COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS ON CAPACITY BUILDING ITEM

PCCB MEETING

i) This is an evolving situation of SB sessions in June postponed affected PCCB meeting because it held in conjunction with SBs. The PCCB is used to working intersessionally so not necessarily a big shock.

ii) PCCB4 is planned to be held virtually for 2020 as other bodies of the convention such as TEC, AC, etc.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2021-2024 WORKPLAN OF THE PCCB

The secretariat has started to develop the Workplan. COP25 has given guidance on key areas and outlined 3 priority areas for the Workplan also defined key activities under priority areas.

The initial draft of the workplan will be shared with all members for comments before PCCB 4. Also looking for linkages between the 3 areas and cross-cutting issues across these. The mandates the PCCB received prior to COP 25 are all still valid and the secretariat will ensure that these are reflected. Looking at emerging practices from other bodies, TEC and CTCN, which have very good expected results and indicators sections and are looking to make sure they are easy to report on and that they are achievable.

The work plan will be considered by Parties under the agenda item “Annual technical progress report of the PCCB”. The preferred approach would be to hear and capture comments from Parties early.

iii) Regional Climate Weeks:

Africa Climate Week has been postponed and it is proposed to held it on virtually as it was planned for the year 2020 in March in Uganda.

Latin American Climate Week is supposed to be held in July but they are also exploring options to hold it on virtually.

We have made the point that it is difficult for certain countries to connect on such virtual platforms – and it is much better to meet face to face. But understands in present situation that need to do basic functioning. One of CB team from the secretariat mentioned the potential option that was recommended by some stakeholders in the process of using UNDP offices in certain countries to secure better connections and provide good working environment for meetings. The secretariat would have to look into this.

Negotiations will be disrupted this year but we can’t stop working so need to move forward as best we can as views already said by many persons.