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## NOTIFICATION

### **Virtual briefing on the implementation of the UNFCCC 2020–2021 budget and secretariat structure 26 and 27 November 2020**

In June 2020, the secretariat organized a [virtual briefing](#) for Parties and observer States to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement (from now on referred to simply as Parties and observer States) on the implementation of the UNFCCC 2020–2021 budget and secretariat structure as part of the ongoing efforts to enhance transparency and clarity on these matters. The briefing was chaired by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI).

I am pleased to share the format of the virtual briefing that will be held as part of the [UN Climate Change Dialogues 2020](#).

Similar to the June briefing, two live Q&A sessions will be held to accommodate different time zones and will aim to cover the same information. These will take place on:

- Thursday, 26 November: **16:00-18:00 CET**
- Friday, 27 November: **08:00-10:00 CET**

On Friday, 20 November 2020, in advance of the live sessions, the secretariat will make available on the [UNFCCC Budget webpage](#), overview presentations of the briefing as background information to participants on the following topics:

- Part A - the UN Board of Auditors will focus on the **2019 External Audit Report**.
- Part B - the secretariat will focus on:
  - (1) **The implementation of the UNFCCC budget 2020-2021, including the status of contributions and implementation rate;**
  - (2) **The status of implementation of the secretariat structure;**
  - (3) **Preliminary information on the 2022-23 budget.**

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



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Parties and observer States are invited to access the presentations that will be made available and submit questions via email to the secretariat at [UNFCCC-Budget@unfccc.int](mailto:UNFCCC-Budget@unfccc.int) prior to the live sessions, by Tuesday, 24 November 2020. The questions will be addressed during the live sessions.

After the live sessions, the secretariat and the UN Board of Auditors will summarize the questions and the corresponding responses and make them available on the UNFCCC budget webpage.

The secretariat will notify Parties and observer States once the overview presentations are available on the [UNFCCC Budget webpage](#) and share the e-link to the live sessions.

Kindly submit any questions you may have relating to this briefing to [UNFCCC-Budget@unfccc.int](mailto:UNFCCC-Budget@unfccc.int).

Yours sincerely,

*(Signed by)*

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