

# Climate Change Expert Group (CCXG)

Global Forum on the Environment and Climate Change

## Draft Annotated Agenda

13 – 15 September 2021

Virtual Forum

### Overview

The Climate Change Expert Group (CCXG) is a forum for promoting dialogue and enhancing understanding on key issues in the international climate negotiations, and supporting implementation of the Paris Agreement. 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 CCXG develops analytical papers and holds regular Global Forums that bring together practitioners and negotiators from a wide range of developed and developing countries as well as delegates from inter-governmental organisations, the private sector, research organisations and other relevant institutions. Discussions take place under Chatham House rules.

In the lead up to COP26, this virtual Global Forum aims to actively engage participants in discussions important to the international climate negotiations and to support implementation of countries' climate responses. The Forum will focus on understanding reporting and review under Articles 6 and 13 of the Paris Agreement, on exploring countries' net-zero emissions targets, and on preparations for the Global Stocktake under the Paris Agreement. Participants will also hear about recent IEA analysis on a roadmap to reach net-zero emissions in the global energy sector by 2050 and work by the OECD on losses and damages from climate change.

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## Agenda

13 SEPTEMBER 2021	
12:30 - 13:00 CEST	<b>Welcome and opening</b>
13:00 – 14:30 CEST	Session 1 <b>Understanding current and planned provisions of reporting and review under Articles 6 and 13 of the Paris Agreement (Part 1 - Reporting)</b>
14:30- 14:45 CEST	Break
14:45 – 16:00 CEST	Session 2 <b>Understanding current and planned provisions of reporting and review under Articles 6 and 13 of the Paris Agreement (Part 2 – Review)</b>

14 SEPTEMBER 2021	
13:00 - 14:30 CEST	Session 3 <b>Understanding countries' net-zero emissions targets</b>
14:30 – 14:45 CEST	Break
14:45 – 16:15 CEST	Session 4 <b>Exploring the role of international carbon markets in achieving countries' net-zero targets</b>

15 SEPTEMBER 2021	
13:00 – 14:00 CEST	Session 5 <b>OECD and IEA recent work</b>
14:00 – 14:15 CEST	Break
14:15 – 16:00 CEST	Session 6 <b>Preparations for the Global Stocktake</b>
16:00 - 16:30 CEST	<b>Closing remarks</b>

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**Monday 13 September 2021**

<b>12:30 – 13:00 CEST</b>	<b>Welcoming remarks</b>
Remarks	Hyunsoo Yun, CCXG Chair Mechthild Wörsdörfer, IEA Rodolfo Lacy, OECD Tosi Mpanu Mpanu, Democratic Republic of Congo

<b>13:00 – 14:30 CEST</b>	<b>Session 1: Understanding current and planned provisions of reporting and review under A6 and A13 (Part 1 - Reporting)</b>
Focus	Planned and agreed reporting requirements under the Paris Agreement include provisions on information on the use of cooperative approaches towards the implementation and achievement of Parties' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). The reporting of such information cuts across Articles 13 and 6.2 of the Paris Agreement. Reporting provisions under the MPGs and draft Article 6.2 are interrelated. This session will focus on opportunities to enhance synergies between reporting under Articles 13 and 6.2.
Relevant documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Understanding agreed and planned provisions of reporting and review under Articles 6 and 13 of the Paris Agreement”, C. Falduto, J. Ellis and K. Simeonova (2021, draft)</li> <li>• <a href="#">“Reporting progress towards Nationally Determined Contributions”</a>, M. Rocha and J. Ellis (2020)</li> </ul>
Co-Facilitators	El Hadji Mbaye M. Diagne, Senegal Lydie-Line Paroz, Switzerland
Speakers	Chiara Falduto and Jane Ellis, CCXG/OECD Grégoire Baribeau, Canada Albert Magalang, Philippines
Respondent	Lorenz Moosmann, Germany
Discussion questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How could reporting under Articles 13 and 6.2 be undertaken most efficiently regarding the frequency, timing, and content of different reports?</li> <li>2. What (if any) revisions to draft Article 6.2 negotiation text could facilitate clarity, understanding and implementation of reporting provisions?</li> </ol>

<b>14:30 – 14:45 CEST</b>	<b>Break</b>
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14:45 – 16:00 CEST	Session 2: Understanding current and planned provisions of reporting and review under A6 and A13 (Part 2 – Review)
Focus	Planned and agreed review requirements under the Paris Agreement include provisions on information on the use of cooperative approaches towards the implementation and achievement of Parties' NDCs. This session will focus on opportunities to enhance synergies between review processes under Articles 13 and 6.2, including by examining experience with current review procedures under the UNFCCC.
Relevant documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Understanding agreed and planned provisions of reporting and review under Articles 6 and 13 of the Paris Agreement”, C. Falduto, J. Ellis and K. Simeonova (2021, draft)</li> <li>• <a href="#">“Reporting progress towards Nationally Determined Contributions”</a>, M. Rocha and J. Ellis (2020)</li> </ul>
Co-Facilitators	El Hadji Mbaye M. Diagne, Senegal Lydie-Line Paroz, Switzerland
Speakers	Katia Simeonova, Independent consultant Anke Herold, Germany MJ Mace, Independent consultant Amit Garg, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad
Discussion questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How can the content and timing of review under Article 6 enhance consistency with review under Article 13?</li> <li>2. What (if any) revisions to draft texts would be needed to reflect this?</li> </ol>

## Tuesday 14 September 2021

13:00 – 14:30 CEST	Session 3: Understanding countries' net-zero emissions targets
Focus	A growing number of countries have put forward commitments to reach net-zero GHG emissions or carbon neutrality around 2050. These commitments provide welcome signals of intent, however there are significant differences between countries' targets, and a gap between these long-term commitments and the concrete plans and actions being implemented in the near-term. There are also several questions, potential risks and uncertainties underlying net-zero commitments, as well as potential implications for equity and fairness which need to be taken into account as countries turn to the task of elaborating their pathways to reach net-zero. This session will highlight the experience of different countries in developing implementation strategies and roadmaps to support their net-zero targets and some of the challenges faced in translating their net-zero ambitions into action.
Relevant documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Understanding Countries’ Net-Zero Emissions Targets”, S. Jeudy-Hugo, L. Lo Re and C. Falduto (2021, draft)</li> <li>• “<a href="#">Aligning short-term climate action with long-term climate goals</a>”, C. Falduto and M. Rocha (2020)</li> </ul>
Facilitator	Annika Christell, Sweden
Speakers	Sirini Jeudy-Hugo, CCXG/OECD Felipe De León Denegri, Costa Rica Jeanette Mani, Fiji Mandy Rambharos, South Africa
Discussion questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How to align near-term policies and planning processes, including NDCs, with long-term net-zero commitments?</li> <li>2. What are key challenges and lessons learnt in developing implementation strategies and domestic roadmaps to support net-zero targets?</li> </ol>

14:30 – 14:45 CEST	Break
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14:45 – 16:15 CEST	Session 4: Exploring the role of international carbon markets in achieving countries' net-zero targets
Focus	<p>Countries have different approaches to the use of international carbon markets in the plans and pathways to reach their net-zero targets. The global net-zero goal will mean re-examining what role international carbon markets could play in countries' net-zero strategies over time. International carbon markets could become important instruments for seller countries to harness “high-hanging fruit” mitigation opportunities and help buyer countries enhance their climate mitigation ambition. However, countries intending to participate in international carbon markets might also run some potential risks, such as i.a. delaying or preventing domestic mitigation action; lock-in of high-emitting technologies and infrastructure, and reputational risks. This session will discuss what role international carbon markets could play over time in a net-zero pathway and what risks and opportunities participating countries might face.</p>
Relevant documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Understanding Countries’ Net-Zero Emissions Targets”, S. Jeudy-Hugo, L. Lo Re and C. Falduto (2021, draft)</li> <li>• <a href="#">“Operationalising the Article 6.4 mechanism”</a>, L. Lo Re and J. Ellis (2021)</li> <li>• <a href="#">“Designing the Article 6.4 mechanism: assessing selected baseline approaches and their implications”</a>, L. Lo Re, J. Ellis, M. Vaidyula and A. Prag (2019)</li> <li>• <a href="#">“Markets negotiations under the Paris Agreement”</a>, L. Lo Re and M. Vaidyula (2019)</li> </ul>
Facilitator	Emilio Lèbre La Rovere, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro
Speakers	<p>Luca Lo Re, CCXG/IEA            Sha Yu, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory            Carsten Warnecke, NewClimate Institute            Ian Fry, Solomon Islands</p>
Respondent	Andrei Marcu, ERCST
Discussion questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What role could international carbon markets have in a net-zero pathway over time and how could this vary for different types of emission reduction or removal activities?</li> <li>2. What risks and opportunities might countries participating in international carbon markets face?</li> </ol>

## Wednesday 15 September 2021

13:00 – 14:00 CEST	Session 5: OECD and IEA recent work
Focus	During this session participants will have the opportunity to hear insights from recent OECD and IEA work focusing on the IEA’s “Net Zero by 2050: A Roadmap for the Global Energy Sector” and the OECD’s “Losses and Damages from Climate Change”.
Facilitator	Hyunsoo Yun, CCXG Chair
Speakers	Timur Guel, IEA Marcia Rocha, OECD

14:00 – 14:15 CEST	Break
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14:15 – 16:00 CEST	Session 6: Preparations for the global stocktake
Focus	The global stocktake (GST) provides a periodic process to assess collective progress towards achieving the purpose of the Paris Agreement and its long-term goals. The process is to consider mitigation, adaptation, means of implementation and support, in light of equity and the best available science. The outcome is to inform Parties in updating and enhancing their subsequent nationally determined contributions (NDCs) and enhancing international cooperation for climate action. As preparations for the first GST get underway, there remain many open questions which will need to be addressed moving forward.
Relevant documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">“Information needs for the 2018 facilitative dialogue: Issues and options”</a>, J. Ellis and M. Vaidyula (2017)</li> <li>• <a href="#">“2018 facilitative dialogue: Identifying options for outputs and outcomes, and key questions for modalities”</a>, M. Vaidyula and J. Ellis (2017)</li> </ul>
Facilitator	Elina Bardram, European Commission
Speakers	Annett Moehner, UNFCCC Secretariat Vicente Paolo Yu, G77 Guinea Alice Alpert, USA Leon Charles, Adviser, Government of Grenada Juan Carlos Monterrey Gomez, Panama
Discussion questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the key remaining open questions and issues relating to different areas of the GST?</li> <li>2. What are key questions to consider in framing the GST components (Information collection &amp; preparation, Technical assessment, Consideration of outputs) to support the intended outcome of the process?</li> </ol>

16:00 – 16:30 CEST	Closing remarks
Remarks	Hyunsoo Yun, CCXG Chair Federica Fricano, Italy