

Informal Dialogue on Response Measures

*****Draft Agenda*****

Speakers are being confirmed

Date: September 1, 2018

Start time: 10:30 am

Location: Royal Princess Larn Luang, Bangkok, 269 Larn Luang Road, Pomprab, Bangkok 10100, Thailand

Project Background and approach

The new climate change agreement, agreed in Paris in December 2015, is to be further defined by the Conference of Parties, with the work programme being concluded at COP 24 in Katowice.

Article 4.15 of the PA covers the forum on response measures under the PA whose functions, work programme, and modalities and procedures are being developed. Presently, the improved forum continues its current work programme under the joint SBI and SBSTA leadership. Both are extremely important issues, with a SBI/SBSTA recommendation to the CMA, according to para. 34 of 1/CP.21 to be considered in Katowice. At the same time the review of the improved forum is to take place.

This meeting is part of the "Informal dialogue on Response Measures" project, an independent initiative aimed at creating an informal dialogue where the participants can explore, discover, explain and understand different points of view related to the issues in Article 4.15 of the Paris Agreement. The objective is to further understanding of the options available to define functions, modalities and work programme of the Forum under the Paris Agreement, as well as the consequences of adopting each option. The Informal Dialogue will also be a place where substantive issues that have not been included in the Agenda of the Informal Forum can be discussed.

What is also very important is, to the extent that participants are willing to explain, to understand the different views, and more importantly, WHY these views are held. The discussions will be free and informal.

Discussions are generally started with a presentation and launched with reflections from the participating negotiators. Discussions will be held under Chatham House rules (views expressed can be quoted but cannot be attributed to any of the participants). At the end of each meeting we will not produce summaries, but possibly a short paper, with what the Chair took back from the discussions.

Above all, this process is totally separated from the UNFCCC negotiating process. It has no standing. There is no intention, or mandate, to produce any text, or negotiate an outcome. Participants are invited in their personal capacity, without nameplates or name tags. This is simply a process to allow for discussions in an informal setting of issues that participants want to have a better understanding related to views and specific issues, and above all, to the extent possible, WHY. Sometimes issues may come up in the course of the formal discussions and sometimes they may

simply be issues that participants want to explore.

10:30 Welcome

- Andrei Marcu, ERCST

10:45 Providing information on response measures

- H. Al HArthi, KSA
- E. Reyes, Panama
- K. Bacher, USA
- A. Mensah, Ghana

This section of the meeting will be dedicated to learning from the experience of developing countries on their reporting on response measures as outlined in decision 2/CP17 under biennial reporting. A number of presenters will present their country submissions, and their experiences and methodology in undertaking this exercise.

13:00 Lunch

14:15 Afternoon session – summary of morning session

- A. Marcu, ERCST

15:45 UNFCCC in the international context: Capabilities and cooperation

Presentations

- H. Pacini, UNCTAD
- C. Martinez, ILO
- A. Cosby, Sr. Advisor ERCST

Reactions

- P. Govindasamy, Singapore
- J. Werksman, EU
- M. Pillay, S. Africa
- A. Bagasra, NZ

This discussion is meant to explore the relative mandates and capabilities of the UNFCCC and its Forum on Response Measures, and various other international bodies charged with related mandates. It will look for synergies and possible areas of cooperation that could help advance the work of the Forum.

16:10 Revised Informal text of the Chairs: way forward?

Presentation: A. Marcu, ERCST

Initial interventions

- S. Turnbull, Australia
- E. Havnevik Giske, Norway
- F. Onduri, Uganda
- S. West, EU
- K. Bacher, USA
- S. Ali, Maldives

On March 17, 2018, in preparation for SB 48, the Chairs of SBI and SBSTA produced an “Informal Document by the co Chairs” based on the submissions by Parties and Informal Note by the co-facilitators on the “Modalities, work programme and functions under the Paris Agreement of the forum of the impacts of the implementation of response measures from SB47.

Based on the discussions at SB48, the co Facilitators produced a “Revised draft elements of the modalities, work programme and functions of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures under the Paris Agreement”.

Due to time constraints, as the SB were coming to a close, and SB Conclusions needed to be negotiated, Parties only engaged in discussions on this document, but additional discussions are clearly needed. This session will be an opportunity to get reactions from Parties, likes and dislikes, as well as how they see the way forward during the Bangkok session, and beyond.

Two issues should be especially addressed. Firstly, 1/CP.21 states that the “Forum on the Impact of the Implementation of response measures, under the subsidiary bodies, shall continue, and shall serve the Agreement”.

While the work programme of the IF ends at SB 49, the work programme of the Forum serving the PA (FPA) is still being negotiated and is supposed to be decided in Katowice. However, the level of granularity of the work programme of the FPA is still unclear, as is its practical operational start date.

This session provides an opportunity to discuss, in an informal setting, what different options may be available to ensure that there is no gap in the functioning of the Forum on Response Measures and how the IF and the FPA work programmes will ensure continuity and will relate to the respective bodies.

As a second item, it is important to identify what are the linkages between response measures and other items under PAWP. Some of the linkages may include transparency, global stock take, compliance and Article 6 – this is not meant to be a definitive list, but a starting point to discuss pro/cons and realities; are there linkages, where is the work done, what is needed to be completed in Katowice, how do different work streams cooperate, etc.

There will be an initial presentation by the Andrei Marcu, followed by a number of short (5 min)

interventions to start the discussions with the participants.

18:10 Closing remarks and End of Meeting

- A. Marcu, ICTSD/ERCST