

Decision 15/CP.25

Terms of reference for the review of the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 17/CP.22 and decision 17/CMA.1, in which it was decided that efforts related to the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement should be referred to as Action for Climate Empowerment,

Reaffirming the importance of all elements of Article 6 of the Convention and of Article 12 of the Paris Agreement – education, training, public awareness, public participation and public access to information, and international cooperation – for the implementation of the ultimate objective of the Convention and the Paris Agreement, respectively,

Also reaffirming the key role that a broad range of stakeholders, inter alia, national governments, regions as applicable, cities, education and cultural institutions, museums, the private sector, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, international organizations, decision makers, scientists, the media, teachers, youth, women and indigenous peoples, play in ensuring Action for Climate Empowerment,

1. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its fifty-second session (June 2020), to launch the review of the implementation of the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention on the basis of the terms of reference contained in the annex, and to consider future work to enhance the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement, following the review of the Doha work programme, and to prepare a draft decision for consideration and adoption at the twenty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2020);
2. *Invites* Parties, observer organizations and other stakeholders to submit, via the submission portal¹ by 15 February 2020, information on steps taken to implement the Doha work programme and in relation to Action for Climate Empowerment, including activities and results, best practices, lessons learned and emerging gaps and needs, as well as recommendations and views on future work to enhance the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement;
3. *Also invites* United Nations organizations, in particular the members of the United Nations Alliance on Climate Change Education, Training and Public Awareness, observer organizations and other stakeholders to submit, via the submission portal² by 15 February 2020, information on their activities to support the implementation of the Doha work programme and Action for Climate Empowerment, as well as recommendations and views on future work to enhance the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement;
4. *Further invites* Parties and observer organizations to submit via the submission portal by 15 February 2020, their views on the agenda for the 8th in-session Dialogue on Action for Climate Empowerment, which will advance the discussions on ways to enhance the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement, following the review of the Doha work programme;
5. *Requests* the secretariat to organize the 8th in-session Dialogue on Action for Climate Empowerment in 2020 to advance the discussions on recommendations and views on future work to enhance the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement;

¹ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

² As footnote 1 above.

6. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in the annex;
7. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

Annex

Terms of reference for the review of the implementation of the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention

I. Mandate

1. At its eighteenth session, the Conference of the Parties (COP) adopted the eight-year Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention and decided that it would be reviewed in 2020, with an intermediate review of progress in 2016, to evaluate its effectiveness, identify any emerging gaps and needs, and inform any decisions on improving the effectiveness of the work programme, as appropriate.¹
2. At the same session, the COP requested the secretariat to prepare reports on the progress made by Parties in implementing Article 6 of the Convention based on information contained in national communications, reports on the annual in-session Dialogue on Action for Climate Empowerment² and other sources of information, including a report on good practices of stakeholder participation in implementing Article 6 activities.³ The report on progress made in implementing the Doha work programme⁴ was issued for the intermediate progress review in 2016.
3. The COP was invited⁵ by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement to also include efforts related to the implementation of Article 12 of the Paris Agreement when reviewing the Doha work programme in accordance with decision 15/CP.18.

II. Objectives

4. With a view to encouraging improvement based on experience, the objectives of the review of the implementation of the Doha work programme are:
 - (a) To take stock of the progress made in the implementation of the Doha work programme and Action for Climate Empowerment to date, noting that this work is still ongoing;
 - (b) To evaluate its effectiveness and identify essential needs, emerging gaps in and barriers to the implementation of the Doha work programme;
 - (c) To identify good practices and lessons learned with a view to their dissemination, promotion and replication, as appropriate;
 - (d) To identify recommendations and possible further actions on enhancing the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement, with regard to future work on Action for Climate Empowerment, following the review of the Doha work programme.

III. Information sources

5. Information for the review of the Doha work programme should be drawn from, inter alia:

¹ Decision 15/CP.18, paras. 1–2.

² Reports available at <https://unfccc.int/topics/education-and-outreach/the-big-picture/education-and-outreach-in-the-negotiations/negotiations-on-article-6-of-the-convention-decisions-and-reports>.

³ Decision 15/CP.18, annex, para. 35(a).

⁴ FCCC/SBI/2016/6.

⁵ Decision 17/CMA.1, para. 2.

- (a) Reports and outcomes of the annual in-session Dialogue on Action for Climate Empowerment, which has been conducted under the Doha work programme since 2013;
- (b) Information submitted by Parties, observer organizations and other stakeholders in response to the invitations contained in paragraphs 2–3 of this decision;
- (c) The outcomes of the Action for Climate Empowerment workshop held at the forty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI)⁶ and the Action for Climate Empowerment youth forum organized on 29 April 2018;⁷
- (d) National communications and other relevant national reports;
- (e) Relevant information and resource materials from United Nations organizations, in particular the members of the United Nations Alliance on Climate Change Education, Training and Public Awareness;
- (f) Relevant information developed under Article 12 of the Paris Agreement, including the integration of Action for Climate Empowerment into climate change policies, as well as information on the development and implementation of national strategies on Action for Climate Empowerment.⁸

IV. Modalities of review and expected outcomes

6. Drawing upon the information sources listed in paragraph 5 above, the secretariat will prepare for consideration at SBI 52 (June 2020):

- (a) A synthesis report on the progress made and effectiveness, as well as emerging gaps, needs and recommendations from Parties, observer organizations and other stakeholders, in implementing the Doha work programme and Action for Climate Empowerment;
- (b) An information note, presenting options and ways, on future work to enhance the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement following the review of the Doha work programme.

7. In its review of the implementation of the Doha work programme, SBI 52 will consider the documents listed in paragraph 6 above and any other information relevant to the completion of the review, including the information referred to in paragraph 5 above.

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⁶ See <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Action%20for%20Climate%20Empowerment%20Workshop%20outcomes.pdf>.

⁷ See https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/180505_Outcomes%20AYF%20-%20Final.pdf.

⁸ Decision 17/CMA.1, paras. 5–6.