

The Government of Japan
Written comment on the closing plenary
of the Technical Dialogue on Global Stocktake

Japan would like to thank the co-facilitators for convening the dialogue in an inclusive and facilitative manner. We would like to reflect on the content of the dialogue and share what we took away from the various discussions.

We recognise that the format of the technical dialogue has been refined compared to the first dialogue, and we appreciate the efforts to achieve this. In particular, the clear focus of the dialogue – from “what” to “how” – was extremely constructive.

At the roundtable sessions, we heard from participants on the ground about their climate actions and could engage with the discussion more proactively by building off of others. Although we felt that the breakout tables at the roundtable were fairly similar to the World Café, the report-back system allowed us to review and reflect on the discussion.

Regarding the World Café, we thought it was very useful that the topics of the tables were set based on sectors. We expect that the results of discussions will provide information to promote a sectoral approach.

The focused exchange was a good opportunity for us to learn about issues across thematic areas and international cooperation comprehensively. For future consideration, it would be great to have more detailed expectations for the discussions well in advance to be able to prepare and fully engage with the discussion.

The Global Stocktake is critical for enhancing the collective ambition of action and support towards achieving the purpose and long-term goals of the Paris Agreement. The technical dialogues are space to identify opportunities for, and challenges in enhancing action and support in collective progress in relation to the thematic areas and cross-cutting issues as well as possible measures and good practices and international cooperation and related good practice

We felt that the dialogues generated many solutions and opportunities to bridge the existing gaps. In particular, we would like to highlight that regional and local level activities and collaborative efforts are part of the common message that we heard across all themes relating to mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation and support.

Japan has been reducing emissions in partner countries by introducing decarbonisation technologies to partner countries through the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM). In order to further deepen emission reductions, early and steady implementation of a “high integrity carbon market” is necessary. We will launch Article 6 Implementation Partnerships and provide capacity-building support for countries and stakeholders implementing Article 6 through collaboration with international organisations, research institutions and the private sector.

We also disseminate good practices of local decarbonisation initiatives and promote capacity building and implementation of measures in partner countries through the Zero Carbon City International Forum and international “city-to-city collaboration”. We will continue to further promote international city-to-city collaboration” towards a decarbonised society.

Regarding adaptation, prefectural and municipal governments are also taking measures based on adaptation plans tailored to local circumstances in addition to efforts at the national level. Furthermore, Japan launched the Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Information Platform (AP-PLAT) to support decision-making taking into account climate change risks and highly effective climate change adaptation in the Asia-Pacific region. The platform contributes to improving scientific knowledge on climate change risks, provides tools to support stakeholders and strengthens capacity related to assessing climate change impacts and adaptation. We will continue to promote efforts in collaboration with countries and relevant institutions in the region.

Lastly, we also welcome efforts made outside of the technical dialogue space such as during regional climate weeks and at the COP27 Global Stocktake Climate Datathon.

To conclude our intervention, we would like to extend our thanks to the experts, parties, observers, and NPS who participated in the dialogue. We are looking forward to making further, proactive contributions to the GST process.