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Sharm El-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security - informal consultation SBSTA 10/SBI 10. November 12, 2024 at 10am (in MR 26)

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Formal consultation on the Sharm-el Sheik ("SeS") joint work and implementation of climate action and agriculture and food security here at SB61

Introduction of new co-facilitator: Claudia Heidecke - Works at a climate action group in Germany. First time as a co-facilitator. Other facilitator has been doing this for a while.

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Brief introductory remarks on context and framing

We remind you and also ourselves to play a role in maintaining a respectful atmosphere where differences of views are respected. Co-facilitators will intervene if we sense a compromise of someone's dignity or when the conversations take on unconstructive turn or disrespectful note. Please also remember the code of conduct applies to all participants at the session both inside and outside the negotiation rooms.

We received direction from SBI/SBSTA chairs to produce a text directly after this first meeting if possible and feasible. We therefore hope that you will be in agreement for us to capture your views in our first draft right away following this first meeting so that you may have time to reflect and so that we can collectively improve throughout the week.

In terms of the virtual platform that is established, I would like to remind you that the secretariat is providing participants a platform and the mobile app and you can use the platform to watch meetings that allow virtual participation however joining the discussions via the virtual platform is really very limited and limited only to exceptional cases.

Please we ask you to refer to detailed information communicated to all parties and to all delegates by the secretariat regarding the participation of observers. Let me remind you that the SBSTA/SBI chairs have previously recommended that where there is no contact group for an agenda item, at least that the first and last meeting of informal consultation these may be open to admitted observers. Moreover, we heard the appeal of the SB chairs at the opening plenary last night for full transparency and inclusivity in our work plan. With the chairs' guidance provided at the plenary to allow all informal consultations to be open to observers wherever possible we would like to suggest them that we maintain all meetings of the informal consultations open to observers so let me take a moment to now wherever any party object to this proposal meeting. → No Objections.

More housekeeping

COP asked SBI/SBSTA to establish this joint work and an online portal for sharing information on innovative policies.

There are a few steps between now and SB62. We have a busy really really busy schedule so let me remind you in particular that submissions from parties and observers are expected by the 1st of March 2025 on the workshop on systemic and holistic approaches to implementation. Probably talk to someone agriculture food systems and food security, understanding cooperation and integration into plans—and we know where that is from right—through these submissions you will be able to share your views on the subject of that workshop, options for its format and suggested speakers. But to start with as part of the road map agreed during SB60, the secretariat is expected to make a presentation on the SeS online portal here in Baku. We propose to start this presentation and to give the floor to the parties afterwards. Let me let me pause to ask if this proposal is agreeable to all parties. → No objections

Invites the secretariat to proceed with the presentation of the online portal.

SECRETARIAT REPRESENTATIVE (Pierre Brender)

[He walked through this presentation: <https://unfccc.int/documents/643163>]

In SB60, you asked the secretariat to prepare a presentation on the online portal, which is already currently available and then provide example of functionalities of existing UNFCCC online portals that could be relevant for sharing information on project initiative or policies.

Decision 3.CP 27, two years ago you decided to establish a challenge online portal under the joint work for SeS on projects, initiatives, and policies for increasing opportunity for implementation of climate action to address issues related to agriculture and food security. Further in SB60, you requested the secretariat to develop the online portal in accordance with the finance specified in the annex. This included first development ahead of this session and presentation of the portal here, which I'm just doing now. Then further development after this session.

So you can access the portal for instance by scanning this QR code. I'll pause briefly but you will have the clear code afterwards as well.

<https://unfccc.int/topics/land-use/workstreams/agriculture/sharm-el-sheikh-online-portal>

The SeS online portal is nested under the land use topic page of the UNFCCC website on agriculture and food security so the sectoral page under which it is nested provides easy

access to link to relevant document presentation and workshops related to previous activity undertaken by the conference of the party and its subsidiary bodies.

The portal itself at the moment has simple entry points captured submissions of information on projects, initiatives, and policies -- for increasing opportunity for implementation of climate action to address issues related to agriculture and food securities.

So far, the way it is designed is that we have an accordion on the page to group submission by parties on the one hand, intergovernmental organizations, and finally nongovernmental organizations, to follow what is done on the main submission portal of the UNFCCC.

The procedure of submission is explained on the page. At the moment, it basically requires you to share the documents you want us to include through e-mail to the address mentioned here. So far, we have received 1 submission from a non governmental organization. If we look at it, you can see here with this zoom here that's currently the way that submissions appear, so in the partner admitted nongovernmental organization and other non admitted entities, use this entry from one NGO. I will continue, but happy to answer any question later. So now, this brief presentation here is to provide you some examples of functionalities of existing UNFCCC online portals in case you find some of those example useful for your discussion. So they are really examples presenting how submission of information has been classified in other UNFCCC portals. Provide examples of our register of events. All portals have functionalities like registration/submission procedures. There are features related to updates, news, social media -- as well as translation.

Clearly, these few slides here are not exhaustive. They capture example functionality that could be replicated or subject to the availability of and then shared resources

Use the functionality embedded in the main UNFCCC portal -- in terms of structure of information and tags and repeated for additional sites, so for instance -- the capacity building portal is using that as a way of structuring information and similarly in one of the search function of the TPR with results sorted by relevance or date but based on the Google search external search

There are portal-specific filter searches that have been developed for other UNFCCC portals.

- For instance, for project addition and mitigation stream
- For instance, for the web platform as another example. Sorting of information is first by country from parties, other submitting entities with the keyword presets, the site still classify information in the adaptation knowledge portal so you have filters that

are made available by adaptation sector by team by adaptation elements climate hazards consider region and type of information

- you have also a range of additional functionality related to specific filter and search functions so for instance in the number registry are further filtered for regional scope, sector, technology type, type of required financial support.
- A global climate action portal, there are filters by type of actors sites as well as the type of engagement transformation to filter by progress tracking and theme
- The CDM portal: there are filters by date range of submission, document type, type of position as function. You have the possibility to search only in the title of the project, alternative options classification of range of UNFCCC portal of maps
- so for instance for the global climate action portal doctors are listed page to show for which country report is available and can be accessed directly from the map for the non mitigation approach platform. Non market approaches and support available here

Registration.

- Look at the REDD+ Website. Was established by decision and then some other offer functionality to selected users only so more resource and functionality for instance for tech member on TTP national focal point section of the NAMA platform
- Some use online forms to capture details, some have information sent by email. Like the SJWA for example where there is an email contact but no details.

Collaboration functions

- Look at REDD+ platform
- Co-editing
 - Relevant stakeholders and focal points can directly add relevant information to a country page. The secretariat can help.

Match-making

- Seek support, announce resources,
- Regular updates
 - RSS Feed
 - Newsletters

- Email lists
- Social platforms like Facebook, twitter, and LinkedIn.
- A few of the portals offer translation possibilities.
 - NAP is written in English, but you can use google translate on the page
 - Capacity-building portal has resources in multiple languages.
- But its function comes with specific challenges. So for registration procedures for instance how to deal with contact persons that are no longer reachable and I mean beyond what is proposed currently now the UNFCCC portal of course. Other functions would be to add tools, This should not be limited, please so an example may be something you could think about
- Question for you is probably which function are useful for the purpose that parties see in the portal is it already done with what we have now and a reminder that the current version of the portal can be absorbed by existing resources but any work on developing and implementing and supporting additional functions will require supplementary resources.

Floor is open

Kenya - Thanks Co-facilitator, Welcome Claudia, you can count on our support. Congrats to Secretariat on developing the online portal. You have raised a number of things there that are interesting. G77 will review them. We will coordinate at 12 and we would like the slides for our discussion. G77 supports this work, but we will have questions for clarification after our coordination at 12.

Yemen - interesting. We would like the slides so we can follow up. We have seen have seen many websites. There are 100s of websites. It would be great if there were guidelines about how to use them all and which fits best for different needs.

Sudan - Thank the secretariat for working on the portal. As we all discussed, it is important to highlight some of these issues. This portal is only for information sharing on projects, initiatives, policies. I didn't see anything about outcomes, projects, or initiatives. We need to see those key issues. But also make it more simple. Add a column for countries. We should be able to search by country and then see their initiatives and projects by country. Need good searching. Make it simple and easy to update. Agriculture and food security is in our hearts. We welcome the new co-facilitator.

Tunisia - Welcome to new co-facilitator and thanks/congrats to secretariat for the establishment of the online portal. My request is to find a consensus quickly on this issue. We are worried about the availability of financial resources on this project. There is a

Egypt - GM everyone. Happy to see you all again, and welcome new co-facilitator. Thank you for the online portal. We have fought for it for two years. But just to complement on Tunisia - more clarification on the financial resources. What is the availability of the portal? Who can post? Can small scale farmers make submissions? Also about the scope, it might be complicated to put other languages but if you could at least put the main UN languages or a tab for google translate. Main issues are accessibility and finances.

EU - thank you secretary for providing us with this very useful presentation and welcome our new conciliator Claudia who well known amongst all of you will. We will support her as we do with all co-facilitators. For the EU, what we would like to underline what our colleague from South Sudan said -- it should be simple but we should have if possible links to all those other portals and databases that we have seen already. I'm pretty sure not all are aware of all of those portals and databases and how to use them. But it's a good reminder for ourselves also to see that there's a lot already out there and that we shouldn't duplicate what is already there.

Fiji - TY on behalf of PSIDS (who is with the G77). TY to secretariat and welcome to Claudia. The portal will only be as good as what is in it. I hope the quality of information that we can capture is good. The first step towards progress to implementation is learning from each other about what we can accomplish. Hopefully the work done in the workshops and in Koronivia will be good - we look forward to seeing the submissions.

New Zealand - TY secretariat for the presentation and portals. Calls for accessibility and simplicity to drive action for farmers on the ground so we can implement better projects for farmers. We need to support innovation. Acknowledges traditional knowledge and the transition to sustainable agriculture. Important work across the conventions and the portal should acknowledge that.

Australia - we really appreciate all of the other portals that are out there and all their sort of functionality but I think I would agree with the number of parties we've already spoken about achieving accessibility and simplicity minimizing complexity and I think using the opportunity over the next few months just to test the functionality so have the portal open to submissions for workshops and to then at that later point which we have in our road map to be able to be prepared to come and have a discussion upon about how things worked and what kind of features maybe would be beneficial to consider adding

USA - it's great to see you all and we want to thank our secretariat for this very useful presentation and echo the request to share the slides. I think that would be very useful to refine our discussion and questions we've already heard some very good requests for clarification on the financial resources available and translation for accessibility, which is very important and we echo the call for simplicity and the importance of recognizing that many of the other portals highlighted in this presentation have functions that we could potentially make use of random duplicating and then I also want to strongly echo the point made by our colleagues in Fiji about making sure there is high quality information.

South Africa - We would like to take this opportunity to align with Kenya on behalf of G77. We appreciate the presentation. Echo support for issues raised by Tunisia and South Sudan. We are here to make sure this benefits the farmers on the ground. We need more time to reflect on the presentation to think about user friendliness. Is it easy to learn? To understand? Highlight importance of financial resources.

Japan – *[He spoke very fast because it was already past time so he was hard to understand]*
TY welcome successful outcome of the June meeting. Since the last meeting. ...
International climate scheme? Align with carbon market? as well as aligning with previous speakers

Switzerland - TY secretariat welcome to Claudia. I would just like to say that it is central that we think about how we want to contribute to the portal and how we would like to use it. And we need to start making contributions.

UK - TY Secretariat. UK is pleased that we are taking this first step -- might benefit from waiting for more submissions to be uploaded or having an informed discussion about any improvements we might want to make thank you thank you

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OK we have to we have to close. We will continue the list of speakers at our next session. We hear the views of the parties. We will circulate the presentation.

Our next IC is scheduled for tomorrow Wednesday November 13th at 12:00 in meeting room 4