



Fifth global dialogue and investment-focused event under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme

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19-20 May 2025

(All times are in local time)

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Day 1 – 19 May 2025

Time	Session
8:00 – 8:30	Registration for the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme
<u>Opening</u>	
08:30-09:00	<p>Welcome remarks</p> <p>Introduction to the fifth global dialogue by the co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme</p>
<u>Scene-setting Session</u>	
09:00-10:45	<p>Area of discussion 1: Best practices and solutions to address challenges and barriers to mitigation action in the forest sector, particularly to implement Article 5 of the Paris Agreement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scene-setting presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of global forests • Overview of best practices and solutions to address challenges and barriers to mitigation action in the forest sector, particularly to implement Article 5 of the Paris Agreement • Panel Discussion followed by Q&A session <i>This panel discussion will consider aspects related to best practices and solutions to address challenges and barriers to mitigation action in the forest sector, including, inter alia, the conservation and enhancement of forest carbon stocks globally through efforts to halt and reverse deforestation and forest degradation by addressing underlying drivers of forest loss; implementation of sustainable agroforestry approaches and practices; the promotion and utilization of sustainable forest products. Additional aspects considered will include identification and maximization of synergies between forest-related climate action, biodiversity conservation, and efforts to combat desertification. The cross-cutting role of data and technology in supporting forest mitigation efforts, including through national forest monitoring systems, measurement, reporting, and verification (MRV) will be considered in the discussion as well.</i>
10:45 – 11:00	Break



	Area of discussion 2: Approaches to enable means of implementation for actions and solutions in the forest sector, particularly to implement Article 5 of the Paris Agreement	
11:00-12:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Scene-setting presentations<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Overview of approaches to enable means of implementation for actions and solutions in the forest sector, particularly to implement Article 5 of the Paris Agreement● Fostering a shared understanding of Indigenous Peoples and local communities’ stewardship of forests● Panel Discussion followed by Q&A session<p><i>This panel discussion will consider a range of approaches to enable means of implementation in the forest sector, with a view to advancing the solutions and actions discussed in the preceding segment. Discussions will address, inter alia, financing options—both public and private—including market-based and non-market-based mechanisms; facilitating policy frameworks to foster enabling environments to enhance access, such as institutional capacity-building, policy incentives, and public fiscal risk management measures that can catalyze private sector engagement. The role of Indigenous Peoples and local communities’ forest stewardship in weaving cultural dimensions into means of implementation frameworks will also be considered. Technology development and transfer and capacity-building will serve as cross-cutting aspects across all thematic areas of discussion in this panel.</i></p>	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break	
<u>Best practices and solutions to address challenges and barriers to mitigation action in the forest sector, particularly to implement Article 5 of the Paris Agreement - Breakout Sessions</u>		
<p>The breakout sessions will build upon the themes and issues highlighted during the scene-setting presentations and panel discussion on best practices and solutions to address challenges and barriers to mitigation action in the forest sector. Participants will engage in sharing best practices and solutions with a view to exploring key aspects for mitigation action in the forest sector. Further details on the structure of each breakout session round will be communicated in due course.</p> <p>The breakout sessions will be organized in two consecutive rounds, with two groups convening in parallel during each round. Participants will have the opportunity to select the group they wish to join in each round. Each breakout group will focus on a distinct thematic area, drawn from the preceding scene-setting presentations and panel discussions.</p>		
14:10 – 15:25	<i>Breakout Group 1</i> for Best practices and solutions to address challenges and barriers	<i>Breakout Group 2</i> for Best practices and solutions to address challenges and barriers
15:25 – 15:40	Break to switch rooms	
15:40– 16:55	<i>Breakout Group 3</i> for Best practices and solutions to address challenges and barriers	<i>Breakout Group 4</i> for Best practices and solutions to address challenges and barriers



16:55-17:10	Break
17:10-18:00	<u>Closing Session</u> <i>Moderated by co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Work Programme</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report back from breakout groups - Closing of Day 1 by the co-chairs

Day 2 – 20 May 2025

Time	Session	
8:30 – 8:45	Welcome by the co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Work Programme	
8:45 – 9:10	Information session on the Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security	
Approaches to enable means of implementation for actions and solutions in the forest sector, particularly to implement Article 5 of the Paris Agreement - Breakout sessions		
<p>The breakout sessions will build upon the themes and issues highlighted during the scene-setting presentations and panel discussion on approaches to enable means of implementation for actions and solutions in the forest sector. In the breakout sessions, participants will engage in sharing approaches to enabling means of implementation with a view to advancing actions and solutions in the forest sector. Further details on the structure of each breakout session round will be communicated in due course.</p> <p>The breakout sessions will be organized in two consecutive rounds, with two groups convening in parallel during each round. Participants will have the opportunity to select the group they wish to join in each round. Each breakout group will focus on a distinct thematic area, drawn from the preceding scene-setting presentations and panel discussions.</p>		
9:20 – 10:35	Breakout Group 1 for Approaches to enable means of implementation	Breakout Group 2 for Approaches to enable means of implementation
10:35 – 10:50	Break to switch rooms	
10:50 – 12:05	Breakout Group 3 for Approaches to enable means of implementation	Breakout Group 4 for Approaches to enable means of implementation
12:05 – 12:20	Break	



12:20-13:00	Report back from Breakout groups
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break

Fifth investment-focused event

<u>Opening</u>	
14:00 – 14:15	Introduction to the fifth investment-focused event by the co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme
<u>Scene-setting Session</u>	
14:15 – 14:50	<p>Scene-setting presentation Unlocking investment for mitigation action in forest sector</p> <p><i>This presentation will provide an institutional perspective within the investment ecosystem for mitigation action in the forest sector, highlighting the roles and mandates for institutions operating within this ecosystem, and outlining relevant processes and priorities for mobilizing and accessing investment.</i></p>
<u>Case-study exchange</u>	
15:00 – 16:00	<p>Regional case studies and perspectives followed by Q&A sessions</p> <p><i>This session will showcase practical examples of mitigation actions in the forest sector being implemented through collaborative efforts between financial institutions and countries. Each case study will be jointly presented by representatives of financial institutions and their country partners, offering diverse regional perspectives. The presentations will illustrate innovative investment approaches, enabling policy frameworks, and key lessons learned in advancing mitigation action in the forest sector, particularly in the context of implementing Article 5 of the Paris Agreement.</i></p>
16:00 – 16:15	Break
16:15 – 17:15	Regional case studies and perspectives followed by Q&A sessions (continued)
17:30 – 18:00	<p>Summary and reflections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Work Programme