

# Informal dialogue meeting on legal issues relating to the 2015 Climate Change Agreement



## INVITATION

The Government of Sweden attaches high importance to the UNFCCC negotiations under the Durban platform for enhanced action (ADP) and supports efforts for the successful adoption of an ambitious, dynamic and durable agreement with a strong rules base in the lead up to COP 21.

Therefore, on behalf of the Government of Sweden, in cooperation with the Stockholm Environmental Law and Policy Centre at Stockholm University, I would like to invite you to participate in an informal dialogue meeting from 28 to 29 May 2015 in Stockholm.

The overarching aim of the meeting is to encourage discussion on and explore central legal issues of the 2015 Agreement in order to help catalyze the thinking on these issues as governments embark on the preparations for the upcoming discussions under the ADP.

The Swedish Government will provide a limited number of invited participants from developing countries and countries with economies in transition with travel and accommodation support for their attendance.

The Government of Sweden would welcome your participation in this informal dialogue, and would be grateful if you could confirm your participation by 1 May 2015. I look forward to welcoming you to Sweden in May and to a constructive dialogue meeting.

Yours sincerely,  
Åsa Romson

Minister for Climate and the Environment

**Venue:**  
Stockholm, Sweden

**Date and time:**  
28 May 12 pm - 6 pm and  
29 May 9 am - 3 pm

**Registration:**  
Please register by 1 May  
via e-mail to: [anna-clara.stenvall@juridicum.su.se](mailto:anna-clara.stenvall@juridicum.su.se)

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## CONCEPT NOTE

*Informal Dialogue Meeting on central legal issues with regard to the UNFCCC negotiations on a new agreement on climate change to be adopted in Paris at COP 21*

### **The meeting**

The overarching objective of the meeting is to explore the central legal issues of the 2015 Agreement. The meeting will provide a forum for an informal dialogue among selected academics and governments on the key legal issues which may have an impact on the outcome in Paris. The informal dialogue meeting will seek to contribute to efforts to ensure the adoption of an ambitious, dynamic and durable agreement with a strong rules base in Paris in December 2015.

It is further anticipated that the informal meeting will serve as a platform to foster interregional discussions among legal experts. The recent agreement by the ADP in Geneva on the negotiating text underlines the need for early consultations on legal aspects of the text. It should be noted that so far, there has not been much opportunity to discuss these issues among legal experts within the ADP and since we believe that such discussions will be most valuable to bring the negotiations forward, we hope that this informal meeting will provide such an opportunity and that the format will facilitate constructive discussions.

### **Areas for consideration by the meeting**

The informal dialogue meeting will provide the opportunity for participants to identify and exchange views on the central legal issues with regard to the 2015 Agreement. Discussions will be structured around the main questions of how the legal form and structure of the agreement can support the key objectives such as i) creating a dynamic and durable instrument capable of reaching the below 2 degree target and strengthening ambition over time, ii) creating political balance between mitigation and adaptation, while recognizing the unique features of each, and iii) creating a rules based system to promote accountability with respect to effective implementation.

*An annotated provisional agenda together with questions for discussions will be circulated in advance of the meeting.*

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