

Concept note by the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies on the mandated workshop under the UAE – Belém work programme on indicators

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I. Introduction and Mandate

1. CMA 5 adopted the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience, including seven thematic and four dimensional targets. It also launched a two-year UAE–Belém work programme on indicators for measuring progress achieved towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5. The subsidiary bodies (SBs) at their sixtieth sessions further elaborated on the modalities of the work programme.
2. SB 60 requested its Chairs to prepare, with the support of the secretariat, in collaboration with relevant United Nations organizations and specialized agencies, and with contributions from relevant constituted bodies, a compilation and mapping of existing indicators relevant to measuring progress towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5, including information on areas potentially not covered by existing indicators. This compilation and mapping were based on submissions from Parties and observer organizations.
3. SB 60 also requested their Chairs to convene technical experts to assist in the technical work under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme, including reviewing and refining the compilation and mapping of existing indicators.
4. SB 60 requested its Chairs to organize, with the support of the secretariat, a hybrid workshop for Parties and technical experts, following the completion of the mapping exercise and prior to CMA 6 (November 2024), with the aim of:
 - (a) Facilitating expert review and refinement of the mapping;
 - (b) Enabling a dialogue between Parties and the technical experts on the mapping and providing an opportunity for the technical experts to clarify the methodologies and assumptions used in refining the mapping;
 - (c) Providing Parties with the opportunity to reflect on the outcome of the mapping and on progress in the work on indicators in preparation for CMA 7.
5. Following submissions, the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chairs, prepared the compilation and mapping of existing indicators and information on gaps, which was published on the UNFCCC website¹. Additionally, in mid-September, the SB Chairs convened the technical experts, who began reviewing the compilation and mapping with the aim of producing a refined mapping as part of the summary report of this workshop. The work of experts' review and refining of the existing indicators is ongoing, with the workshop being an important step of this process, as per paragraph 2 above.

II. Substantive overview of the workshop

6. The substance of the workshop will largely follow the guidance outlined in paragraph 4 above. The compilation and mapping of existing indicators included over 160,000 entries of metadata for over 5000 indicators. Some of these are global, some national, and others context specific, and thus providing the space for experts to discuss the review and refinement of these is key. The expert review is ongoing, however the sessions dedicated to this at the workshop will provide experts with a space to engage with and benefit from the inputs of and feedback from other participants in attendance. Following the opening, experts from each

¹ <https://unfccc.int/event/workshop-uae-belem-work-programme-indicators>

target area will update workshop participants on their progress, including a summary of the current state of review and refinement of the mapping, information on methodologies and assumptions used, challenges encountered so far, and questions for broader discussions.

7. As mandated by SB 60, the Adaptation Committee was invited to prepare a contribution to the compilation and mapping, referred to in para 10 of SB 60 conclusions, by identifying information on indicators reported by Parties in their national reports and communications in the context of the work referred to in paragraph 45 of decision 2/CMA.5. This input is available on the UNFCCC website and has been shared with the experts.

8. The workshop will be an opportunity where experts across the target areas are brought together, either in-person or virtually. Following an analysis of linkages across the indicators, it was noticed that:

(a) all thematic targets had the greatest overlap with the implementation target (10C);

(b) the adaptation cycle targets 10A, 10B and 10D all had a high number of linkages to each other (with implementation linked to the thematic target); and

(c) There are numerous linkages between all thematic target areas, with the most frequent overlap being between poverty and infrastructure. Therefore, advancing work in particular on indicators that have interlinkages and synergies across the target areas will be a substantive outcome of this workshop towards the refinement of indicators.

9. Additionally, throughout the workshop, there will be opportunities for dialogue between Parties and experts through Q&A during plenary discussions and following presentations. In addition, there will be a breakout group session on technical considerations for the refined mapping, where Parties and experts can continue this dialogue.

10. In the compilation and mapping of existing indicators, in response to the invitation for submissions to include information on identified gaps and areas for which the development of new indicators may be needed, such information has been included. In some cases, this information referred to gaps within specific indicators, whereas others discussed broader gaps not covered by any existing indicators, and where new ones may need to be developed. Additionally, within submissions, several other issues were raised by Parties and observers, details of which can be found in [the compilation and mapping of existing indicators](#) and the [Complementary note](#) to the compilation and mapping of indicators – both are available online. At the workshop, such issues will be discussed in the fourth session.

III. Draft Agenda

11. The workshop will be conducted in a hybrid format and all of the sessions will be available to those joining in-person and virtually. Further information, including meeting links will be shared with virtual participants prior to the workshop.

12. Please see below the provisional agenda for the workshop:

<i>Day 1</i>	
09:00 – 09:15	Opening - Remarks by the SBSTA Chair, Mr. Harry Vreuls - Presentation by the secretariat on the submissions and consequent compilation and mapping of indicators
Session 1: Expert presentations on the indicator process	
09:15 – 10:15	Updates from experts, including on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of the current state of review and refinement of the mapping • Methodologies and assumptions used

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenges encountered Questions for broader discussion <p>First round: experts working on the following targets: 9A (Water), 9B (Food and Agriculture), 9C (Health), 9D (Ecosystems) and 9E (Infrastructure)</p>
10:15 – 10:45	First round of Q&A
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:00	<p>Updates from experts working on targets continued:</p> <p>Targets 9F (Poverty and Livelihoods), 9G (Cultural Heritage), 10A-D (Iterative Adaptation Cycle)</p>
Session 2: Presentation by the Adaptation Committee on its contribution to the compilation and mapping	
12:00 – 12:10	Presentation by the Adaptation Committee
12:10 – 12:40	2 nd round of Q&A and reflections
12:40 – 13:30	Lunch
Session 3: Cross-target synergies – Expert discussion	
13:30 – 14:15	<p>Panel discussion with experts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are several indicators with linkages between many or all target areas, how will these be dealt with in the refinement of the indicators and in the process towards the final outcome? How can we ensure that we have indicators that keep us on track towards achieving collective resilience and not creating silos around the targets?
14:15 – 15:00	Q&A session
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:00	Breakout Groups
17:00 – 17:30	Reporting Back
Day 2	
09:00 – 09:30	Opening and reporting back from day 1
Session 4 – Technical considerations for refined mapping of indicators	
09:30 – 10:30	<p>Breakout groups:</p> <p>On Criteria: SB 60 suggested that the mapping may use criteria outlined in paragraph 12 of the SB conclusions, were there any challenges in applying them when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing and compiling indicators for submissions? Reviewing/refining the existing indicators? <p>On a consistent approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do you ensure a consistent approach/methodology in the process of refining the indicators across both the thematic and dimensional targets? Do you think it may be useful for different target groups to come up with adjustments based on the specific nuances of their topic area?

	<p>On the final outcome of agreed indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given the ongoing discussions on the nature of final outcome of the indicators process, what are your suggestions on the optimal outcome that can take into account the review of the overall progress in achieving the GGA for the <i>2nd</i> GST as well as different national context and circumstances?
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	Reporting back and Plenary discussions
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
Session 5 – Discussion on identified gaps and areas not covered by existing indicators	
13:30 – 14:30	<p>Panel discussions:</p> <p>Several submissions identified gaps and areas for the development of new indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How have you approached these gaps in your review and refinement of indicators? What patterns have you seen, and what are some of the most common themes? How in your view the indicator process provide opportunities to help address such gaps towards assessing achievement of the GGA?
14:30 – 15:30	Q&A
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
Session 6: Closing	
16:00 – 17:00	<p>Wrapping up and closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Closing remarks by the SBI Chair, Ambassador. Nabeel Munir - Remarks Counsellor Khaled Hashem, Host Country Representative