INFORMATION NOTE TO PARTIES AND OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS

Plans for informal activities of the COP 25 Presidency, COP 26 incoming Presidency and the Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI

The secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change wishes to inform Parties and observer States to the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement and observer organizations that the COP 25 Presidency and the COP 26 incoming Presidency, the Chair of the SBSTA and the Chair of the SBI have made available plans of their activities in preparation for a successful climate change conference in November 2021.

The plans, developed at the request of the Bureau at its meetings on 21 December 2020 and 25 February 2021, can be accessed from a dedicated web page on the UNFCCC website entitled “Road to Glasgow: Consultations and activities by the Presiding Officers”.

Activities will take place as soon as possible and work will be scheduled throughout the coming months and up to COP 26, including the original June session period, as it is not yet feasible to hold in-person meetings. The Bureau will review the feasibility of convening the sessions and will provide further guidance in due course.

The planning of activities will continue to leave room for adjustments and additions as lessons are learned and as COVID-19-related circumstances change. New topics and activities will continue to be included as the planning advances.

To ensure inclusiveness and transparency the presiding officers will continue to consult with Parties and will regularly report to the Bureau for feedback and further guidance, as needed.

Information on specific activities, including on how to register and participate will be provided in due course.

Distribution: To Parties and observer States to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change through their national focal points and diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany, as well as to United Nations organizations and admitted observer organizations.
As always, the secretariat counts on your continued support, and assures you of its commitment to effectively facilitating the UNFCCC intergovernmental process during these challenging times. The secretariat reiterates that, as work advances remotely, the secretariat will make every effort to provide support for the effective participation of Party representatives and for coordination by the Chairs and Coordinators of groups and constituencies.