Information note on the first global dialogue and investment focussed event under the Sharm el-Sheikh Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Work Programme

Note by co-chairs

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I. Introduction

1. The CMA at its fourth session operationalised the elements of Sharm el-Sheikh Mitigation ambition and Implementation Work Programme under Decision 4/CMA.4 Matters relating to the work programme for urgently scaling up mitigation ambition and implementation referred to in paragraph 27 of decision 1/CMA.3 to start immediately after COP27/CMA4 and be carried out under the CMA.1

2. The CMA further decided that at least two Global Dialogues shall be held each year as part of the work programme, organized with the support of the secretariat and under the guidance of the co-chairs of the work programme, namely with one to be held prior to the first regular session of the subsidiary bodies of the year, starting at their fifty-eighth sessions, and one prior to the second regular sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the year, starting with their fifty-ninth sessions.2

3. These dialogues are to be organized in a manner which facilitates a focused exchange of views, information and ideas, as well as the active participation of and interaction between Parties and relevant non-Party stakeholders and reflects the objective and the scope of the work programme. The high-level champions are encouraged to support the effective participation of non-Party stakeholders in these dialogues.

4. The investment-focused events are organized, on the margin of the dialogues above, considering the cost of mitigation implementation, with a view to unlocking finance, including for just transitions, overcoming barriers to access to finance and identifying investment opportunities and actionable solutions informed by nationally determined contributions to help public and private financers, investors and international climate finance providers direct finance flows towards supporting areas of opportunity to enhance mitigation in this critical decade.3

5. Parties, observers and other non-Party stakeholders were invited to annually submit suggested topics in line with the scope of the work programme to be discussed under the dialogues that year and the co-chairs of the work programme were tasked with deciding the topic to be discussed at each dialogue in that year considering the submissions.

6. Taking into account the submissions received on suggested topics, the co-chairs of the work programme communicated to Parties, observers and other non-Party stakeholders that the dialogues taking place under the work programme in 2023 will focus on accelerating just energy transition, including by:

   (a) Implementing policies and measures with global overview and country-specific experience;

   (b) Addressing financial, technological and capacity-building needs in this area, such as through international cooperation, including with non-Party stakeholders, and provision of support to developing countries;

   (c) Promoting sustainable development and understanding socioeconomic effects.

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1 Decision 4/CMA.4
2 Decision 4/CMA.4, paragraph 8
3 Decision 4/CMA.4, paragraph 11
7. Parties, observers and other non-Party stakeholders were further invited to submit their views on opportunities, best practices, actionable solutions, challenges and barriers relevant to the selected topics of the dialogues for 2023.

8. Taking into account the submissions from Parties, observers and other non-Party stakeholders, this note introduces the general approach to and programme of the first global dialogue and first investment-focused event.

II. Conducting the first global dialogue

9. The first global dialogue under the Sharm el-Sheikh Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Work Programme will take place on 3 and 4 June 2023 from 9:00 – 18:00 CEST on both days in the World Conference Centre, Bonn in a hybrid format. The global dialogue plenary sessions will take place in room Genf with room Nairobi as a linked room. Breakout rooms will be Genf, Nairobi, Bangkok, and Bonn.

10. Considering space and resource constraints, we requested all Parties to nominate up to two in-person participants to attend the first global dialogue and first investment-focused event as well as nominate one additional active virtual participant. We also invited various subject matter non-Party stakeholders, including the observer constituencies to the UNFCCC, to join the global dialogue and investment-focused event taking into account their expertise and experience while considering regional and gender balance.

11. We encourage all participants to engage in a conversation and dialogue with one another, rather than provide prepared statements. Further, we encourage all participants to respond to other views that have been shared and to avoid repetition. Discussions should be technical, focused on opportunities, best practices, actionable solutions, challenges and barriers relevant to the topic.

12. The first global dialogue will be conducted in a plenary sessions and workshop style breakout groups.

13. The final agenda of the first global dialogue is available here.

Plenary session

14. On the first day of the global dialogue, we will open the meeting and invite the high-level speakers to deliver welcoming and opening remarks. These will be followed by a series of scene-setting presentations delivered by invited experts. We will then introduce the organization of work for the workshop style breakout groups.

15. In the initial session, of the second day of the global dialogue, we will hear report back from the facilitator of each workshop style breakout group held on the first day followed by a series of scene-setting presentations by invited speakers on the thematic areas of discussion of the day. At the end of the second day, we will hear report back from the facilitator of each workshop style breakout group. Then we will provide a space for reflections by the co-chairs on the discussions undertaken during the first global dialogue and consider next steps.

16. Entry into room Genf will be on a first come first serve basis. Room Nairobi will act as the virtually connected linked room and will be available for participants in case seats are no longer available in room Genf.

Workshop style breakout group

17. We will create four breakout workshop groups on each day of the global dialogue to facilitate focused exchange of views, information and ideas. All four breakout groups will run in parallel. There will be four rounds of breakout workshops over the course of the day to allow all participants to participate in the discussions of each topic.

18. Participants will be allocated to one of the four breakout rooms. Participants are kindly requested to stay in the same breakout room throughout the day. After each round of workshops, facilitators and experts will rotate to a new room. Over the course of the
day, all participants will have the opportunity to contribute to each thematic breakout workshop.

19. Each Workshop Round will run for approximately 75 minutes with a short break in between to allow facilitators and experts to switch between breakout rooms.

20. In-person participants of the work programme global dialogue will be given a secondary access badge indicating the breakout room to which they are assigned.

21. For registered virtual participants, a link to join the plenary sessions and breakout workshops will be sent shortly before the start of the meeting.

III. Conducting the first investment focused event

22. The first investment-focused event will take place on 5 June 2023 in the World Conference Centre, Bonn in a hybrid format. The morning session of the investment-focused event (8:00 – 11:00 CEST) will be held in room Genf, with the room Santiago de Chile as a linked room. The afternoon session of the investment-focused event (15:00 – 18:00 CEST) will take place in the Chamber Hall. A match-making reception will take place during the lunch break (12:00 – 14:00) in the lobby of the Climate Tower. The event is open to nominated participants by Parties and invited non-Party stakeholders including observer constituencies.

23. We encourage participants to engage in a conversation and dialogue with one another, rather than provide prepared statements during the sessions. Participants are encouraged to respond to other views that have been shared and to avoid repetition. In the match-making reception, we encourage parties and interested financiers to engage in concrete discussions on project ideas which can materialize into implementation of NDCs and which can lead to increase in ambition.

24. For registered active virtual participants, a link to join the investment-focused event will be sent shortly before the start of the meeting.

25. The final agenda of the first investment-focused event is available here.

IV. Logistical arrangements

A. Registration and access to meeting rooms

26. Access to work programme events will be limited to participants nominated by Parties and invited non-Party stakeholders including observer constituencies.

27. Participants are requested to collect their badges at the SB58 registration desk during registration opening hours and before the start of the events. Participants registered only for the work programme events, and not for SB58, will be issued temporary badges valid for the global dialogue and the investment-focused event.

28. In addition, all participants registered for the work programme events, will receive a special access badge which will allow them to access the work programme rooms. Access to the rooms of the work programme events will be limited to registered participants holding a special access badge for the event.

29. Please note the special access badges for the work programme events are different from and in addition to badges for SB58 sessions. The special access badges are available only for participants registered for the work programme events and invited non-Party stakeholders.

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4 Detailed logistical information will be communicated to registered participants directly

30. Duly registered participants for the SBs can enter the World Conference Centre Bonn with their regular conference badge, but access to the work programme events is limited to registered participants holding a special access badge for the event. Two special access badges per Party will be provided, which could be exchanged among Party delegates. The special access badges will indicate to which breakout group a Party has been assigned.

B. Active virtual participation

31. Virtual participants nominated by Party may change from global dialogue to investment focused event. Virtual participation links for the plenary and breakout sessions of the global dialogue and for the investment-focused event will be sent directly to all registered participants shortly before the events.

C. Broadcast

32. The events of the work programme will be also available to watch live and on-demand on the SB58 Virtual Platform and the UNFCCC public website: https://unfccc.int/sb58. Video recording will be made available after the meeting on the global dialogue and investment-focused event webpage.