

Engagement of national designated entities in TEC open-ended activity groups

To ensure balanced participation, the following option is proposed:

- (a) A NDE may participate in **only one** TEC open-ended activity group;
- (b) NDEs will act as **thematic experts** and may not delegate their participation in TEC activity groups to other members of their organization;
- (c) Engagement will be **limited to a maximum of two** NDEs per open-ended activity group, **one** NDE from an Annex I Party and **one** NDE from a Non-Annex I Party.

The following process for engaging NDEs is proposed:

- (a) The secretariat will **notify all NDEs** regarding the TEC's ongoing workplan activities for 2026–2027 and **invite expressions of interest** from those wishing to contribute to activity implementation. NDEs will be asked to indicate their interest and relevant expertise via an online form;
- (b) The secretariat **will compile and communicate** this information to the **TEC Chair and Vice-Chair**, who will then agree on which NDEs to the open-ended activity groups and **inform the TEC co-leads** of the NDEs' willingness to participate in open-ended activity groups;
- (c) If **only a single NDE expresses** interest in joining at specific open-ended activity group, **participation will be deferred** until there is a **balance** of a Non-annex I and Annex I NDE in each group.

The NDE's will **remain a member** of the open-ended activity group **until the completion** of the 2023–2027 rolling workplan.

