



**INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS AT THE ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS AMONG PARTIES FOR
ARTICLE 6 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT
SBSTA ITEMS 11 A TO C**

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Mandate:

Pursuant to paragraphs 106, 115 and 124 of FCCC/SBSTA/2017/4 (SBSTA 46 report) the secretariat, under the guidance of the SBSTA Chair, is requested to organize a round-table discussion among Parties in respect of each of the following:

- 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; and
- c. The work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement.

Logistics information:

To minimize clashes with other pre-sessional events, the round-table discussions will take place in the following order and at the following times (please note the non-sequential ordering):

- a. **Article 6.4 (SBSTA item 11 (b)) 3 hours on 4 November 2017, 10:00-13:00**
- b. **Article 6.2 (SBSTA item 11 (a)) 3 hours on 5 November 2017, 08:00-11:00**
- c. **Article 6.8 (SBSTA item 11 (c)) 3 hours on 5 November 2017, 14:00-17:00**

The room provisionally allocated for these events is **Genf/Geneva, in the World Conference Center**, Bonn, Germany. However, please check the daily programme or CCTV on the days of the events to confirm the location, as the location may change at short notice.

Format of each round-table discussion:

Each round-table discussion will be a single large table setting. Each event is open to Parties only. While there are no limitations on attendance by Parties, we request that all Parties ensure that all Parties that wish to can join the table, by limiting the number of representatives from each Party at the table to one representative. There will be further rows of seats behind the single large table.

Method for each round-table discussion:

Each round-table will be organized around short presentations from Groups (and, where necessary, Parties) on their submissions¹, focused on the questions to be published by the SBSTA Chair (see below). The format will be comprised of short Group (or Party) presentations (maximum 10 minutes each), with around half of the time for each round-table (1.5 hours) being allocated to presentations overall. This will be followed by opportunities for other Parties to ask questions/discussions, for the

¹<http://www4.unfccc.int/submissions/SitePages/sessions.aspx?showOnlyCurrentCalls=1&populateData=1&expectedsubmissionfrom=Parties&focalBodies=SBSTA>



other half of the time (1.5 hours). Thus, to the extent possible, the time at each round-table will be divided equally between presentations and questions/discussions, to ensure the maximum interaction possible between Parties.

Groups (and Parties) wishing to make presentations should inform the secretariat at the usual email address: Paris-Agreement-Article-6@unfccc.int by **no later than 20th October 2017** of the following:

- a. On which of SBSTA 11 (a), (b) and/or (c) an opportunity to make a presentation is requested;
- b. The name of the Group (or Party); and
- c. Who will make the presentation (name of person and email address).

The SBSTA Chair will manage requests from Groups (or Parties) where the total number of requests to make presentations exceeds the available time (noting that half (1.5 hours) of each round-table is for questions/discussions and half (1.5 hours) for presentations). In this case, presentations by Groups of Parties will be prioritized over presentations by Parties, in order to get the fullest possible understanding of convergence on issues and areas where further work is required. After the prioritization of Groups, the list of Parties able to make presentations will be determined by the SBSTA Chair on a first-come-first-served basis, within the time allotted in each round-table for presentations (1.5 hours).

On **20th October 2017**, the SBSTA Chair will publish guiding questions for the Groups (or Parties) wishing to make presentations to respond to during their presentations. The questions will be based on issues included in the submissions and will have a technical focus. These will be published on the UNFCCC cooperative implementation website (http://unfccc.int/paris_agreement/items/10143.php).

Short presentations, responding to the guiding questions from the SBSTA Chair, should be submitted in PowerPoint/word and pdf form to the secretariat at the usual email address: Paris-Agreement-Article-6@unfccc.int by **no later than 27th October 2017**. These will be published on the UNFCCC cooperative implementation webpages (http://unfccc.int/paris_agreement/items/10143.php) in order to allow for review by other Parties prior to the round-table discussions.

The speaking order will be notified to presenting Groups (and Parties) prior to the start of the round-table events. It will be essential that each presentation keeps to its allotted time (10 minutes maximum) in order that as many Groups (and Parties) can make presentations as possible. As noted above, the SBSTA Chair will prioritize presentations by Groups of Parties over presentations by Parties where time so requires, in order to get the fullest possible understanding of convergence on issues and areas where further work is required.

Should you have questions about the round-tables please email Paris-Agreement-Article-6@unfccc.int.

We look forward to welcoming you to Bonn,

Your Paris Agreement Article 6 team, UNFCCC.