MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE AD HOC WORK PROGRAMME ON THE NEW COLLECTIVE GOAL ON CLIMATE FINANCE

Information on the third and fourth technical expert dialogue under the ad hoc work programme on the new collective quantified goal on climate finance

I am pleased to transmit to Parties and observer States to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, United Nations organizations, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations admitted as observers the message from the co-chairs of the ad hoc work programme on the new collective quantified goal on climate finance contained in the annex.

Yours sincerely,

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Distribution: To Parties and observer States to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change through their national focal points and diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany, United Nations organizations and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations admitted as observers by the Conference of the Parties.
Dear colleagues,

As you recall, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) at its third session established an ad hoc work programme for 2022–2024 on the new collective quantified goal on climate finance, to be facilitated by two co-chairs. As the co-chairs of the ad hoc work programme, the CMA requested us to conduct four technical expert dialogues this year, with one of these dialogues to be held in conjunction with the first regular session of the subsidiary bodies for the year and one to be held in conjunction with the session of the CMA, and the two remaining dialogues to be organized in separate regions with a view to facilitating inclusive and balanced geographical participation.

We conducted the first technical expert dialogue at Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden in Cape Town, Republic of South Africa, from 24 to 25 March 2022. To capture the substantive and rich discussions held during the dialogue, we prepared a reflections note1 under our own responsibility which presents a non-exhaustive set of views. The second technical expert dialogue was convened in conjunction with the 56th session of the Subsidiary Bodies from 13 to 14 June in Bonn, Federal Republic of Germany, where we continued to have very fruitful and rich discussions on the landscape of issues identified in our reflections note and on milestones, approaches, and elements for further elaboration in 2022. We thank all participants for their active engagement and for their open and frank views, which we intend to recapitulate in another reflections note to be available ahead of the third technical expert dialogue.

During our discussions in Bonn, including our consultations with Parties, we heard a clear and consistent message that the succeeding technical expert dialogues should provide space for focused discussions on each of the issues outlined in the landscape. We also heard the need for a roadmap or plan with milestones to provide a greater sense of clarity and space for participants to “deep-dive” into each of the issues identified thus far. Furthermore, we heard the need to receive information on the topics for discussions at an early stage to enable sufficient time for preparation. It is therefore in the above context that we present our initial plans for conducting the third and fourth technical expert dialogues this year.

We are pleased to notify Parties and observer States to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, United Nations organizations, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations admitted as observers that the third technical expert dialogue will be held at the Asian Development Bank Headquarters in Metro Manila, Republic of the Philippines from 6 to 9 September 2022. Further details, including the provisional programme, guiding questions, as well as logistical information will follow in due course.

In terms of thematic focus of the subsequent technical expert dialogues, we heard from most Parties and participants the value of focusing the third technical expert dialogue on the needs and priorities of developing countries, the sources of climate finance and the role of climate finance actors. In order to maximise inputs to the work programme, we are also exploring opportunities to allow for engagement of experts through “expert input events” so as to facilitate direct interaction of Parties and stakeholders with experts, with a view to clarifying various issues.

Building on discussions at the third technical expert dialogue, we intend to focus the fourth technical expert dialogue on access to climate finance. Given the significant number of climate finance related agenda items and mandated events, we are looking at options for holding it in the most efficient way, including pre-sessionally, over at least one full day. We will continue to explore possible options with the secretariat and the incoming COP 27, CMP 17 and CMA 4 Presidency to maximize the time available to us.

In addition, we would like to remind Parties, constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, climate finance institutions, observers and observer organizations, and other stakeholders, particularly from the private sector, of the opportunity to submit their views on the objectives referred to in paragraph 15 and on the elements referred to in paragraph 16 of decision 9/CMA.3 via the submission portal2 by August 2022.

Finally, we would like to reiterate our intention to conduct the ad hoc work programme in an open, inclusive and transparent manner, ensuring participatory representativeness. As such, we will remain available for meetings upon request and can be contacted through ncgg@unfccc.int.

Yours sincerely,

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2 https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx.