

CONCEPT NOTE

Title: Understanding the Effects of Response Measures to Support Just Transition and Economic Diversification: Case Studies

Time: Date, venue: Meeting Room MR3 – Blue Zone, Nov 30, 2023, Dubai, UAE

Mandate: Activity 7 of the workplan of the forum and its KCI¹: Facilitate the development and exchange of regional, country- and/or sector-specific case studies and approaches on (1) economic diversification and transformation and just transition of the workforce and creation of decent work and quality jobs, and (2) assessment and analysis of the impacts of the implementation of response measures with a view to understanding the positive and negative impacts

Background: Existing research underscores the importance of evaluating the consequences of implementing response measures (measures taken to address the climate change) with a focus on addressing the concerns of Parties, especially developing countries most affected by these measures. This challenge is exacerbated by constraints related to data availability and the necessary technical expertise and resources.

While prior studies have predominantly examined the impact of response measures such as carbon taxes on specific energy and non-energy sectors, there is a significant gap in the literature regarding the assessment of consequences of transitions, the crucial role of economic diversification, and the imperative of achieving a just transition to effectively manage the repercussions of these measures. This research gap is particularly noticeable in the context of the least developed countries and some groups which are more vulnerable than others such as youth, women, indigenous people, people with disabilities.

The purpose of this technical session is to create a forum for Parties and observers to exchange their experiences and showcase the specific efforts they have made in understanding the effects of climate policies. The focus is to share the efforts which have played a pivotal role in aiding the planning of climate policies at the national level, particularly in relation to just transition and economic diversification. Observers are strongly encouraged to share their primary strategies related to economic diversification, just transition. The goal is to optimize the positive outcomes and minimize the negative consequences of climate actions

Who should attend: This is an open two-hour interactive forum where the Parties and observers will share experiences and best practices in the development of regional, country- and/or sector-specific case studies and approaches related to economic diversification and transformation; just transition of the workforce and creation of decent work and quality jobs; and assessment and analysis of the impacts of the implementation of response measures.

In line with the objective of the technical session, both Party delegates and senior officials of private sector are invited to share their efforts made in understanding the effects of climate policies, specifically which have facilitated the planning of climate policies at the national level, particularly in relation to just transition and economic diversification.

¹ <https://unfccc.int/documents/631350>

Dialogue answering the following pertinent questions:

- a) Describe the ways in which assessing and analyzing the effects of implementing response measures has informed your country or organization's comprehension of both the beneficial and detrimental consequences? How has this analysis influenced the development and execution of your climate policies, just transition, economic diversification?
- b) Elaborate on the significant obstacles and prospects that exist for countries and organizations in their efforts to achieve economic diversification and promote a just transition in the context of climate action?
- c) Share the socio-economic impacts that you consider most pertinent from climate commitments? Additionally, could you elaborate on the methods and tools you employ to actively monitor these socio-economic effects within key sectors, and how you go about this monitoring process?

Agenda: The meeting will be organized in the following way:

- a) Moderated by Vositha Wijenayake, Sri Lanka
- b) A short **introductory presentation** by:
 - a. Maldives, Ali Shareef
 - b. Slovakia, Šimon Lacena
 - c. Indigenous people (tbc)
- c) Open the floor to observers and Parties to respond to the questions or share their own countries' and/or organizations' case studies and/or work on case studies development.