NOTIFICATION TO PARTIES AND OBSERVER STATES

Invitation to the pre-sessional workshop on the work programme for urgently scaling up mitigation ambition and implementation in this critical decade referred to in paragraph 27 of decision 1/CMA.3

5 November 2022

Further to the previous notification inviting Parties and observer States to the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement to attend the mandated pre-sessional workshop in Sharm el-Sheikh on 5 November 2022 on the work programme for urgently scaling up mitigation ambition and implementation in this critical decade referred to in paragraph 27 of decision 1/CMA.31 I am pleased to provide the following information.

At their fifty-sixth sessions, the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) requested the secretariat to organize this pre-sessional workshop under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA, Tosi Mpanu Mpanu, and the Chair of the SBI, Marianne Karlsen.

The concept note for the pre-sessional workshop can be found in the annex. Further information on the workshop is available at https://unfccc.int/event/pre-sessional-workshop-on-the-work-programme-for-urgently-scaling-up-mitigation-ambition-and.

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1 Available at https://unfccc.int/documents/613851.
In order to provide a safe and healthy environment for all conference participants and the local population, the secretariat and the Government of Egypt strongly recommend that all participants are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to attending the conference.

Information on preparations and logistical arrangements can be found on the host country’s website (https://www.cop27.eg/#/) and at https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/conferences/sharm-el-sheikh-climate-change-conference-november-2022/information-for-cop-27-participants-a-z. These pages will be updated regularly. Any additional information, including on COVID-19-related security measures, will be posted on the UNFCCC website as necessary.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by)

James Grabert
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Mitigation division
Annex

27 October 2022

Concept note by the Chairs of the Subsidiary Bodies for the pre-sessional workshop on the work programme for urgently scaling up mitigation ambition and implementation in this critical decade referred to in paragraph 27 of decision 1/CMA.3

5 November 2022

I. Background

1. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) decided, at its third session, to establish a work programme to urgently scale up mitigation ambition and implementation in this critical decade. The CMA further requested that the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) to recommend a draft decision on this matter for consideration by the CMA at its fourth session, in a manner that complements the global stocktake.2

2. At SB 56 (June 2022), the SBSTA and SBI took note of the constructive discussions held under this joint agenda item during the sessions and agreed to continue work on matters relating to the work programme for urgently scaling up mitigation ambition and implementation in this critical decade at SB57 (November 2022), with a view to recommending a draft decision thereon for consideration and adoption at CMA4. The SBSTA and SBI invited Parties to submit via the submission portal views on the work programme.

3. The SBSTA and SBI have further requested the secretariat to organize, under our guidance, this pre-sessional workshop on the work programme referred to in paragraph 1 above open to all Parties prior to CMA.

II. Pre-sessional Workshop

4. The full-day pre-sessional workshop will be held under our guidance and take place on 5 November 2022 in Sharm el-Sheikh prior to the start of SB57 and convene Parties and Groups of Parties.

5. The pre-sessional workshop on the work programme referred to in paragraph 1 above will be an opportunity for Parties and Groups of Parties to further elaborate views shared during previous discussions and in the submissions.3 We would like the workshop to become a space for open and constructive engagement to continue work on matters related to the work programme while offering a forum to discuss emerging questions and matters in this regard.

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2 https://unfccc.int/documents/460950
3 UNFCCC Submission portal: https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx
6. The workshop will be open to Parties and Groups of Parties. The workshop will be open to representatives of observer organizations registered for COP27 on a non-objection basis.

7. Each session of the workshop has been designed to facilitate greater understanding of the existing views of Parties and Groups of Parties on key elements of the discussion as emerging from the consultations at SB56 on the work programme and from the submissions received from Parties and Groups of Parties, including through interactive elements.

8. Accordingly, we invite Parties and Groups of Parties to join the workshop and continue the constructive engagement on the emerging topics of discussion relating to the work programme, with a view for SBSTA and SBI to prepare and recommend a draft decision on this matter, for consideration and adoption by the CMA.

III. Proposed Agenda/Programme

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<td>Tosi Mpanu-Mpanu</td>
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<td>09:20 – 9:45</td>
<td>Introduction to the workshop and format</td>
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<td>Each session of the workshop will be opened by presentations by select Parties or Groups of Parties followed by discussions on the session’s guiding question, including through interactive elements</td>
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<td>Moderator: Kaveh Guilanpour, Vice President for International Strategies, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions</td>
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<td>Session 1: Vision for the Mitigation Work Programme</td>
<td>Two Presentations by selected Parties or groups of Parties based on the submissions</td>
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<td>How do you see the Mitigation Work Programme contributing to urgently scaling up ambition and implementation in this critical decade?</td>
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**Session 2:**
**Linkages to other UNFCCC processes (Complementarity to GST, High-level Ministerial pre-2030 etc.)**

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| 11:30 – 13:00| Two Presentations by selected Parties or groups of Parties based on the submissions  
Discussion, clarifying questions and interactive session  
**Guiding question for the session**  
How do you see the linkages and complementarities that the Mitigation Work Programme may have with other processes within the UNFCCC process, including in terms of the inputs to and outputs from the Mitigation Work Programme?  
Moderator |
| 13:00 – 14:00| Mid-day Break                                                            |

**Session 3:**
Decision-making, Modalities and Institutional Arrangements

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| 14:00 – 15:30| Two Presentations by selected Parties or groups of Parties based on the submissions  
Discussion, clarifying questions and interactive session  
**Guiding question for the session**  
What are the key elements in terms of modalities, institutional arrangements and decision-making that would need to be in place in order to facilitate scaling up of mitigation ambition and implementation?  
Moderator |
| 15:30 – 15:45| Break                                                                    |

**Session 4:**
Work Areas

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| 15:45 – 17:00| Two Presentations by selected Parties or groups of Parties based on the submissions  
Discussion, clarifying questions and interactive session  
**Guiding question**  
What are the arrangements required to enable the selection of work areas for the Mitigation Work Programme?  
Moderator |

**Session 5:**
Summary Session

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| 17:00 – 17:45| In this session, the moderator will share a summary of the discussions of the day allowing Parties and groups of Parties the opportunity to reflect on what they have heard.  
Moderator |
| 17:45 – 18:00| **Closing**  
Tosi Mpanu-Mpanu  
Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA)  
Marianne Karlsen  
Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) |