THE WAY FORWARD: DEVELOPING A TRANSPARENCY PATHWAY AS A CONDITION FOR EQUITY IN THE UNFCCC

Side event

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The Paris Agreement opens an important path for building an ambitious and fair cooperative effort on climate. The flexibility conferred to parties is combined with a process of multilateral scrutiny guided by rigorous rules and procedures. On this new path forward for long-term cooperation, transparency gains singular new importance in ensuring consistent reporting, commensurability, cohesion, and mutual support in the multilateral process.

What role does transparency play in enhancing ambition? What role does it play in catalyzing equity and fairness? What should a transparency framework include to provide effective capacity-building support?

As the first workshop for facilitative sharing of views takes place under the ICA process at SB 44 in Bonn, this side event will be an opportunity for discussion on how to move forward on a procedurally sound and rigorous transparency pathway under the UNFCCC. While the main focus is on transparency as it relates to mitigation efforts, the discussion also touches on transparency in the main components of the Paris Agreement, including adaptation, finance, and the Warsaw International Mechanism.

Organized by the York University Research Group on the Paris Agreement, led by Idil Boran, this side event brings together researchers, parties, and civil society to reflect on these key questions.

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