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NOTIFICATION

Material pertaining to the virtual briefing on the implementation of the UNFCCC 2020–2021 budget and secretariat structure

As announced in the [notification](#) to Parties and observer States to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement on 12 November 2020, material relating to the briefing on the implementation of the UNFCCC 2020–2021 budget and secretariat structure has been made available on the [UNFCCC budget webpage](#).

There are two main parts to the material:

- Welcoming remarks by Ms. Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC

Part A: External audit report of 2019

- 1) Statement by the UN Board of Auditors
- 2) Overview of key findings in the 2019 external audit report
- 3) Comments by UNFCCC secretariat

Part B: Budget and Structure

Section I: The implementation of the UNFCCC budget 2020-2021, including the status of contributions and implementation rate as well as financial implications of COVID-19 on the secretariat budget

Section II:

- a. The status of implementation of the secretariat structure;
 - b. Preliminary information on the 2022-23 budget
- Guidance on how to submit questions to the secretariat and next steps

Parties and observer States are kindly invited to access the material and submit questions **by Tuesday, 24 November 2020**, as follows:

- For questions on Part A of the material, kindly **specify the page and section** your question relates to and submit your question to Ms Karin Klabunn at Karin.klabunn@brh.bund.de with copy to UNFCCC-Budget@unfccc.int.
- All questions on Part B of the briefing should be submitted, **specifying the section of the presentation and the slide number** to UNFCCC-Budget@unfccc.int by the above-mentioned deadline.



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Parties and observer State delegates interested in joining the live Q&A sessions (**on 26, from 16:00 to 18:00 CET, and 27, from 08:00 to 10:00 CET, November 2020**) and have not yet registered could do so by following the guidance available [here](#).

Registered participants will receive an e-mail containing instructions on how to join the live sessions.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by)

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