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NOTIFICATION

May–June 2021 Climate Change Conference Sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies

31 May to 17 June 2021

I refer to the message to Parties and observer States to the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement and observer organizations dated [16 April 2021](#) regarding the outcomes of the Bureau meeting of the COP, the CMP and the CMA on Thursday, 15 April 2021.

Further to the information note of 16 April 2021, I wish to notify all Parties and observer States of the 2021 session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (May–June) and the 2021 session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (May–June) which will be held virtually over a three-week period, from 31 May to 17 June 2021, to allow for adequate coordination time and to account for the challenges and constraints of remote participation.¹

Work during the session will be organized informally, and no decision will be taken until the Parties can meet in person again. Informal documents will be prepared by the presiding officers to ensure transparency in the discussions and to capture progress. These documents will not have formal status.

Three annexes are attached to this notification. Annex I contains the draft provisional agendas for the two sessions. Annex II provides information on the preparatory meetings of the least developed countries, small island developing States, the African Group and the Group of 77 and China and annex III provides key information for participants.

Distribution: To Parties and observer States through their national focal points for climate change and diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany.

¹ Sessions are deemed to be held at the seat of the secretariat, in Bonn, Germany.



Scenario notes to further elaborate the modalities for the organization of work in the respective bodies will be prepared by the presiding officers and will be made available to Parties and observers at least three weeks in advance of the start of the sessions.

More detailed and expanded information on the calendar of meetings during the sessions will be communicated in due course and will also be made available at the [conference webpage](#).

Please also note that there will be no side events nor exhibits during these sessions. Please consult the UNFCCC [website](#) for information on applications for side events and exhibits at the forthcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, United Kingdom in November 2021.

The online registration system (ORS), which allows Parties to electronically nominate individuals to attend the sessions, will be opened on Wednesday, 28 April 2021. Considering the virtual nature of the SBs, the secretariat urges national focal points to register their delegations as soon as possible so that the necessary technical preparations can be made. Nonetheless, ORS will remain open for registration for the sessions until the end of the Conference.

Online registration is the only official channel for nominating participants for these sessions. The secretariat is not in a position to receive nominations sent by any other method, such as e-mail or letter. The ORS is available at the following web address: <https://onlinereg.unfccc.int/>. Requests for technical support can be sent to the following e-mail address: onlinereg@unfccc.int.

The user manual for the ORS, which contains helpful information and guidelines on how to use the system, is available at: https://onlinereg.unfccc.int/onlinereg/public/UNFCCC_OR_S_User_Manual-Parties_and_Observer_States.pdf.

Any additional information regarding these sessions will be communicated in due course and posted on the [conference web page](#).

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by)

Patricia Espinosa



Annex I

Provisional Agendas

Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice 2021 session¹

Draft provisional agenda^{2,3}

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:⁴
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (b) Organization of the work of the session;
 - (c) Election of officers other than the Chair;
 - (d) Mandated events.
3. Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change.
4. Report of the Adaptation Committee (for 2019, 2020 and 2021).*
5. Report of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (for 2020 and 2021).*
6. Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform.
7. Development and transfer of technologies: joint annual report of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network (for 2020 and 2021).*
8. Koronivia joint work on agriculture.*
9. Sources of input for the global stocktake under the Paris Agreement.
10. Matters related to science and review:
 - (a) Research and systematic observation;
 - (b) Second periodic review of the long-term global goal under the Convention and of overall progress towards achieving it.*
11. Matters relating to the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures serving the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement.*
12. Methodological issues under the Convention:

¹ The first sessional period in 2021 will be 31 May to 17 June 2021, as agreed by the Bureau of the COP, the CMP and the CMA at its meeting on 15 April 2021 (see [the message on the outcomes of the meeting](#)).

² This draft provisional agenda supersedes the one issued in 2020 for SBSTA 52 and reflects mandates for 2020–2021.

³ Joint SBI–SBSTA agenda items are marked with an asterisk.

⁴ The organization of the work and modalities for the first sessional period of the subsidiary bodies in 2021 will be presented by the Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI in their scenario notes in response to the request by the Bureau at its meeting on 15 April 2021.



- (a) Training programme for review experts for the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention;
 - (b) Training programme for review experts for the technical review of biennial reports and national communications of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention;
 - (c) Revision of the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual inventories for Parties included in Annex I to the Convention;
 - (d) Guidelines for the technical review of information reported under the Convention related to greenhouse gas inventories, biennial reports and national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention;
 - (e) Greenhouse gas data interface;
 - (f) Common metrics to calculate the carbon dioxide equivalence of greenhouse gases;
 - (g) Emissions from fuel used for international aviation and maritime transport.
13. Methodological issues under the Kyoto Protocol:
- (a) Land use, land-use change and forestry under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Kyoto Protocol and under the clean development mechanism;
 - (b) Implications of the inclusion of reforestation of lands with forest in exhaustion as afforestation and reforestation clean development mechanism project activities.
14. Methodological issues under the Paris Agreement:
- (a) Common reporting tables for the electronic reporting of the information in the national inventory reports of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases;
 - (b) Common tabular formats for the electronic reporting of the information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving nationally determined contributions under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement;
 - (c) Common tabular formats for the electronic reporting of the information on financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support provided and mobilized, as well as support needed and received, under Articles 9–11 of the Paris Agreement;
 - (d) Outlines of the biennial transparency report, national inventory document and technical expert review report pursuant to the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support;
 - (e) Training programme for technical experts participating in the technical expert review.
15. Matters relating to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement:
- (a) Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement;
 - (b) Rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement;
 - (c) Work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement.
16. Market and non-market mechanisms under the Convention:
- (a) Framework for various approaches;
 - (b) Non-market-based approaches;



- (c) New market-based mechanism.
- 17. Cooperation with other international organizations.
- 18. Annual reports on technical reviews:
 - (a) Technical review of information reported under the Convention by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention in their biennial reports and national communications;
 - (b) Technical review of greenhouse gas inventories of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention;
 - (c) Technical review of greenhouse gas inventories and other information reported by Parties included in Annex I, as defined in Article 1, paragraph 7, of the Kyoto Protocol.
- 19. Other matters.
- 20. Closure of and report on the session.



Subsidiary Body for Implementation 2021 session¹

Draft provisional agenda^{2,3}

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:⁴
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (b) Organization of the work of the session;
 - (c) Election of officers other than the Chair;
 - (d) Multilateral assessment under the international assessment and review process;
 - (e) Facilitative sharing of views under the international consultation and analysis process;
 - (f) Other mandated events.
3. Reporting from and review of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention:
 - (a) Status of submission and review of seventh national communications and third and fourth biennial reports from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention;
 - (b) Compilations and syntheses of second, third and fourth biennial reports from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention;
 - (c) Reports on national greenhouse gas inventory data from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention for the periods 1990–2016, 1990–2017, 1990–2018 and 1990–2019;
 - (d) Revision of the modalities and procedures for international assessment and review.
4. Reporting from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention:
 - (a) Information contained in national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention; (in abeyance)
 - (b) Report (for 2020 and 2021) and terms of reference of the Consultative Group of Experts;
 - (c) Provision of financial and technical support;
 - (d) Summary reports on the technical analysis of biennial update reports of Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention;
 - (e) Revision of the modalities and guidelines for international consultation and analysis.
5. Common time frames for nationally determined contributions referred to in Article 4, paragraph 10, of the Paris Agreement.
6. Matters relating to the mechanisms under the Kyoto Protocol:

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- (a) Review of the modalities and procedures for the clean development mechanism;
 - (b) Procedures, mechanisms and institutional arrangements for appeals against decisions of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism.
7. Second periodic review of the long-term global goal under the Convention and of overall progress towards achieving it.*
 8. Koronivia joint work on agriculture.*
 9. Report of the Adaptation Committee (for 2019, 2020 and 2021).*
 10. Report of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (for 2020 and 2021).*
 11. Matters relating to the least developed countries.
 12. National adaptation plans.
 13. Development and transfer of technologies and implementation of the Technology Mechanism:
 - (a) Joint annual report of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network (for 2020 and 2021);*
 - (b) Alignment between processes pertaining to the review of the Climate Technology Centre and Network and the periodic assessment referred to in paragraph 69 of decision 1/CP.21;
 - (c) Poznan strategic programme on technology transfer;
 - (d) Linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism of the Convention.
 14. Matters relating to the Adaptation Fund:
 - (a) Membership of the Adaptation Fund Board;
 - (b) Fourth review of the Adaptation Fund.
 15. Matters relating to capacity-building:
 - (a) Capacity-building under the Convention;
 - (b) Capacity-building under the Kyoto Protocol;
 - (c) Annual technical progress report of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (for 2020 and 2021).
 16. Matters relating to the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures serving the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement.*
 17. Gender and climate change.
 18. Matters related to Action for Climate Empowerment:
 - (a) Review of the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention;
 - (b) Report on activities related to Action for Climate Empowerment (for 2020 and 2021).
 19. Arrangements for intergovernmental meetings.
 20. Administrative, financial and institutional matters:
 - (a) Budget performance for the biennia 2018–2019 and 2020–2021;
 - (b) Programme budget for the biennium 2022–2023;
 - (c) Audit report and financial statements (for 2019 and 2020);



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- (d) Other financial and budgetary matters;
 - (e) Continuous review of the functions and operations of the secretariat;
 - (f) Annual report (for 2019 and 2020);
 - (g) Implementation of the Headquarters Agreement.
21. Other matters.
 22. Closure of and report on the session.



Annex II

List of preparatory meetings

Least developed countries	25 – 26 May 2021 (Time and date to be confirmed in consultation with the Group)
Small island developing States	27 – 28 May 2021. (Time and date to be confirmed in consultation with the Group)
African Group	27 – 28 May 2021. (Time and date to be confirmed in consultation with the Group)
Group of 77 and China	29 – 30 May 2021. (Time and date to be confirmed in consultation with the Group)

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the secretariat has made every effort to support Parties in maximizing progress and minimizing delay in the UNFCCC process, as guided by the COP Bureau. To that end, the secretariat has facilitated access to reliable Internet connectivity by making arrangements for participants to use venues such as UNDP offices or hotel conference rooms and by providing technological support and assistance. Further, the secretariat has offered support to facilitate remote coordination meetings of groups in the absence of in-person meetings.

In preparation for the SB sessions, the secretariat will liaise with the least developed countries, small island developing States, the African Group and the Group of 77 and China to confirm arrangements for the above listed preparatory meetings. Specific information will be communicated to the respective group chairs and coordinators in due course.



Annex III

Information for participants

Nominations and registration online	The online registration for Parties and observer States to nominate and confirm their representatives will be open as of Wednesday, 28 April 2021, Central European Summer Time (CEST). The ORS will remain open for registration for the sessions until the end of the Conference.
Modalities for registration to the session	Please see the section above on “Nominations and registration online” Multiple registrations for the sessions are not permitted (i.e. registration as an observer organization representative and a Party or State representative and/or press/media representative).
Side events and exhibits	There will be no side events nor exhibits during the sessions.
List of participants	The list of participants will reflect information as provided in ORS during the registration process.
Essential documents and other information	Links to relevant documents and other essential information will be made available on the conference web page in due course. Please check the page regularly.
