

ERCST “Informal Dialogue on Response Measures”

June 15, 2019, Bonn, Germany

Agenda

Date: June 15, 2019

Start time: 9h30

Location: Hilton Hotel, Berliner Freiheit 2, 53111, Bonn, Germany

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 an 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 understand 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 will generally start with a presentation, 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.

- 09:30** **Welcome**
- A. Marcu, ERCST

- 09:45** **“Reporting on Response Measures under Biennial Update Reporting – Case Study on Chile”**

Response measures (RM) give rise to a large variety of concerns. These include socio economic impacts. Understanding these concerns is fundamental when assessing the sustainability of the transition to a low GHG global economy, as stakeholders with concerns that are not taken into account can potentially play a strong role in slowing down a sustainable transition.

Yet, while there has been considerable debate on how to achieve this, currently there is a lack of empirical studies to provide substance to the UNFCCC discussions on response measures, and few empirically-grounded models of how parties should fulfill their reporting obligations with respect to the impacts of the implementation of response measures. The aim of this study is to provide and test a methodology which assesses and analyses the adverse, and unintended impacts of existing, and emerging, climate change mitigation measures and policies, coming from both foreign jurisdictions, and international policies. This will be achieved by identifying key vulnerable sectors, and relevant response measures.

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Presentation: A. Marcu & A. Cosbey, ERCST

Reactions:

- A. Shareef, Maldives
- A. Mensah, Ghana
- K. Bacher & R. Adler Miserendino

- 12:15** **The forum on the impacts of the implementation of response measures and its Katowice Committee of Experts**

This section of the workshop will provide an opportunity to discuss the outcomes of the KCI discussions and see how the Informal Dialogue can contribute to the work of the Committee and the Forum. This is meant as an informal dialogue and roundtable discussion.

- T. Albara, S. Arabia
- P. Govindasamy, Singapore
- S. West, EU

- 12:45** **Conclusions and end of meeting**

- 13:00** **Lunch**

List of Participants

Country	First Name	Last Name
Algeria	Kamal	Djemouai
Australia	Steven	Turnbull
ERCST	Andrei	Marcu
ERCST	Aaron	Cosbey
ERCST	Maria Antonia	Reis Teixeira da Costa
European Union	Stuart	West
Ghana	Angelina	Mensah
Maldives	Ali	Shareef
Norway	Stig	Svenningsen
Poland	Tomasz	Chruszczow
Saudi Arabia	Omer	Almulhem
Saudi Arabia	Mohammed	Alakil
Sierra Leone	Alpha	Bockari
Singapore	Owen	Khong
Singapore	Peter	Govindasamy
South Africa	Happy	Khambule
South Africa	Pemy	Gasela
South Africa	Phillip	Mtsweni
South Africa	Sibusiso	Jama
UNFCCC	William Kojo	Agyemang-Bonsu
USA	Kathryn	Bacher
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