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Background Document for Agenda Item 2: Secretariat briefing on the findings in the Emission Gap Report

This note serves as a background document for discussions under Agenda Item 2: Secretariat briefing on the findings in the Emission Gap Report.

Secretariat briefing on the findings in the Emission Gap Report

The goal of the Paris Agreement on climate change, as agreed at the Conference of the Parties in 2015, is to keep global temperature rise this century to well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

The UN Environment Emissions Gap Report 2018 presents an assessment of current national mitigation efforts and the ambitions countries have presented in their Nationally Determined Contributions, which form the foundation of the Paris Agreement. The report describes the gap between the countries' promises on how much they will reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and the actual reduction required if we are to keep global warming to a global mean temperature increase well below 2°C by the end of this century.

We have the honor to invite you to a briefing session on the 2018 Emissions Gap Report and learn more about ways to bridge the emissions gap, including increasing ambition in the national climate plans, fiscal policy, the role of non-state and subnational actors and the role of innovation.

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