

## **Concept note by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation for the expert dialogue on the disproportionate impacts of climate change on children and relevant policy solutions**

29 May 2024

### **I. Mandate**

1. CMA 5, by decision 1/CMA.5, para 182, requested the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), at its sixtieth session, to hold an expert dialogue on the disproportionate impacts of climate change on children and relevant policy solutions in this regard, engaging relevant United Nations entities, international organizations and non-governmental organizations. The expert dialogue is scheduled to take place on 4 June 2024.

### **II. Background**

2. In April 2024, the SBI Chair, invited Parties and observers to share their experience in, and examples of, the disproportionate impacts of climate change on children and relevant policy solutions.

3. As of 28 May 2024, 63 inputs had been received from 14 Parties, six UN and IGOs, 39 from NGOs and other organizations and three from individual scholars. Inputs were received from Nigeria, Equatorial Guinea, Rwanda, Dominican Republic, Madagascar, Kenya, Cote d'Ivoire, Zimbabwe, Türkiye, Norway, Zambia, Tunisia, Maldives, Ethiopia, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), World Food Programme (WFP), World Meteorological Organization (WMO), The Commonwealth Secretariat, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), International Organization for Migration (IOM), University of Exeter, Asabe Shehu Yar'adua Foundation (ASYARFS), The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), One Ocean Hub, Climate Youth Japan, Foundation for Environmental Education, University of Glasgow (GALLANT), Pure Earth, NGO Fundación Apapacho, MECCE Project, Trinity College Dublin's Centre for Global Health, UCL Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability Education, EARTHDAY.ORG, Climate Cares Centre (Imperial College London), United for Global Mental Health, Usina da Imaginação, China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation (CBCGDF), Clean Energy Nepal, Children, Cities, and Climate Action Lab (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine), IUCN Commission on Education and Communication (CEC), ANU Institute for Climate, Energy and Disaster Solutions, Centre for Global Education, TakingITGlobal Youth Association, Fondo para la Acción Ambiental y la Niñez, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Earth Child Institute, World Vision International, ChildFund, Early Childhood Development Action Network's (ECDAN's), Alana Institute, International Cryosphere Climate Initiative ICCI, Plan International, Save the Children International, Geneva Global Hub for Education in Emergencies (EiE Hub), Association pour la Protection de l'Environnement et le Développement Durable de Bizerte (APEDDUB), YOUNGO, University of Leeds, Conectas Human Rights, and Members of the Children's Environmental Rights Initiative (CERI) coalition, Climate Emergency Institute, Youth Resilience Lab, Trinity College Dublin.

4. The inputs received included a wide range of information and included many examples of the disproportionate impacts from across different regions, as well as examples of and ideas for policy solutions at different governance levels and across many sectors.

Some of the proposed solutions fall under the existing UNFCCC structures and processes, whereas others are more general in nature. The inputs contributed to developing the agenda and focus areas for the workshop, and many of the topics covered in the agenda were prominent across many inputs.

### III. Draft Agenda

5. Please find below the provisional agenda for the dialogue:

Time	Session
	<b>Opening</b>
10:00 – 10:15	SBI Chair, Mr. Nabeel Munir COP 28 Presidency  Co-moderated by Ms. Aysin Turpanci, Türkiye and Ms. Kitty van der Heijden, UNICEF
	<b>Session 1: Disproportionate impacts of climate change on children</b>
10:15 – 10:45	<b>Part I: disproportionate impacts: complementary perspectives</b>  Keynote presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPCC, Working Group II AR6 Chapter Lead Author, Bronwyn Hayward</li> <li>• Francisco Vera Manzanares, climate and environmental child advocate from Colombia</li> </ul>
10:45 – 11:30	<b>Part II: Disproportionate impacts: overarching considerations</b>  Panel discussion: names TBC
11:30 – 12:00	<b>Q&amp;A session</b> for keynote speakers and panellists
12:00 – 13:00	<b>Part III: Disproportionate impacts: specific thematic considerations</b>  Panel discussion with experts focusing on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health (physical and mental health)</li> <li>• Access to essential services (food, water, sanitation)</li> <li>• Climate impact on the disruption of education</li> <li>• Cultural impacts</li> </ul>
	<b>Session 2: Relevant policy solutions</b>
15:00 – 16:00	<b>Part I: Broad range of policy solutions</b>  Keynote presentation: UNICEF, George Laryea-Adjei, Director of Programmes on the broad range of policy solutions, gaps and challenges and key enablers  <b>Part II: examples and experience</b>  Panel discussions with country representatives and experts focusing on relevant examples and experience  Intervention by an Indigenous Knowledge Holder on the Seventh Generations Principles (TBC)
16:00 – 17:15	<b>Part III: Enablers</b>

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	Discussion on enablers (e.g. education, investment etc), including breakout groups/world cafes
17:15 – 17:45	Reporting back from breakout groups on policy solutions and recommendations
	<b>Closing</b>
17:45 – 18:00	SBI Chair, Nabeel Munir COP 29 Presidency (Proposing COP29 Presidency Youth Champion)