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Forum on the impact of implementation of response measures



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Introduction

- „Response measures” are understood as measures taken in response to climate change, such as mitigation policies and actions, taken by Parties under UNFCCC, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement
- Parties may be affected not only by climate change but also by the impacts of measures taken in response to it (the preamble to the Decision 7/CMA.1)
- Implementation of response measures may have both positive and negative impacts (the preamble to the Decision 7/CMA.1)



Introduction

- impact of the implementation of response measures is mentioned explicitly in the Convention (UNFCCC)
- in the implementation of the Parties' commitments under the Convention, Parties shall give full consideration to the specific needs and concerns of Parties, particularly developing country Parties, arising from the impact of the implementation of response measures (Article 4.8 and Article 4.10 of the Convention)
- impact on countries whose economies are highly dependent on income generated from the production, processing and export, and/or consumption of fossil fuels and associated energy-intensive products is specifically mentioned (Article 4.8(h) and Article 4.10 of the Convention)



Response measures in the Paris Agreement

In the Paris Agreement RMs are put in the context of the mitigation and NDCs, by stating in Article 4.15 that:

„Parties shall take into consideration in the implementation of this Agreement the concerns of Parties with economies most affected by the impacts of response measures, particularly developing country Parties.”



Timeline up to COP24

- issue of impacts of response measures (RMs) has been discussed since early stages of functioning of the Convention, RMs are also mentioned in the Kyoto Protocol
- at first the discussion was scattered through different points of agendas of the UNFCCC bodies and sometimes it took form of a one-off events (no permanent forum to discuss RMs issues)
- in 2011 the discussion on RMs was streamlined and institutionalized by establishment of a forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures with a 2-year mandate and work programme
- in 2015 in Paris an improved forum on the impacts of the implementation of response measures was established, with a work programme until November 2018; in addition in 2016 an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (TEG) met to elaborate on technical work of the areas contained in the work programme



Response measures in the Katowice Rulebook

At COP24 decision 7/CMA.1 was adopted on modalities work programme and functions of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures, in which:

- It was decided that the forum on the impact of response measures shall serve the Paris Agreement (in relation to matters under the Paris Agreement)
- It was confirmed that there is one single forum serving the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement
- a Katowice Committee of Experts on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures (Katowice Committee on Impacts – KCI) and certain details regarding its functioning were established
- the functions of the forum and its workprogramme, as well as certain details regarding its functioning was determined
- it was decided that the forum shall develop and recommend a six-year workplan in line with the forum's functions, work programme and modalities, taking into account relevant policy issues of concern to Parties, for consideration and adoption by the subsidiary bodies at their fiftieth sessions



Response measures in the Katowice Rulebook (the forum)

Functions of the forum:

- provide to Parties a platform to share information, experiences, case studies and views and to facilitate assessment and analysis of the impact of the implementation of RMs
- provide recommendations to the subsidiary bodies
- provide concrete examples, case studies and practices which may help Parties to deal with the impact of the implementation of RMs
- enhance cooperation among Parties, stakeholders, external organizations, experts and institutions
- respond and take into consideration the relevant outcomes of different processes under the Paris Agreement
- promote action to minimize the adverse impacts and maximize the positive impacts of the implementation of response measures



Work programme of the forum

The work programme comprises the following areas of work in order to address the concerns of all Parties, particularly developing country Parties:

- 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



Response measures in the Katowice Rulebook (KCI)

- the role of the KCI is to support the forum to implement the forum's work
- the KCI shall be composed of 14 members, with two members from each of the five United Nations regional groups, one member from the least developed countries, one member from the small island developing States and two members from relevant intergovernmental organizations
- members of the KCI should have relevant qualifications and expertise and they serve in their expert capacity
- so far KCI met once (in June 2019 in Bonn)
- according to the information contained in the UNFCCC website (<https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/katowice-committee/membership>), at this moment there are 9 members of the KCI appointed and there are 5 members still to be appointed, namely 2 members from GRULAC, 2 members from IGOs and 1 member from the Eastern Europe (there are 2 members from the Eastern Europe to be appointed, one of which is already appointed)
- KCI prepares annual report to the forum, which may then make recommendations to COP, CMP and CMA



Response measures in the Katowice Rulebook (forum and KCI)

- Forum and KCI meets twice a year in conjunction with the negotiating sessions
- Forum and KCI may use the following means (modalities) to carry out the work programme of the forum:
 - building awareness and enhancing information-sharing through the exchange and sharing of experience and best practices
 - preparing technical papers, case studies, concrete examples and guidelines
 - receiving input from experts, practitioners and relevant organizations
 - organizing workshops



State of play and way forward

- during the session in Bonn in June 2019 (SBs 50) Parties negotiated the six-year workplan of the forum
- Parties were discussing the list of potential activities to be included in the workplan, the discussion helped to streamline the initial very long list to the list of 28 activities, however the full consensus on the list was not achieved so the list is an informal and has no status
- Parties agreed on one activity „exchange lessons learned and best practices on analysis and assessment of positive and negative impacts of the implementation of response measures by Parties”, which will be done by KCI at its second meeting (December 2019)
- during COP25 discussion on the workplan will be continued
- Forum (its functions, work programme and modalities) will be reviewed in 2023





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Thank you for your attention!



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