MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIR OF THE KATOWICE COMMITTEE ON IMPACTS

Call for Inputs on guidelines and policy frameworks to promote just transition of the workforce and the creation of decent work and quality jobs

I am pleased to convey to the Parties and observer States to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, United Nations and related organizations and specialized agencies, admitted observer organizations and other non-Party stakeholders, a message from the Co-Chairs of the Katowice Committee on Impacts (KCI), Mr. Peter Govindasamy and Ms. Catherine Goldberg, regarding the calls for development of case studies by the Katowice Committee on Impacts. The message is contained in the annex.

The Co-Chairs of the KCI, supported by the secretariat, will take note of all inputs to further implement the activity 6 “Promote the availability and use of guidelines and policy frameworks to assist Parties in promoting just transition of the workforce and the creation of decent work and quality jobs within and across sectors, including training, retooling, retraining and reskilling systems and stakeholder engagement strategies”.

Detailed information for the call for input is provided in the annex.

Parties and observers are kindly requested to send your inputs by 18 October 2023 to KCI@unfccc.int, copying klata@unfccc.int. For more information, please visit the KCI webpage.

Yours sincerely,

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Distribution: To Parties and observer States through their national focal points and diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany, United Nations and related organizations and specialized agencies, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations admitted as observers by the Conference of the Parties.
Annex

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Background

The KCI is a constituted body which provides technical support to the forum on impacts of the implementation of response measures; provide to support to developing countries in assessment of impact of implementation of response measures in area of just transition of work force and creation work and quality jobs and economic diversification and transformation. For more information, please visit the KCI webpage.

Among others, the functions of the forum and the KCI are to: Provide concrete examples, case studies and practices in order to enhance the capacity of Parties, in particular developing country Parties, to deal with the impact of the implementation of response measures; Address the effects of the implementation of response measures under the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement by enhancing cooperation among Parties, stakeholders, external organizations, experts and institutions, by enhancing the capacity and the understanding of Parties of the impacts of mitigation actions and by enabling the exchange of information, experience and best practices among Parties to raise their resilience to these impacts; (referred in decision 7/CMA.1 para 1).

The KCI currently undertakes its work based on the agreed workplan 2020-2025. This workplan reflects the four work programme areas, namely: Economic diversification and transformation; Just transition of the workforce and the creation of decent work and quality jobs; Assessing and analysing the impacts of the implementation of response measures; Facilitating the development of tools and methodologies to assess the impacts of the implementation of response measures.

The COP, CMP and CMA by its decision 4/CP.25, 4/CMP.15 and 4/CMA.2, mandated the KCI to receive input from experts, practitioners and relevant organizations in order to implement workplan activity 6: “Promote the availability and use of guidelines and policy frameworks to assist Parties in promoting just transition of the workforce and the creation of decent work and quality jobs within and across sectors, including training, retooling, retraining and reskilling systems and stakeholder engagement strategies”.

Call for Inputs

At its eighth meeting, the KCI agreed to a strategy to implement the activity 6, according to which the KCI agreed to open a call for inputs and based on received inputs may decide on any next steps, as relevant, such as to prepare a compilation of guidelines and frameworks that promote just transition and promote their availability and use.

Parties and observers are requested to submit their inputs by 18 October 2023 strictly following the outline below. General guidance for submissions is provided to prepare your submission.
Outline of the submission

1. Nature of the document (select one) – Policy Framework/ Guideline/Tool
2. Scope of application (select one) – National application/ International application
3. Usage (select one) – Mandatory / Voluntary
4. Target users (select one) – Public policy / Private sector
5. Specificity (select one) – Sector specific / multiple sectors/ broad. If sector specific specify the applicable sectors
6. Elements covered - Impact assessments; Stakeholder consultation/engagement; Economic diversification; Job creation; Training, re-training, retooling, and reskilling; Social protection; Other (please explain).
7. Short summary (max 300 words)
8. Attach your document

General guidance

The KCI is inviting submission of guidelines, and policy framework that, among others:

1. Assist the transition of the workforce to the low-carbon sectors. These can include, among others:
   - Promoting the creation of decent work and quality jobs in low-carbon sector.
   - Promoting training, retooling, retraining, and reskilling of the workforce and future entry-level workforce for the low-carbon sectors.
   - Promoting stakeholder engagement for exploring, among others: measures to address adverse impacts of the transition; alternative or new economic activities for impacted regions or communities as part of the transition.
2. Provide support to the sector in transition.

Definitions:

a. Guideline - A guideline is a statement by which to determine a course of action. A guideline aims to streamline particular processes according to a set routine or sound practice.
b. Policy Framework - A policy framework is a document that sets out a set of procedures or goals, which might be used in negotiation or decision-making to guide a more detailed set of policies.
c. Tool - A tool is anything that helps you to do a particular activity. This is at operational level, e.g., spreadsheet programs, software tools.

Please Note - The KCI may disregard submissions that are not sufficiently related to the activity.