original research on climate change.	1. Creating synergy between the UNFCCC Secretariat and observer NGOs on climate change activities monitoring and evaluation. The observer NGOs can work side by side with the UNFCCC Secretariat by helping it to know the climate change projects and activities that are realistically going on in African countries and other countries and those that are not working.	Short-term				
	Western European and Others	Quality of engagement with constituted bodies and support team	Importance of NGO role in process	Promote NGO role	Short-term				
	Western European and Others	Quality of engagement with constituted bodies and support team	Accommodations is a major issue and the secretariat needs to take action to prevent price gouging. Secretariat should provide more favorable side event times for observer organizations. Ensure accessibility to all meeting spaces. Provide ample space for civil society and their inputs.	Accommodations is a major issue and the secretariat needs to take action to prevent price gouging. Secretariat should provide more favorable side event times for observer organizations. Ensure accessibility to all meeting spaces. Provide ample space for civil society and their inputs.	Short-term	Quality of engagement with constituted bodies and support team			

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Actor: IGOs

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WGC	Western European and Others	Quality of engagement with constituted bodies and support team	From our experience as an observer for the past 7 years, we see that in the UNFCCC negotiations, several parties have a disproportionate amount of power in the negotiations. We do not know what is happening during bilaterals or closed meetings but some of the statements or interventions made are not always consistent, leading us to conclude that sometimes there are tricks being played, trust lost and some parties being steamrolled over or bullied into making specific statements one way or another. This, in addition to unfulfilled commitments, has been causing an erosion of trust, mounting anger and a growing sense of hopelessness jeopardizing the UNFCCC process. Due to this imbalance of powers amongst parties, it is even more important to include marginalized and under-represented voices as well as those disproportionately-impacted by the climate crisis. Since the parties do not adequately reflect this diversity, the observer organizations offer an opportunity to attempt to fill that void and counterbalance the existing, unequal power structure. The meaningful participation of observer organizations can play a role in transforming this unbalanced process into a more inclusive, transparent and ambitious process.	N/A	Short-term				
ENGO	Asian States	Quality of engagement with constituted bodies and support team	A clear mapping of the "routes in" and channels to high-quality/meaningful engagement is required. As a new NGO Observer organization, we are not at all clear about how we are encouraged or permitted to contribute.	* Attend the educational training/workshops on the UNFCCC process * Active participation in the COPs	Mid-term	Quality of engagement with constituted bodies and support team	A clear mapping of the "routes in" and channels to high-quality/meaningful engagement is required. As a new NGO Observer organization, we are not at all clear about how we are encouraged or permitted to contribute.	* Actively Participate in training and workshops as well as in the COPs	Mid-term
RINGO	African States	Quality of engagement with constituted bodies and support team	The quality of engagement with constituted bodies and support team should be encouraged with states MDAs. It should be based on standard quality and procedure in terms of relationship; reliability and validity of observer NGOs activities, including conducting original research on climate change.	N/A					
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Actors: NGO CFPs and NGOs

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ENGO	Asian States	Quality of engagement with constituted bodies and support team	A clear mapping of the "routes in" and channels to high-quality/meaningful engagement is required. As a new NGO Observer organization, we are not at all clear about how we are encouraged or permitted to contribute.	* Attend the educational training/workshops on the UNFCCC's process * Active participation in the COPs	Mid-term	* Attend the educational training/workshops on the UNFCCC's process * Active participation in the COPs	Mid-term	Quality of engagement with constituted bodies and support team	A clear mapping of the "routes in" and channels to high-quality/meaningful engagement is required. As a new NGO Observer organization, we are not at all clear about how we are encouraged or permitted to contribute.	Actively Participate in training and workshops as well as in the COPs	Mid-term	Actively Participate in training and workshops as well as in the COPs	Mid-term
RINGO	African States	Quality of engagement with constituted bodies and support team	The quality of engagement with constituted bodies and support team should be encouraged with states MDAs. It should be based on standard quality and procedure in terms of relationship; reliability and validity of observer NGOs activities, including conducting original research on climate change.	The NGO Constituency Focal Points can play a huge role in assisting the UNFCCC Secretariat in project monitoring and evaluate climate change activities that are realistically going on in African countries and even elsewhere across the globe.	Mid-term	The observer NGOs can assist the UNFCCC Secretariat in project monitoring and evaluation that are realistically done by Parties, especially in African continent.	Short-term						
	Western European and Others	Quality of engagement with constituted bodies and support team	Importance of NGO role in process	Promote NGO role as information provider	Short-term	Promote positive actions and impacts.	Short-term						
	Western European and Others	Quality of engagement with constituted bodies and support team	Accommodations is a major issue and the secretariat needs to take action to prevent price gouging. Secretariat should provide more favorable side event times for observer organizations. Ensure accessibility to all meeting spaces. Provide ample space for civil society and their inputs.					Quality of engagement with constituted bodies and support team					

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Actors: COP Presidency and SB Chairs

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ENGO	Asian States	Quality of engagement with constituted bodies and support team	A clear mapping of the "routes in" and channels to high-quality/meaningful engagement is required. As a new NGO Observer organization, we are not at all clear about how we are encouraged or permitted to contribute.	Provide access and ways to easily participate in the COP	Short-term	Create a standard and rule of participation in the COPs	Short-term	Quality of engagement with constituted bodies and support team	A clear mapping of the "routes in" and channels to high-quality/meaningful engagement is required. As a new NGO Observer organization, we are not at all clear about how we are encouraged or permitted to contribute.	Provide access and democratic space for NGOs/CSOs to participate in the UNFCCC process	Mid-term	Create a clear rule/guidance and mechanism for non-parties participation	Short-term
RINGO	African States	Quality of engagement with constituted bodies and support team	The quality of engagement with constituted bodies and support team should be encouraged with states MDAs. It should be based on standard quality and procedure in terms of relationship; reliability and validity of observer NGOs activities, including conducting original research on climate change.	N/A		N/A							
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Actor: Parties*

** Please note that this process to strengthen observer engagement in the UNFCCC process is informal in nature and we review actions within the purview of the secretariat, observers and presiding officers. Any actions identified above for Parties will not be reviewed, but they are relevant for the process to understand key actors in addressing this issue.*

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	Western European and Others	Quality of engagement with constituted bodies and support team	Importance of NGO role in process	Allow balanced participation on national delegations from all NGO constituencies.	Short-term (within the next year)				
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Additional Observations

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