

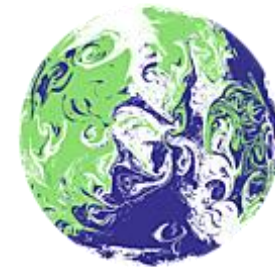
# Learning the lessons: Glasgow shall deliver

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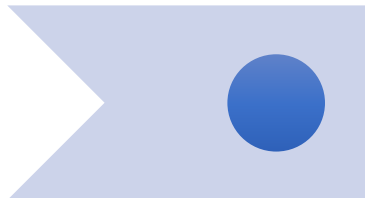
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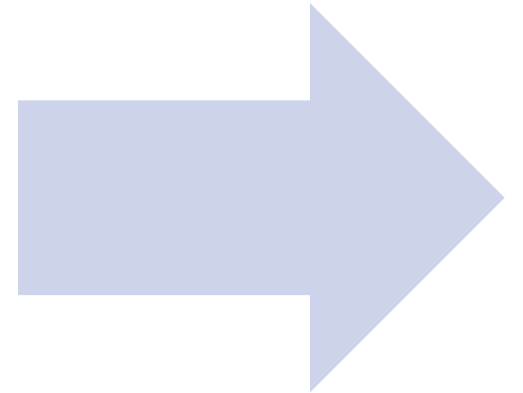


12. *Also requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to develop, pursuant to the modalities, procedures and guidelines, for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its third session (November 2020):

(a) Common reporting tables for the electronic reporting of the information referred to in chapter II, and common tabular formats for the electronic reporting of the information referred to in chapters III, V and VI, of the annex, taking into account the existing common tabular formats and common reporting formats;

(b) Outlines of the biennial transparency report, national inventory document and technical expert review report, pursuant to the modalities, procedures and guidelines contained in the annex;

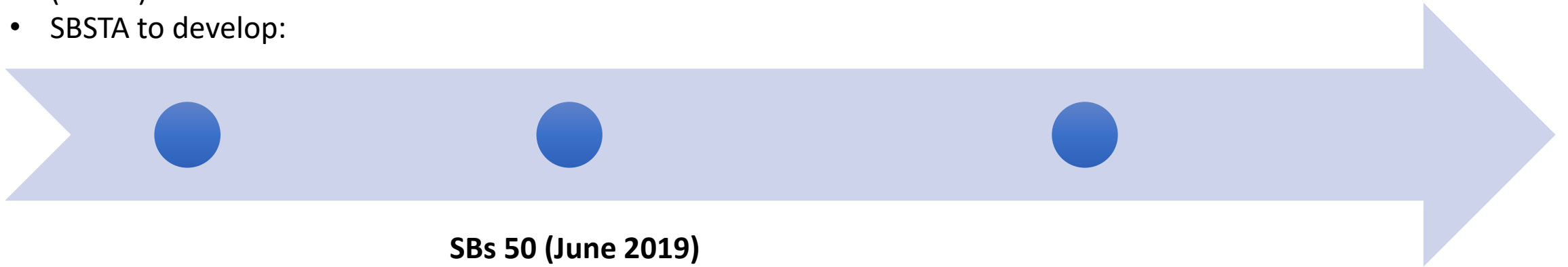
(c) A training programme for technical experts participating in the technical expert review;



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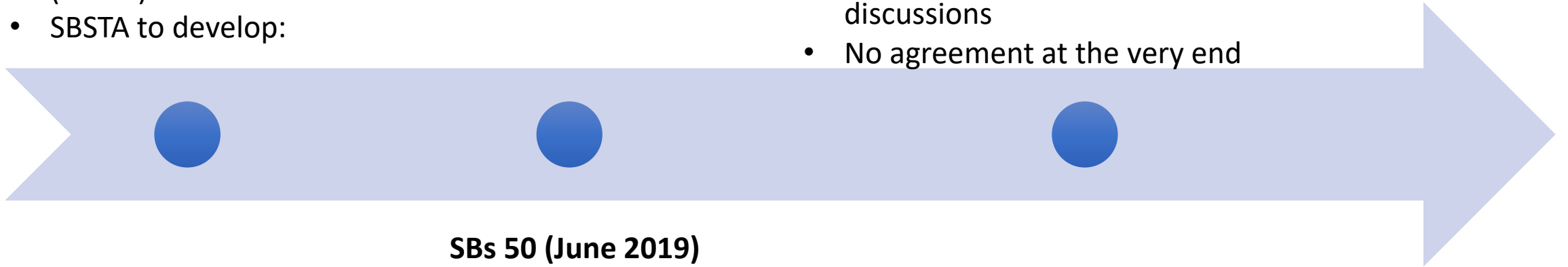
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## **COP25 (Nov 2019)**

- Parties advanced on the understanding of several discussions
  - How to operationalize flexibility
  - Agreements on reporting tables and outlines
- Informal notes reflected the advance on the discussions
- No agreement at the very end

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# Madrid

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- Even if there were advances on the discussions on the different agenda items of Art. 13, there was still divergence on some topics. This led to the informal notes not being accepted, and intersessional work was not mandated (needed to advance on the work that is still incomplete).
- After that decision, the presidency took into account all the positions expressed on the rooms, the outcome of the first week, the availability of time and resources, the fact that the mandate for this agenda item is for the COP26, the commitments we had as a Presidency, and some afterwards discussions, to decide to not keep discussing this topic during the second week.

# Lessons learnt in Madrid

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- Maintain a close alignment between previous presidency (Chile), the secretariat and the next one (UK) to define the topics and recognize the important factors to take into account.
- It's important to maintain and nurture a good relationship between groups and Parties during the period before the negotiations. This can help to better understand each Party/Group needs and also can avoid issues regarding time slots during the negotiations, as we know the time is a limited resource there.
- It's hard to say what a Presidency can do to avoid "too many rule 16", as its a call that any Party can make, at any time; previous contact with parties that are showing uneasiness about the process can be a solution, but in the end, we rely on Parties to come to an agreement.

# What we've achieved in 2020

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## **Time and space to talk**

- Consultations by SBI and SBSTA Chair
- CCXG virtual global forum
- PATPA virtual APR
- Bilateral discussions

## **What have we heard?**

- In spite of the difficulties we're facing, Parties are committed to make progress
- Views are starting to converge on some issues, and there is some common ground
- Reporting can be confusing and technical, especially for those who have had less exposure



# Road to COP26 - what next?

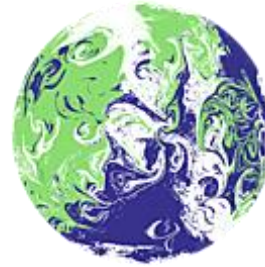
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Agreeing an ETF with accessible and accurate reporting formats, and support for Parties to use them, is key to implementing the Paris Agreement. We can achieve this at COP26!

- We need to remain aware of links between Transparency and other issues
- A lot of work needs to be done, but not all of it by the Parties. The Secretariat has an important role to play.
- We should make the most of all opportunities to make progress, build on common ground and work carefully through issues where options remain on the table.
- We'll have the most success if everyone shares their views and works together to make progress in an inclusive way.



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