

Decision 17/CP.22

Improving the effectiveness of the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Articles 4 and 6 of the Convention,

Also recalling decisions 15/CP.18, 19/CP.20 and 15/CP.21,

Further recalling Article 12 of the Paris Agreement, which states that Parties shall cooperate in taking measures, as appropriate, to enhance climate change education, training, public awareness, public participation and public access to information, recognizing the importance of these steps with respect to enhancing climate change adaptation and mitigation actions under the Agreement,

Recognizing that ensuring the availability of sufficient financial and technical resources continues to be a challenge for the adequate implementation of Article 6 of the Convention for all Parties, particularly developing country Parties,

Reaffirming the key role that youth, women and civil society organizations play in the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention,

Acknowledging the valuable support provided by international organizations, including the members of the United Nations Alliance on Climate Change Education, Training and Public Awareness, in strengthening international cooperation to scale up all elements of Article 6 of the Convention, including through the implementation of regional, national and local projects,

Having completed the intermediate review of the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention,

1. *Recognizes* that progress has been made by Parties and other relevant stakeholders in planning, coordinating and implementing climate change education, training, public awareness, public participation and public access to information, as well as international cooperation on these matters;
2. *Encourages* Parties to continue to promote the systematic integration of gender-sensitive and participatory education, training, public awareness, public participation and public access to information into all mitigation and adaptation activities implemented under the Convention, as well as under the Paris Agreement, including into the implementation of their nationally determined contributions and the formulation of long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies;
3. *Also encourages* Parties to foster the participation of relevant stakeholders in all mitigation and adaptation activities implemented under the Convention;
4. *Urges* Parties, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, academia, research institutions, the private sector, state and local governments and youth to continue to implement policies and activities pursuant to Article 6 of the Convention;
5. *Invites* Parties to enhance cross-sectoral coordination among all ministries dealing with climate change and ministries with responsibilities for education, training, public awareness and international cooperation;

6. *Encourages* Parties to submit information as part of their national communications, and where possible in other reporting under the Convention, on their actions taken to implement the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention and to share their experiences and best practices for the purpose of reviewing the Doha work programme in 2020, noting that the six elements of Article 6 of the Convention provide a useful guide for such reporting;
7. *Also encourages* Parties that have not already done so to designate a national focal point for Article 6 of the Convention and to inform the secretariat accordingly;
8. *Welcomes* the initiative of the Government of Morocco, as the host of the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties and the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, to organize an education day during those sessions;
9. *Encourages* the presidencies of subsequent sessions to hold similar thematic events related to Article 6 of the Convention to that referred to in paragraph 8 above;
10. *Invites* multilateral and bilateral institutions and organizations, including operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, to provide, or to continue to provide, financial resources to support activities related to the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention;
11. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to continue to provide financial resources to Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, in particular African countries, the least developed countries and small island developing States, in order to support activities related to the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention;
12. *Invites* relevant international organizations, including United Nations organizations, such as the members of the United Nations Alliance on Climate Change Education, Training and Public Awareness, and the United Nations regional commissions, to continue supporting Parties and stakeholders in the implementation of the Doha work programme by:
 - (a) Organizing regional and subregional multi-stakeholder workshops on Article 6 of the Convention to facilitate a regular exchange of views, good practices and lessons learned;
 - (b) Providing technical and financial support for enhancing the implementation of the Doha work programme;
 - (c) Supporting the development of national strategies on Article 6 of the Convention;
 - (d) Disseminating information and resource materials, as well as good practices, on the six elements of Article 6 of the Convention;
13. *Requests* the secretariat:
 - (a) To continue facilitating a regular exchange of views, good practices and lessons learned among the national focal points for Article 6 of the Convention;
 - (b) To organize workshops, videoconferences and activities at the international and regional levels in order to build and strengthen the existing skills and capacity of the national focal points for Article 6 of the Convention, taking into account opportunities to integrate such efforts into workshops held by relevant bodies under the Convention;
 - (c) To explore ways to develop linkages, synergies and alignment with technical assistance activities being organized in the context of the work of relevant bodies under the Convention, including the in-session Dialogues on Action for Climate Empowerment;

(d) To continue collaborating with admitted observer organizations, other stakeholders and international organizations, such as the members of the United Nations Alliance on Climate Change Education, Training and Public Awareness, with a view to catalysing further action in fulfilment of Article 6 of the Convention;

(e) To continue its work on the United Nations Joint Framework Initiative on Children, Youth and Climate Change in order to enhance the involvement and participation of youth in activities related to Article 6 of the Convention;

(f) To cease the maintenance and development of the climate change information network clearing house CC:iNet and to integrate its featured content into other UNFCCC web-based resources and communication activities, including the UNFCCC website, the UNFCCC Newsroom and multiple UNFCCC social media outlets, as a way to enhance the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention;

(g) To continue to collect the contact details of the nominated national focal points for Article 6 of the Convention and to update the designated UNFCCC web page;

(h) To organize, in collaboration with the Government of Morocco, a multi-stakeholder education day to showcase and galvanize good practices in implementing the Doha work programme;

14. *Decides* that efforts related to the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention shall be referred to as Action for Climate Empowerment;

15. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 13 above;

16. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

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