

# Climate Change Expert Group (CCXG)

## Global Forum on the Environment and Climate Change

**31 March-1 April 2020 (CEST)**

Virtual Forum

### Overview

The Climate Change Expert Group (CCXG) is a forum for promoting dialogue and enhancing understanding between a wide range of countries on technical issues in the international climate change negotiations. The CCXG has provided impartial and rigorous analysis of climate change issues since its foundation in 1993. The secretariat for this group is jointly provided by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the International Energy Agency (IEA).<sup>1</sup> The Global Forum provides a space outside of the UNFCCC negotiations for participants to develop a shared understanding of provisions in the Paris Agreement and how these might be implemented. Participants include practitioners and negotiators from governments as well as delegates from inter-governmental organisations, the private sector, research organisations and other relevant institutions. This iteration of the Global Forum will be held remotely, and participants will be able to take active part to the discussions. Discussions take place under Chatham House rules; that is, remarks are not to be attributed to individual speakers.

Climate change negotiations in 2020 will focus, *inter alia*, on finalising the common tabular formats (CTFs) for the reporting of information on tracking progress made in implementing and achieving Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), to be adopted by COP26. Furthermore, by 2020, Parties are requested to communicate a new or updated NDC, and are invited to communicate long-term low-emissions development strategies (LT-LEDS). This Virtual Global Forum will focus on specific aspects of CTFs for reporting on information on tracking progress made in implementing and achieving NDCs, including on information on the use of cooperative approaches. The Forum will also allow countries to share experiences in developing NDCs and LT-LEDS, exploring opportunities for linking the two.

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## Draft outline agenda

CEST TIME	31 MARCH 2020
09:30-11:00	<b>Session 1 (Webinar)</b> <b>Welcoming Remarks and presentations from the CCXG, OECD and IEA Secretariat</b>
11:00-13:00	Break
13:00-16:00	<b>Session 2 (Web Conference)</b> <b>Transparency discussions – progress on implementation and achievement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part I: Progress on implementation (13:00 – 14:20)</li> <li>• Part II: Progress on achievement (14:40 – 16:00)</li> </ul>

CEST TIME	1 APRIL 2020
13:00-14:30	<b>Session 3 (Webinar)</b> <b>Updating NDCs – Sharing experience</b>
14:30-15:00	Break
15:00-16:30	<b>Session 4 (Web Conference)</b> <b>Transparency discussions – Article 6, ITMOs, CORSIA</b>
16:30-17:00	Break
17:00-19:00	<b>Session 5 (Webinar)</b> <b>NDCs and long-term mitigation strategies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part I: Developing long-term mitigation strategies (17:00 – 17:50)</li> <li>• Part II: How can long-term goals modify short-term decisions? (18:10 - 19:00)</li> </ul>

This Virtual Forum will offer two different formats:

- **Webinar Sessions (Sessions 1, 3 and 5):** Speakers will have the opportunity to deliver presentations sharing national experiences and best practices. The audience will be given the opportunity to ask written follow-up questions via chat.
- **Web Conference Sessions (Sessions 2 and 4):** Speakers will have the opportunity to deliver presentations relating to the theme of the session. The audience will have the opportunity to actively interact with the speakers and other participants by intervening from the floor via video-conference.

Annotated agenda

**Tuesday 31 March 2020**

<b>09:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Session 1: Welcoming Remarks and presentations from the CCXG, OECD and IEA Secretariat</b>
Remarks	Helen Plume, CCXG Chair Mechthild Wörsdörfer, IEA Rodolfo Lacy, OECD
Presentations (CCXG Secretariat)	Marcia Rocha: CTFs for tracking progress made in implementing and achieving NDCs Jane Ellis: CTFs for reporting on information on the use of cooperative approaches Chiara Falduto: Aligning short-term climate action with long-term climate goals

<b>11:00 – 13:00</b>	<b>Break</b>
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<b>13:00 – 16:00</b>	<b>Session 2: Transparency – progress on implementation and achievement (Web Conference)</b>
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Focus	The Modalities, Procedures and Guidelines (MPGs), adopted at COP24 indicate that Parties “shall” provide information needed to track progress made in implementing and achieving NDCs under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement in a “structured summary”. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) is currently tasked developing "common tabular formats" (CTFs) for the reporting of information on tracking progress, for consideration and adoption by COP26. During this session, speakers and participants are invited to discuss potential formats for CTFs for the structured summary, the potential challenges with reporting information on Party-defined indicators, and explore options for new and improved tables.
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Relevant document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rocha, M. &amp; J. Ellis, “Reporting progress towards Nationally Determined Contributions: exploring possible common tabular formats for the structured summary” (2020, draft)</li> <li>Rocha, M., <a href="#">Reporting Tables – Potential areas of work under SBSTA and options – Part I – GHG inventories and tracking progress towards NDCs</a> (2019)</li> </ul>
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<b>13:00 – 14:20</b>	<b>Session 2 – Part I – Progress on implementation</b>
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Moderator	Jane Ellis, CCXG Secretariat
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Speakers	Marcia Rocha, CCXG Secretariat Geoffrey Brouwer, Canada Jae Hyuk Jung, Republic of Korea Marcelo Rocha, Fábrica Ética Brasil (Brazil)
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Discussion Starter	Julia Gardiner, Australia
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Discussion questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How can Parties report on progress in implementing its NDC while promoting TACCC principles and facilitating the Technical Expert Review (TER) of information?</li> <li>What are the challenges in providing complete and comparable information in the key areas of importance for tracking progress made in implementing NDCs?</li> </ol>
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14:40 – 16:00	Session 2 – Part II – Progress on achievement
Moderator	Sara Moarif, CCXG Secretariat
Speakers	Miles Perry, European Commission Amr Osama Abdel-Aziz, Egypt Dorji Tshewang, Bhutan
Discussion Starter	Rueanna Haynes, Saint Kitts and Nevis
Discussion questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. How can Parties provide information to help others understand whether the Party is achieving its NDC under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement while promoting TACCC principles and facilitating the Technical Expert Review (TER) of information?</li><li>2. What are the challenges in providing complete and comparable information in the key areas of importance for tracking progress made in achieving NDCs?</li></ol>

## Wednesday 1 April

<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>Session 3: Updating NDCs – sharing experience (Webinar)</b>
Focus	The Paris decision requests countries to communicate a new or updated NDC by 2020. To date, 186 Parties have developed and communicated one or more Nationally Determined Contribution(s) (NDC) to the UNFCCC. However, there is a substantial gap between aggregate emissions resulting from current NDCs and emissions levels that would be consistent with the global temperature goal of the Paris Agreement. Unconditional NDCs (i.e. NDCs that countries could implement based on own resources and capabilities) would lead to an increase in the global average temperature of 2.8°C above pre-industrial levels by 2100. Opportunities exist to broaden the coverage of NDCs, to frame them in ways more likely to attract support, and to enhance ambition in line with national development priorities. This session will discuss key challenges and opportunities in developing new or updated NDCs, and will allow countries to share their experience in doing so.
<b>13:00 – 13:40</b>	<b>Session 3 – Part I</b>
Moderator	Simon Buckle, OECD
Speakers	Robert Bradley, NDC Partnership Hugo Matías Almang, Argentina Hu Min, iGDP (China)
Discussion questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are key lessons learned from the first NDC round that can be useful when updating NDCs?</li> <li>2. What are the main challenges that your country is facing in updating its NDC?</li> </ol>
<b>13:50 – 14:30</b>	<b>Session 3 – Part II</b>
Moderator	Simon Buckle, OECD
Speakers	Gebru Jember Endalew, Ethiopia Felipe Andres Díaz Borquez, Chile Henrik Hallgrim Eriksen, Norway
Discussion questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are key lessons learned from the first NDC round that can be useful when updating NDCs?</li> <li>2. What are the main challenges that your country is facing or has faced in updating its NDC?</li> </ol>
<b>14:30 – 15:00</b>	<b>Break</b>

15:00 – 16:30	Session 4: Transparency discussions – Article 6, ITMOs, CORSIA (Web Conference)
Focus	The Modalities, Procedures and Guidelines (MPGs), adopted at COP24, define the set of rules for reporting and review of information submitted by Parties under the Enhanced Transparency Framework – apart from the information to be reported on cooperative approaches, where the MPG text is “without prejudice” to the outcomes to be agreed under Article 6. This session will discuss the possible purpose and level of detail of reporting on the use of cooperative approaches and the implications on selected criteria.
Relevant documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rocha, M. &amp; Ellis J., “Reporting progress towards Nationally Determined Contributions: exploring possible common tabular formats for the structured summary” (2020, draft)</li> <li>• Rocha, M., <a href="#">Reporting Tables – Potential areas of work under SBSTA and options – Part I – GHG inventories and tracking progress towards NDCs</a> (2019)</li> </ul>
Moderator	Luca Lo Re, CCXG Secretariat
Speakers	Jane Ellis, CCXG Secretariat M.J. Mace, Belize Juan Carlos Arredondo Brun, Climate Connection Kazuhisa Koakutsu, Japan Felipe De León, Costa Rica  Discussant: RR Rashmi, TERI
Discussion starter	Karoliina Anttonen, Finland
Discussion questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the purpose(s) of reporting tables on the use of cooperative approaches?</li> <li>2. How can reporting tables best serve these purposes?</li> </ol>

16:30 – 17:00	Break
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<b>17:00 – 19:00</b>	<b>Session 5: NDC and long-term mitigation strategies – Developing long-term mitigation strategies (Part I) and How can long-term goals modify short-term decisions? (Part II) (Webinar)</b>
Focus	The Paris Agreement states that all countries should strive to formulate and communicate long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies (LT-LEDS) by 2020. The development of a long-term mitigation strategy also represents an opportunity for countries to identify and set a long-term vision or target in line with the temperature goal of the Paris Agreement. Such vision, in turn, could guide the short- and mid-term action laid out in countries’ NDCs. The first part of this session will focus on the points of reflection and lessons learnt for the establishment of an effective process for developing LT-LEDS by those countries that have already undertaken it. The second part of the session will explore opportunities and challenges for linking NDCs and LT-LEDS in terms of scope, targets, policies and processes, by sharing first-hand country experiences.
Relevant document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Falduto, C. and Rocha, M., “Aligning short-term climate action with long-term climate goals” (2020, draft)</li> <li>Rocha, M. and Falduto, C., “<a href="#">Key questions guiding the process of setting up long-term low-emissions development strategies</a>” (2019)</li> </ul>
<b>17:00 – 17:50</b>	<b>Session 5 – Part I: Developing long-term mitigation strategies</b>
Moderator	Sara Moarif, CCXG Secretariat
Speakers	Richard Baron, 2050 Pathways Platform Emma Rachmawaty, Indonesia Romell Antonio Cuenca, Philippines Eduardo Santos, Portugal
Discussion questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are the main barriers Parties encountered in the development of long-term mitigation strategies, and how are they planning to overcome these?</li> <li>What are the institutional, technical and policies lessons learnt in the development of long-term strategies?</li> </ol>
<b>18:10 – 19:00</b>	<b>Session 5 – Part II: How can long-term goals modify short-term decisions?</b>
Moderator	Jane Ellis, CCXG Secretariat
Speakers	Chiara Falduto, CCXG Secretariat Andrea Meza Murillo, Costa Rica Sara Berggren, Sweden Tony Ripley, United Kingdom
Discussion questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How has your country considered the challenges and opportunities in linking NDCs and long-term strategies in terms of scope, targets, policies and processes?</li> <li>What are the institutional, technical and policies lessons learnt in linking long-term strategies and NDCs that your country has experienced?</li> </ol>