

**Submission by the Arab Republic of Egypt on behalf of the African Group of Negotiators  
(AGN) to the  
Subsidiary Body for Implementation  
on  
Common Time Frames for Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), Article 4  
paragraph 10 of the Paris Agreement**

**1. Introduction**

The African Group of Negotiators (hereinafter AGN or African Group) welcomes the opportunity to provide further views on issues relating to common time frames for nationally determined contributions referred to in Article 4, paragraph 10, of the Paris Agreement (SBI agenda item 5).

The African Group further welcomes the progress made by Parties in Bonn during the COP23 sessions on exchange of ideas on the common time frames. In line with the decision FCCC/SBI/2017/L.20, the African Group is pleased to submit its views on, but not limited to, the usefulness of and options for common time frames and the advantages and disadvantages of these options, for consideration at SBI 48 and reserves the right to augment these views during the negotiations at SBI48.

**2. Frequency and Applicability of Common Time Frames**

The African Group notes that NDCs shall be communicated every five years, pursuant to Article 4 of the Paris Agreement. The view of the AGN is that the time frame or period of implementation should be five years. Successive NDCs should be communicated five years in advance of the beginning of their period of applicability.

To allow for clarity, transparency, understanding and aggregation of NDCs, a single common time frame is recommendable, and we consider the common time frames to be applicable post-2030.

The AGN notes that the five-year time frames are ideal for environmental integrity and to avoid lock-in to NDCs and to enable raising of ambition. To avoid undue burden on developing countries and Africa in particular, due to frequency of communicating NDCs, their implementation should be supported in accordance with Articles 9, 10 and 11 of the Paris Agreement.

African Group is of the view that NDCs with a common time frame must be submitted in 2025. Hence, the NDCs submitted should be considered for 1 January 2031 and end on 31 December 2035.