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NOTIFICATION

Activity series to advance discussions on the review of the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention and on future work to enhance the implementation of Action for Climate Empowerment

17 March–19 May 2021

The COP requested SBI 52 to launch the review of the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention and to consider future work to enhance the implementation of Action for Climate Empowerment, and to prepare a draft decision for consideration and adoption at COP 26. The Bureau, at its meeting on 25 February 2021, requested the presiding officers to make available a calendar of upcoming activities in preparation for a successful COP 26 in November 2021. Following this guidance, the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, Ms. Marianne Karlsen, Norway, is convening a series of activities, including informal consultations, technical expert meetings and other events for matters under the SBI.

I am pleased to inform Parties and observer States to the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement that, under the guidance of the SBI Chair, a series of activities is scheduled to take place virtually from 17 March to 19 May 2021 to advance discussions on the review of the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention and on future work to enhance the implementation of Action for Climate Empowerment.

The objective of the activity series is to provide a non-negotiating space for Parties and observers, under the guidance of the SBI Chair, to advance discussions in preparation for SBI 52 and COP 26. Building on the success of the first virtual informal consultations, held on 3 December 2020 also under the guidance of the SBI Chair, the activities will be held as a combination of technical events and informal consultations.

In accordance with the limit on the number of participants that the virtual event platform allows, we are pleased to invite two representatives from each Party to participate in these activities, with participation by national focal points for climate change or their nominated representatives and national focal points for Action for Climate Empowerment encouraged in particular.

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For technical events, other members of Parties are also encouraged to view the live and on-demand streaming that does not require registration. All activities in the series will be open to observers.

Further details on the activity series, including, in due course, the agendas of the meetings and information on how to register, can be found at <https://unfccc.int/topics/education-youth/events-meetings/ace-activity-series-2021>. Registration is required to participate in all events except the first technical event.

The technical events are scheduled to take place as follows: information session on 17 March 2021; first expert group meeting focused on monitoring, evaluation and reporting on 14 April 2021; and second expert group meeting focused on support for implementation of Action for Climate Empowerment, including financial and capacity-building support, on 5 May 2021. The second, third and fourth information consultations are scheduled for 24 March, 21 April and 19 May 2021, respectively. Please check the website for updates.

The information session on 17 March 2021 will provide a summary of the views gathered through submissions on options for future work to enhance the implementation of Action Climate for Empowerment, as collated in document FCCC/SBI/2020/INF.4, as well as an overview of the inputs to the 8th Dialogue on Action for Climate Empowerment, to allow Parties and observers to be fully informed in preparation for the technical events and informal consultations.

In accordance with decision 23/CP.18, and with a view to informing more effective climate change policy that addresses the needs of women and men equally, the secretariat encourages the participation of women in this activity series in order to achieve gender balance in discussions.

For further information, please contact ace@unfccc.int.

Yours sincerely,

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