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Asia-Pacific region awareness creation workshop to maximize the positive and minimize the negative impacts of implementation of Climate Change response measures

*Organized by the UNFCCC Secretariat and ILO
hosted by Government of Maldives*

Paradise Island Resort & Spa
North Male, Maldives

Background and Objectives:

The commitments under Paris agreement are expected to introduce deep decarbonisation measures as a response to minimise adverse impacts of climate change. It has been identified that response measures to climate change can have both positive and negative socio economic impacts which could be received domestically within the jurisdictions where they are implemented as well as across borders. It is important to identify and take appropriate actions to maximise these positive impacts while taking steps to minimise the negative impacts as an integral part of policy planning stages of response measures, if ambitious decarbonisation targets are to be achieved in a sustainable manner.

Under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) the impacts of the implementation of mitigation actions taken by Parties are addressed under the topic of “response measures” and is a growing body of knowledge and discussions.

Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at their forty-seventh session, took note of the discussion on the needs expressed by some Parties for capacity-building for the assessment of the impacts of response measures, and acknowledging and enhancing existing capacity-building opportunities, including through cooperation on response measures and invited the secretariat (UNFCCC) to collaborate with relevant intergovernmental and international organizations to raise awareness with a view to enhancing capacity building programmes or activities for Parties in order to maximize the positive and minimize the negative impacts of response measures, with a view to informing the in-session discussions.

In line with the mandate, this workshop aims to raise awareness in the within of the Asia-Pacific region, with a view to raising the awareness of the participants , including on available capacity building programmes and activities and and feed into the in-session discussions on elements to maximize the positive and minimize the negative impacts of response measure.



Agenda

Day 1: 27th August 2019

08:45 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 –10:00	<p>Opening remarks</p> <p>H.E Dr. Hussain Rasheed Hassan, <i>Minister of Environment</i>, Maldives <i>Mr. William Kojo Agyemang-Bonsu</i>, Manager, UNFCCC <i>Ms Simrin Singh</i>, Country Director, ILO <i>Mr. Arvind Mathur</i>, WHO Representative & UN Resident Coordinator a.i.</p>
10:00 –10:30	Coffee break
10:30 –12:00	<p>Session 1: Understanding the impacts of the implementation of response measures</p> <p><i>Moderated by: Ali Shareef</i></p> <p>This session aims to create awareness about impacts of implementation of response measures. It will provide an introduction to the topic and progress made till date under the Convention and its related instruments, including outcomes of negotiations at COP 24. It is expected that participants will be more informed about response measures, the ongoing work of the forum, its importance and relevance to the Asia-pacific region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knowledge review – <i>Kusum Lata</i>, UNFCCC - Introduction to response measures: An overview – <i>William Kojo Agyemang-Bonsu</i>, UNFCCC <p><i>Moderated Discussion</i></p>
12:00 – 12:30	<p>Session 1: (contd.) <i>Moderated by: Ali Shareef</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delivering the Paris Agreement Goals: Climate Action as the measures in response to climate change – <i>Tomasz Chruszczow</i>, Climate Champion, Poland <p><i>Moderated Discussion</i></p>
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30 –15:00	<p>Session 2: Understanding the work programme areas to address the impacts of implementation of response measures</p> <p><i>Moderated by: Albara Tawfiq</i></p> <p>This session will elaborate on the current work programme areas of the forum on impact of implementation of response measures (i.e. the economic diversification and transformation and just transition of work force and quality jobs) and understanding of role of “methodologies and tools” for assessment and analysis of impacts of response measures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to economic diversification and transformation and just transition of work force, decent work and quality, jobs in context of response measures – <i>Kusum Lata</i>, UNFCCC



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment, analysis of impacts of implementation of response measures – <i>William Kojo Agyemang-Bonsu, UNFCCC</i> - Overview of modeling tools to inform policy: Identify and address social and economic impacts of Response Measures – <i>Marek Harsdorff, ILO (via Skype)</i> <p><i>Moderated Discussion</i></p>
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:30 – 16:15	<p>Session 3: Break Out groups: Understanding the impacts of response measures in context of Asia-Pacific region</p> <p><i>Breakout group work: Payal Ghosh</i></p> <p>In this session, participants will have discussion in breakout groups to share their understanding on response measures, their possible impacts through an exercise wherein participants would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify one main sector of the economy which is impacted by the implementation of response measures in the region - Identify impacts which are due to actions taken outside their jurisdictions or actions undertaken within their own jurisdiction that have impact (s) on this sector. - Identify those social /economic /environmental impacts <p>The breakout groups will select rapporteurs to present the outcomes in a world café style.</p> <p><i>Break-out group discussions</i></p>
16:15 – 17:30	<p>Session 4: Impact assessment and reporting of response measures</p> <p><i>Moderated by: Kusum Lata</i></p> <p>This session provides an opportunity to introduce, tools and methodologies for assessment of impacts of implementation of response measures and reporting of response measures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reporting of impacts of implementation of response measures – <i>William Kojo Agyemang-Bonsu, UNFCCC</i> - Reporting on Response Measures under Biennial Updated Reports – Case Study Chile – <i>Tomasz Chruszczow, Poland</i> <p><i>Moderated discussion</i></p>
17:30	<i>Wrap up of the day</i>



Day 2: 28th August 2019

09:30 – 11:00	<p>Session 5: Economic diversification – Opportunities and challenges for Asia-Pacific region</p> <p><i>Moderated by: Camilla Roman</i></p> <p>This session aims to share the experiences, best practices and lessons learnt from countries to plan and implement economic diversification strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Singapore's experiences and challenges as an alternative energy disadvantaged country – <i>Peter Govindaswamy</i>, Singapore - Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's strategy on economic diversification – <i>Albara Tawfiq</i>, Saudi Arabia - Climate change mitigation and impacts on economy for Maldives – <i>Ali Shareef</i>, Maldives - Productive diversification: a Peruvian approach to reach economic diversification – <i>Eduardo Calvo</i>, Peru <p><i>Moderated discussion</i></p>
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Session 6: Case studies on assessing and managing economic impacts of response measures</p> <p><i>Moderated by: Peter Govindaswamy</i></p> <p>This session will look at some of the qualitative and quantitative tools for analyzing economic diversification. This session provides an opportunity to understand key sectors in the Asia-Pacific region that has potential to be impacted and share experiences to identify, assess impacts of mitigation actions and integrate them in the national planning process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic diversification and its measurement using qualitative and quantitative tools – <i>Manal Shehabi</i>, Oxford Institute of Energy Studies - Assessing sustainable development impacts of mitigation actions: case study from Cambodia – <i>Karolien Casaer</i>, GGGI <p><i>Moderated discussion</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>



14:00 – 14:45	<p>Session 7: Break out groups – Understanding the economic impacts of response measures in context of Asia-Pacific region</p> <p><i>Breakout group work – Payal Ghosh</i></p> <p>In this session, participants will have discussion in breakout groups to share their understanding on economic diversification. The breakout groups will select rapporteurs to present the outcomes in a world café style.</p> <p><i>Break out group discussions</i></p>
14:45 – 15:45	<p>Session 8: Understanding Just transition, decent work and quality Jobs</p> <p><i>Moderated by: Angelina Mensah</i></p> <p>This session is designed to introduce ILO led modules related to promoting a just transition to low carbon and climate resilient development, green jobs for sustainable development: concepts and practices. This session will showcase key modules of ILO led training programs with a view to raising awareness about the programmes and to create opportunity for enhancing the capacities of Parties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An overview of Just Transition of work force – <i>Camilla Roman, ILO</i> <p><i>Moderated discussion</i></p>
15:45 – 16:15	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
16:15 – 17:30	<p>Session 9: Case studies on Just Transition</p> <p><i>Moderated by: William Kojo Agyemang-Bonsu</i></p> <p>This session will further look at experiences of just transition in developed and developing country contexts to learn the challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Impact of response measures on tourism sector: Experiences from South Africa – <i>Morgenie Pillay, South Africa (via skype)</i> - Transition in the Pacific Islands – <i>Cristina Martinez, ILO (via skype)</i> - Coal Transition – <i>Tomasz Chruszczow, Poland</i> <p><i>Moderated discussion</i></p>
17:30	<p><i>Wrap up of the day</i></p>



Day 3: 29th August 2019

09:30–10:45	<p>Session 10: Case studies on use of modelling tools to assess work force impacts of Just Transition</p> <p><i>Moderated by: Eduardo Calvo</i></p> <p>This session will look at some of the tools to assess the impacts of policies on employment and jobs and will showcase some case studies from the Asia-Pacific region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green Employment Projection Model of Philippines - <i>Aniceto Orbeta</i>, Philippines Institute of Development Studies (PIDS) - Quantifying impacts of energy subsidy removal as a response measure and just-transition policy solutions for low carbon development – <i>Manal Shehabi</i>, Oxford Institute of Energy Studies <p><i>Moderated discussion</i></p>
10:45–11:30	<p>Session 11: Break-out Group – work on key sectors for Asia-Pacific and potential impact from response measures and follow up actions</p> <p><i>Breakout group work – Manal Shehabi.</i></p> <p>This session will be held in break out groups for participants to further discuss on the issues relating to just transition. The breakout groups will select rapporteurs to present the outcomes in a world café style.</p> <p><i>Break-out group discussions</i></p>
11:30–11:45	<p><i>Coffee break and networking</i></p>
11:45–12:45	<p>Section 11: Policy coherence for sustainable transition</p> <p><i>Moderated by: Fatima Al Saffar</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NDCs and skills for greener future - <i>Camilla Roman</i>, ILO - Fostering coherence between UNFCCC provisions and mitigation related work by other international organizations – the example of the ISO’s carbon footprint standards - <i>Peter Govindaswamy</i>, Singapore <p><i>Moderated discussion</i></p>
12:45–13:30	<p>Session 12: Summing up the outcomes and closing remarks</p> <p><i>Moderated by: Tomasz Chruszczow</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knowledge Acquisition, <i>Kusum Lata</i>, UNFCCC - Feedback from participants - Closing remarks – Maldives, ILO, UNFCCC