

Informal Dialogue on Response Measures

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

Speakers are being confirmed

Date: 28 April 2018

Start time: 13:00 (Lunch with meeting beginning at 14:00)

Location: La Redoute, Bonn, Kurfürstenallee 1, Bad Godesberg, 53177 Bonn

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, while the improved forum continues its 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 atmosphere 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.

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.

A number of countries have expressed support for this project and we are finalizing financial support, which we hope to announce at the meeting.

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Welcome & outline of the Agenda

- A. Marcu, ERCST

14:10 Discussion of the “Draft Elements” document

- A. Tawfiq, Saudi Arabia
- S. Turnbull, Australia
- M. Olander, EU
- A. Tutuah Mensah, Ghana

This discussion is meant to provide the opportunity if participants would like to comment on the document “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” issued by the Chairs of SBI &. The “ice breakers” will have 10 min max each to comment on any issues in the three areas of the text

These initial interventions will be followed by a moderated roundtable discussion between the participants.

15:20 Other issues: how various work streams coordinate

- K. Bacher, USA
- A. Shareef, Maldives

This section will elaborate on how different activities related to the work on response measures complements each. For example, how the two processes that are currently moving – CMA decision on the forum under the PA and the review of the improved forum – work together.

15:50 Just transition, economic diversification & trade

Framing the discussion: **A. Cosbey, Small World Consulting**

- T. Chruszczow, Poland
- E. Havenik Giske, Norway
- P. Godvindasamy, Singapore
- L. Assuncao, UNCTAD
- A. Romero, Chile

Just transition and economic diversification are important issues related to response measures and have been to some extent discussed. Trade has been one of the contentious issues in discussions under response measures, but with little substance being discussed. This is an opportunity to discuss these and other, with emphasis on the substance of those issues, and why they need to be brought up under this topic.

17:50 **Issues for discussion at future meetings**

18:00 **Closing remarks and End of Meeting**

- A. Marcu, ERCST