

## Supporting Paris Agreement Implementation through a Law and Climate Change Toolkit

UNFCCC event in partnership with UN Environment and the Commonwealth Secretariat

Monday, 24 June 2019, 18:30 – 20:00, Room “Kaminzimmer”, (WCCB, Bonn)<sup>1</sup>

### Background

The Paris Agreement and its implementation decisions adopted as the Katowice Climate Package in December 2018, chart a new course in the global effort to address climate change. It seeks to mobilize nations towards making progressively ambitious contributions to the global response to climate change, by developing specific domestic measures (including but not limited to laws, regulations strategies and plans) to limit or reduce emissions and adapt to climate effects on a local, regional and global level. One of the key features of the Katowice Climate Package is its focus on implementation, as exemplified by the enhanced transparency framework, further guidance on the nationally determined contributions (NDCs) and the adaptation communications.

At a national level, effective implementation requires uniquely tailored domestic measures that take into account local capacities and priorities, while also aligning with the overarching principles of good governance – in particular, accountability, transparency and public participation. The “Law and Climate Change Toolkit” is an online database developed by the UNFCCC, UN Environment and the Commonwealth Secretariat working in close collaboration with a number of international organizations, development banks and specialized agencies and in consultation with national experts and research institutions. The toolkit aims at providing a global resource to assist countries in their efforts of formulating legislation, policies and regulations, that ensure the long-term sustainability and predictability of the global climate action effort.

### Objectives of the event

The event aims to contextualize the Toolkit, in light of the Katowice Climate Package. It focuses on the needs of countries in assessing, evaluating and subsequently designing their legislation, policies and institutional frameworks so that they can meet their commitments and implement their NDCs in the most effective manner; specifically focusing on the **newest module on agriculture and climate change**. Through providing a platform for countries to share their experiences with using the Toolkit to draft their climate legislation, the event hopes to encourage a deliberative and solution-oriented dialogue. It also seeks to draw out a road map for the future of the Toolkit and address the possible linkages across various themes such as the interaction of taxation, international trade and human rights with climate change laws and policies. This event is therefore designed as an interactive exchange amongst diverse stakeholders to **identify the needs and challenges that countries face** in implementing the Katowice Climate Package at a legislative, regulatory and institutional level and to **receive feedback on how the Toolkit** can best assist Parties and other stakeholders in this endeavor.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://seors.unfccc.int/applications/seors/reports/events\\_list.html?session\\_id=SB%2050](https://seors.unfccc.int/applications/seors/reports/events_list.html?session_id=SB%2050)

## **I. Introduction**

*Moderator: Ms. Tanvi Mani, Legal Affairs Programme, UNFCCC secretariat*

## **II. Welcome and introductory remarks on the Toolkit**

*Ms. Hafida Lahiouel, Director, Legal Affairs Programme, UNFCCC secretariat*

## **III. Implementing the Paris Agreement and the Katowice Climate Package**

### **1. Setting the context for the Toolkit – Navigating legislative challenges post Katowice**

*Ms. Maria Socorro Manguiat, Head, National Environmental Law Unit, Law Division, UN Environment*

### **2. Country Experiences in using the Toolkit to draft climate change related legislation**

*Mr. Michai Robertson, Policy Office, Department of Environment, Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment, Antigua and Barbuda*

*Further Country Experiences (tbc)*

## **IV. New Developments of the Toolkit**

### **3. An introduction to the Module on Agriculture & Climate Change**

*Ms. Liva Kaugure, Natural Resources Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)*

## **V. A Roadmap on the future of the Toolkit**

### **4. Identifying next steps and integrating practical approaches to good governance in implementing the Katowice Climate Package**

*Mr. Steven Malby, Adviser and Head, Office of Civil & Criminal Justice Reform, Governance and Peace Directorate, Commonwealth Secretariat*

*Mr. Gianluca Crispi, Urban Legislation Unit, Urban Legislation, Land and Governance, UN-Habitat*

## **VI. Question and Answer Session**

*Moderator: Ms. Marianna Bolshakova, Legal Officer, Legal Affairs Programme, UNFCCC secretariat*