

SBSTA plan for 2021: Initial set of informal activities by the SBSTA Chair

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Times shown below are in Central European Summer Time (CEST).

The plan currently proposes activities up to June and is being developed in an iterative manner with built in flexibility for adjustments as lessons are learned and as circumstances change regarding COVID-19 regulations and travel restrictions imposed by governments. The current plan is therefore not a comprehensive list of all matters to be addressed. New topics and activities will continue to be included as the plan is updated.

Proposed activities of the SBSTA until June 2021

Article 6 of the Paris Agreement

(These activities will be conducted in collaboration with the Presidencies)

Submissions: The SBSTA Chair would encourage Parties and admitted observer organizations to make submissions on the upcoming topics of the informal technical expert dialogues.

Informal technical expert dialogues¹: To facilitate the discussions at the dialogues, The SBSTA Chair will provide in advance an information note/notes with background information and synthesis of submissions, agenda and guiding questions on the following topics (exact dates to be determined):

- 19 April 2021 13:00 – 16:00 CEST: Financing for adaptation/Share of Proceeds (Article 6.2 and Article 6.4). Submissions are encouraged by 1 April 2021.
- 20 April 2021 23:00 – 21 April 02:00 CEST: Avoiding double use for outside the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) for Article 6.4. Submissions are encouraged by 1 April 2021.
- 20 May 2021 23:00 – 02:00 (+1 day) CEST and 21 May 2021 13:00 – 16:00 CEST: Ensuring rapid operationalization (Articles 6.2, 6.4, and 6.8). Submissions are encouraged by 1 May 2021.
- 11 June 2021: Enabling ambition in Article 6 instruments. Submissions are encouraged by 1 June 2021.
- 14 June 2021: Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) activity transition to Article 6.4 mechanism. Submissions are encouraged by 1 June 2021.

Matters relating to methodological issues under the Paris Agreement (Transparency)

(These activities will be conducted in collaboration with the Presidencies)

Submissions: The SBSTA Chair would encourage Parties and admitted observer organizations to make further submissions via the submission portal, **by 7 April 2021**, on their further views on:

- The common reporting tables for the electronic reporting of the information in the national inventory reports, including examples and options for the formats and contents of tables, in particular background and sector tables, and options for implementation of flexibility;
- The structured summary, including examples to demonstrate how the proposed format could encompass different types of indicators (both quantitative and qualitative) and facilitate tracking of progress;

¹ Other Article 6 Paris Agreement topics to be covered during 2021 (third quarter) include implementing overall mitigation in global emissions in the 6.4 mechanism, use of Kyoto Protocol units towards NDCs, reporting and accounting for GHG and non GHG in 6.2. Submissions on these topics will be encouraged in due course

- The common tabular formats on financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support, including examples and options for the summary tables, the structure and content of the tables, and how to improve comparability and ensure consistency across specific tables.

Informal technical workshop, in May 2021 (To facilitate the discussion at the workshop, the SBSTA Chair will provide in advance an information note/notes with background information and synthesis of submissions, agenda and guiding questions):

- 5 May 2021 12:00 – 15:00 CEST: Informal technical workshop on transparency under the SBSTA. Part I: Possible options for the CRT of national GHG inventory;
- 6 May 2021 19:00 – 22:00 CEST: Informal technical workshop on transparency under the SBSTA. Part II: Possible options for the CTF of structured summary;
- 7 May 2021 14:30 – 17:30 CEST: Informal technical workshop on transparency under the SBSTA. Part III: Possible options for the CTF of FTC support.

Informal consultations by the SBSTA Chair

- June 2021: informal consultations with Parties to exchange views on experience and lessons learned from the workshop and discussion on possible next steps.

Research and systematic observation

Submissions: The SBSTA Chair would encourage Parties to submit via the submission portal, **by 30 April 2021**, their views on possible topics and considerations for the meetings of the research dialogue to be held in June 2021 and beyond, taking into account previous themes and presentations, the outcomes of previous research dialogue meetings, and the themes suggested for future meetings.

13th meeting of the research dialogues (RD13)

- June 2021: The 13th meeting of the research dialogues.
- To facilitate the discussion at the dialogues, the SBSTA Chair will provide in advance an information note with background information, agenda and guiding questions, as was done in previous research dialogues.

Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change (NWP)

Informal event and meeting

- June 2021: Informal event on the NWP (*Closing adaptation knowledge gaps through partnerships*): Objective will be to showcase the progress made under the NWP in various initiatives such as thematic areas, LAKI and UN Climate Change and Universities Partnership Programme.
- June 2021: Informal meeting by the SBSTA Chair with the UNFCCC constituted bodies, Parties and partners: Objective will be to share the progress under the NWP and convene an informal dialogue to get inputs on how the work under the NWP can be advanced in the lead up to SBSTA 52.

Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP)

Informal event and roundtable

- June 2021: Information event on the LCIPP dedicated web portal. The secretariat will organize this event with the objective of creating awareness about the portal among a wide range of stakeholders, and to catalyze engagement with the portal.
- June 2021: LCIPP Roundtable event to build capacity for engagement.

Cooperation with other international organizations

- June 2021: Information event on cooperation with UN and other IGOs

Proposed activities on joint issues of SBSTA and SBI

Koronivia joint work on agriculture

- 13 April 2021 14:00 – 15:30 CEST: Informal consultations by the SB Chairs

Second periodic review of the long-term global goal under the Convention and of overall progress towards achieving it

- 27 April 2021 04:00 – 05:30 CEST: Informal consultations by the SB Chairs
- Second meeting of the structured expert dialogue (Time to be confirmed)

Informal meeting of the SB Chairs with Observers

- 29 April 2021 15:00 – 16:15 CEST: Informal meeting by the SB Chairs

Matters relating to the impacts of the implementation of response measures

- 18 May 2021 13:30 – 15:30 CEST: Informal Technical Expert Meeting on tools and methodologies for assessing the impacts of the implementation of response measures

Other matters under the SBSTA

The SBSTA Chair will not organize any informal work on matters relating to methodological issues under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol as there are no informal work required to facilitate the preparation for negotiations on these matters at the SBSTA sessions. The Chair will propose his approach for conducting negotiations on these matters in his reflections note to be made available closer to the session. The Chair will consult Parties during the pre-session period to seek feedback on his proposal.

Other meetings of relevant constituted bodies

- 16-19 March 2021: 9th meeting of the Adaptation Committee (AC).
- 20-23 April 2021: 22nd meeting of the Technology Executive Committee (TEC).
- 26 April 2021: Joint session of the TEC and CTCN AB
- 27-29 April 2021: 17th meeting of the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN AB)
- 27-30 April 2021: 13th meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (WIM).
- 25-27 May and 1-2 June 2021: 4th meeting of the Katowice Committee on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures (KCI).
- 21-24 June 2021: 5th Meeting of the Facilitative Working Group (FWG5) of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP).