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### Submission by Oxfam International

#### **SBSTA agenda item 11 (c): Common tabular formats for the electronic reporting of the information on financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support provided and mobilized, as well as support needed and received, under Articles 9–11 of the Paris Agreement**

This submission follows the SBSTA chair’s call for additional submissions on the matter<sup>1</sup> and builds on the informal note by the co-facilitators, version 06 December 2019, 21:00.<sup>2</sup>

The following suggestions are meant for the three tables under **paragraph 123** of the MPGs (Table for finance provided through bilateral, regional and other channels) and the table under **paragraph 124** of the MPGs (Table for finance provided through multilateral channels) and **paragraph 125** of the MPGs (Table for finance mobilised), with the exception of the first suggestion that only refers to paragraph 123.

- 1. Amount (1):** The table under paragraph 123 (bilateral, regional and other channels) should have separate columns for “Total Amount” (the overall funding for a project/programme) and “Climate-specific amount” (the “climate-specific components” or “climate-specific proportion” of the total amount) to enhance transparency about climate-relevance of provided funds. Most bilateral projects/programmes reported in the past pursued climate action as a goal among several goals. Many contributing countries have, in such cases, reported only a proportion of the total amount (e.g. 50%) but did not mark such projects/programmes transparently. Separate columns would allow for additional transparency. Paragraph 121 sub-para I (Underlying assumptions, support as being climate-specific) would be used to clarify/justify the general approach a contributing country has taken to identify the climate-specific amounts/proportions/components, but the table under paragraph 123 would still need transparency on the application of such a general approach for each individual project/programme. *A corresponding extra column for the climate-specific amount mobilised should also be added to the table under paragraph 125 (mobilised finance).*
- 2. Amount (2):** All tables under paragraphs 123, 124 and 125 should each have a separate column for adding information on the grant equivalent value of the provided (or, in the case of paragraph 125: mobilised) amount for projects/programmes where concessional non-grant instrument such as concessional loans are involved, even if entering information in this column is voluntary (as per 18/CMA.1). Adding this information into the existing “Total amount” columns would make these columns unnecessarily crowded. Such an extra column would also work with the suggestion in

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<sup>1</sup> See here: <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/SBSTA%20plan%20for%202021.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> See here: <https://unfccc.int/documents/202650>

the previous paragraph. For the table under paragraph 123 (bilateral, regional and other channels), combining this suggestion and the one in the previous paragraph would look like the following:

**Example for the table under paragraphs 123 (bilateral, regional and other channels)**

| ...       | Total amount | Climate-specific amount | Grant equivalent value of climate specific amount | ... |
|-----------|--------------|-------------------------|---|-----|
| Project 1 | 10,000,000   | 5,000,000               | 1,250.000   | ... |
| Project 2 | 6,000,000    | 6,000,000               | 3,000,000   | ... |

*This example illustrates a combination of the two suggestions above, i.e. separating out total amounts for a funded project/programme, its climate specific proportion, and the grant equivalent of the climate specific amount. Of course, the two suggestions also work independently. For the table under paragraph 124 (multilateral channels) and for the table under paragraph 125 (mobilised finance), the insertion of a column for grant equivalents could be undertaken in an equivalent fashion. (Note: the “Additional information” column could contain additional information explaining what makes parts of a project/programme climate-specific.)*

3. **Channel:** We suggest that “multi-bilateral” should refer to funding from several providing countries (e.g. in a joint programme) through either their bilateral agencies/channels or specific joint channels. A footnote could be inserted to clarify this. The “Additional information” column should include information on other contributing countries involved in the specific programme/project. Such a clarifying footnote would allow differentiating such multi-bilateral activities from multilateral channels with a multilateral governance. Those would be entered under paragraph 124, while “multi-bilateral” (if, as we suggest, meant to mean: several contributing countries but not through a multilateral institution/fund/bank) would be entered solely under paragraph 123.
  
4. **Status:** For both tables under paragraph 123 and under paragraph 124, a footnote could clarify the meaning of “disbursed” and of “committed”, to the effect that “committed” would mean finance allocated based on signed partnership agreements, contribution agreements or equivalent, while disbursed would refer to actual finance transfers (in many cases following a commitment). Care needs to be taken not to report multi-year programmes twice (e.g. in one year as “committed” and in a following year as “disbursed” once a first instalment has been transferred). Usually, all bilateral co-operation would be based on some form of signed agreements (i.e. “committed”), so the general rule should be to report finance for multi-year programmes/projects in the year where it is “committed” in the above-described sense. “Disbursed” would be understood to mean disbursed following a commitment, with both in the same year.

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