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Preparations for the forthcoming COP – Sharing Information on Key NDCs Issues in the Programme

Pre-COP26 Chairs' Summary



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Outline

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Overview of Pre-COP26 and Youth4Climate Driving Ambition event

- » A meeting comprising more than 50 ministers and high-level representatives was held on 30th September to 2nd October, 2021 in Milan to discuss their expectations for the COP26 outcome.
- » The agenda of the Pre-COP26 consisted of seven topics: **keeping 1.5 alive**, **scaling up adaptation**, **loss and damage**, **mobilising finance**, and **finalising the Paris Rulebook – Article 6**, **the enhanced transparency framework** and **common time frames**
- » The meeting was preceded by the Youth4Climate Driving Ambition event where over 400 young people from 186 countries discussed the need for action across different areas.
- » Key messages from the Youth4Climate event were presented to the ministers



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Highlights – Pre-COP26 Meeting

a) Keeping 1.5°C alive

- Need to urgently and drastically scale up action to address climate change, respond to the impacts and prepare.
- Need to recognize the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities in the light of the different national circumstances.
- Need for a just transition, the need for scaled up financing, and the important role of technology in achieving the set goals
- Further efforts to phase down coal and fossil fuel subsidies, investing in nature-based solutions



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b) Scaling up adaptation

- Need for greater political attention to be paid to adaptation
 - ✓ through implementation of the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) and increasing the scale and urgency of finance
- National adaptation plans (NAPs) and adaptation communications should be recognized as important tools to understand the experiences of countries, guiding and demonstrating adaptation actions, as well as to set out local and national priorities and needs
- IPCC to support further work under the roadmap including providing a special report on adaptation;
- an agenda item on the GGA; a general framework/indicators to measure progress



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c) Loss and damage

- Call for mechanisms to assure finance in response to disaster
- Clear support for the Santiago Network being operationalized as an active body, with some calling for a secretariat to support its efforts
- Calls from Ministers for the development of the Network to be taken up at COP26 with a view to making sure the network is operationalized as soon as possible



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d) Mobilizing finance

- Need to urgently scale up adaptation finance and ensure it is more accessible and predictable.
- Need to better mobilize the private sector to finance adaptation action
- Need to balance between mitigation and adaptation finance
- Need to recognize the catalytic role of public fiancé in leveraging private finance.



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e) Finalizing the Paris rulebook

- Importance of robust rules and clear reporting to the eventual success of Article 6 implementation
- Some issues at focus (where positions remained divergent at the pre-COP):
 - ✓ avoiding double use through the Article 6.4 mechanism (A mechanism to contribute to the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions and support sustainable development ...on a voluntary basis.);
 - ✓ supporting adaptation finance through Article 6



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f) Transparency

Need for capacity building and support for developing countries in implementing the requirements under the transparency framework.

g) Common timeframes

Need for ensuring that any outcome should uphold the five-year cycle of the communication of NDCs as set out in the Paris Agreement



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Highlights - Youth4Climate Driving Ambition event

- Consideration for locally-owned adaptation, resilience measures to ensure proper and continuous solutions reach the most vulnerable groups and regions
- Need to prioritize nature-based solutions as key strategy to address the climate crisis by recognizing, representing, respecting and protecting local and indigenous peoples rights and place-based knowledge.
- Creating a transparent and accountable climate finance systems at all levels in public and public sectors.



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Highlights - Youth4Climate Driving Ambition event

- Need for supporting participation of young entrepreneurs, artists, farmers etc. with ethical and sustainable practices in the sustainable development and adoption of climate change mitigation and adaptation solutions by facilitating access to public and private finance , as well as the development of critical infrastructure e.g., internet.
- Revamping the education sector to adopt a holistic approach



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Key Discussion Points

- Recognize the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities in the light of the different national circumstances.
- Investing in locally owned nature-based solutions
- Recognition of National adaptation plans (NAPs) and adaptation communications as important tools to understand the experiences of countries, guiding and demonstrating adaptation actions, as well as to set out local and national priorities and needs
- Mobilizing adaptation finance and ensure it is more accessible and predictable.
- Creating a transparent and accountable climate finance systems at all levels in public and private sectors
- Creating an enabling environment for youth involvement



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Questions for discussion

- Any viewpoint on the issues mentioned above (which will probably be discussed in Glasgow)
- How well do you think your country's delegates are prepared for the topics that will probably be discussed in Glasgow