



Concept note and agenda for the sixth dialogue under the United Arab Emirates Just Transition Work Programme

10 September 2026, 14:00 – 18:00 | 11 September 2026 9:00 – 18:00

(All times are in local time)

Baku, Azerbaijan

I. Introduction

1. As communicated to Parties and observer organizations by the SBSTA and SBI chairs, the sixth dialogue under the United Arab Emirates Just Transition Work Programme will focus on **holistic approaches to nationally determined just transition pathways for the industry sector: technology, innovation and equitable value chains**. The dialogue will be held in hybrid format.
2. This topic reflects submissions received from Parties and Non-Party stakeholders, as well as views shared at the informal virtual consultations with Parties and negotiating groups convened by the SB Chairs on 28 July 2026.
3. The objective of the sixth dialogue is to provide the space for participants to discuss experiences, policies, and best practices related to holistic approaches to nationally determined just transition pathways for the industry sector: technology, innovation and equitable value chains, in the context of element c) paragraph 2 of decision 3/CMA.5.
4. Element (c) of paragraph 2 of decision 3/CMA.5 highlights opportunities, challenges and barriers relating to sustainable development and poverty eradication as part of global transitions towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development, taking into account nationally defined development priorities.
5. The dialogue will consider how nationally determined just transition pathways reflecting diverse national circumstances, capacities, levels of industrialization and development priorities, can contribute to advancing sustainable development, eradicating poverty, and to equitable, low greenhouse gas emission and climate-resilient development. The exchange of opportunities, best practices, solutions, challenges and barriers, will be conducted in a holistic and non-prescriptive approach.
6. Participants are encouraged to engage in an open and constructive exchange of views and ideas. Discussions should remain focused on the dialogue's topic and follow the guiding questions provided throughout, including in the World Café and breakout group settings.

II. Logistical arrangements

7. The sixth dialogue under the UAE Just Transition Work Programme will take place on 10 and 11 of September in the Baku Convention Center (BCC) in hybrid format. On 10 September the dialogue will take place from 14:00 to 18:00. On 11 September the dialogue will take place from 09:00 to 18:00.



8. The agenda of the sixth hybrid dialogue and any updates or additional information will be made available at the event page [here](#).

A. Registration and access to meeting rooms

9. Participation to the sixth hybrid dialogue will be limited to the participants nominated by Parties and invited non-Party stakeholders including NGO constituencies.
10. Participants will receive badges for participating to the event. More information on how to collect the badges will be available in the event page in due time.
11. Please note that it is essential to check the event page and logistics information regularly for updates. The event page can be accessed [here](#).

B. Virtual participation

12. Virtual participation is an integral aspect of the hybrid dialogue. Virtual participants will receive links to connect to plenary discussions as well as relevant virtual breakout rooms before the start of the meeting.
13. To facilitate effective house-keeping, virtual participants should raise their virtual hand when requesting the floor and indicate their name and Party or organization in the chat.

C. Broadcast

14. The sixth hybrid dialogue will be broadcast for those interested in following the discussion. Video recordings of the sixth hybrid dialogue will be made available on the event page after the meeting.



III. AGENDA

Day 1 – 10 September 2026

Time/ Location	Session		
13:30 – 14:00	Registration for the sixth dialogue under the United Arab Emirates Just Transition Work Programme		
<u>Opening Plenary</u>			
14:00 – 14:30	Opening remarks • Julia Gardiner, SBI Chair • Carol Franco, SBSTA Vice-Chair		
	Welcome Remarks • Daniele Violetti, UNFCCC secretariat • André Novo Viccini, COP30 Presidency team • Shams Huseynova, Azerbaijan		
	<u>Introduction to the World café session</u> • Damon Jones, UNFCCC secretariat		
<u>World Café session</u>			
<u>Holistic, people-centered and inclusive approaches to just transition pathways for the industry sector including with a focus on technology, innovation and equitable value chains</u>			
The session will explore people-centered dimensions of just transition pathways in the industry sector including with a focus on technology, innovation and equitable value chains. The World Café setting will enable focused interactions between experts and smaller groups of participants around dedicated tables.			
World Café tables will be organized around three thematic areas, each with guiding questions.			
<i>The discussions on the three topics will run in parallel at nine tables in total, with three tables per topic (two in person and one virtual table per topic). After each round of discussions, participants will change tables to join another world café table of their choosing. Over the course of the session, all participants will be able to attend world café tables dedicated to all three topics of discussion.</i>			
<i>Each round of discussion will run for approximately 40 minutes with a short 5-minute break in between to allow participants to switch between the different tables. Facilitators will keep time and inform participants about the program.</i>			
14:30 – 16:45	3 Discussion Rounds		
World Café Table 1,2,3		World Café Table 4,5,6	World Café Table 7,8,9
Workforce considerations, livelihoods and the role of social		Human rights, gender considerations and social	Indigenous Peoples’ knowledge, traditional knowledge and



dialogue in the context of just transition pathways for the industry sector <u>Guiding questions:</u> - What role can labour rights, the union movement, social dialogue, participatory approaches and social protection systems play in ensuring inclusive, context specific and equitable just transitions for the industry sector? - What are best practices in labour force mapping, education and vocational training, reskilling and upskilling and retooling that prepare workers for industrial transformation and support the creation of decent work and quality jobs, including for workers in the informal economy and in artisanal and small-scale industry? What could be the role of the private sector, including medium, small and micro enterprises? - What are best practices in designing just transition pathways for workers who can be more vulnerable to exclusion and may find reskilling more complex, such as workers with disabilities and older workers?	inclusion in the context of just transition pathways for the industry sector that that leave no one behind <u>Guiding questions:</u> - How can just transition pathways for the industry sector be designed to respect, promote and fulfil human rights? - What approaches effectively promote youth participation, gender equality and the empowerment of women, including in decision-making, in the design of just transition pathways? - How can health considerations, including occupational and safety, public and environmental health considerations, be integrated into just transition pathways for the industry sector?	locally led approaches in the context of just transition pathways for the industry sector <u>Guiding questions:</u> - How can Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, traditional knowledge, and local knowledge systems be effectively recognized, protected, and integrated into just transition pathways for the industry sector? - What are examples of locally led and community-based approaches that can help ensure that industrial transformation contributes to sustainable local development and the preservation of cultural heritage? - How can the benefits and opportunities of just transition pathways for the industry sector, including equitable access to value chains, be equitably shared with Indigenous peoples and local communities?
World Café discussion round 1		
<i>Short break</i>		
World Café discussion round 2		
<i>Short break</i>		
World Café discussion round 3		
<i>Short break</i>		



<u>Plenary Session</u>	
16:45 – 18:00	Reflections and report back on World Café discussions (45 mins) Moderated open discussion (30 mins) • Moderated by Julia Gardiner, SBI Chair



Day 2 – 11 September 2026

Time/ Location	Session	
<u>Opening Plenary</u>		
08:30 - 09:00	Introductions and Chair - Carol Franco, SBSTA Vice-Chair Scene Setting Presentations - EBRD - TEC - UNIDO	
<u>Breakout Group Discussion</u>		
09:00 - 11:30	3 discussion rounds	
<i>All 3 thematic breakout discussions will run in parallel. Participants will be assigned to one of the three breakout discussion rooms. After each round of discussions, participants will remain in the same room and facilitators will rotate to a new room, allowing all participants to attend each thematic discussion.</i> <i>Each breakout discussion will run for approximately 45 minutes with a short 10-minute break in between to allow facilitators to switch between breakout discussion rooms. Facilitators will keep time and inform participants about the program.</i>		
Topic 1 International cooperation and climate finance as an enabler for nationally determined just transition pathways for the industry sector What are the key barriers and structural challenges that countries face in mobilizing and accessing climate finance for nationally determined just transition pathways in the industry sector, including in relation to the distribution of risks, costs	Topic 2 Innovation, technology transfer, capacity-building and knowledge sharing - How can innovation, technology development and transfer, and knowledge sharing support nationally determined just transition pathways for the industry sector? - How could barriers to technology development, deployment and diffusion to support sustainable industrialization, including	Topic 3 Enabling environments - What holistic policy, regulatory and governance frameworks can support and incentivise the private sector to design and implement just approaches to industrial decarbonisation? - What holistic policy, regulatory and governance frameworks can attract investment into industrial decarbonisation, while supporting sustainable industrialization, poverty



and benefits? What lessons can be drawn from country experience?	those associated with intellectual property regimes, be addressed?	eradication and economic diversification?
- What financing approaches, partnerships and delivery models can help overcome these barriers and accelerate nationally determined just transition pathways toward resilient, low-emission and sustainable industry, consistent with pathways to limit global warming to 1.5 °C, while supporting economic diversification?	- How can capacity-building initiatives strengthen institutional and human capacities to design and implement nationally determined just transition pathways for the industry sector, including by building on technology needs assessments and other nationally identified priorities?	- What enabling conditions are needed to support a global shift towards low-emission and resilient industry that delivers on inclusive and sustainable outcomes?
Breakout discussion round 1 (9:00 – 9:45)		
Short break		
Breakout discussion round 2 (9:55 – 10:40)		
Short break		
Breakout discussion round 3 (10:50 – 11:35)		
Short break		
Plenary Session		
11:35 – 12:35	Reflections on the Breakout Discussions • Facilitators, Breakout Discussions Moderated open discussion (30 mins) • Moderated by Julia Gardiner, SBI Chair	
Lunch break (12:35 – 13:30)		
Plenary Session		
13:30 - 14:00	Introduction and Chair • Carol Franco, SBSTA Vice-Chair	



	Scene setting presentations • ILO • UNFCCC <u>Introduction to the Breakout Groups session</u> • Damon Jones, UNFCCC secretariat
<u>Breakout Group Discussion</u>	
14:00 – 15:45	2 discussion rounds
<i>The 2 thematic breakout discussions will run in parallel. Participants will be assigned to one of the two breakout discussion rooms. After each round of discussions, participants will remain in the same room and facilitators will rotate to a new room, allowing all participants to attend both thematic discussions. Each breakout discussion will run for approximately 45 minutes with a short 5-minute break in between to allow facilitators to switch between breakout discussion rooms.</i>	
Topic 1 Holistic approaches to nationally determined just transition pathways that promote equitable value chains - How can equitable value chains that create local value addition and local economic opportunities be incentivized and supported? - How can international cooperation and partnership support fair value creation?	Topic 2 Looking ahead: the potential roles of the UAE just transition work programme and the just transition mechanism - What roles could the UAE just transition work programme play in advancing the design and implementation of nationally determined just transition pathways for the industry sector, including following its review¹ and in the context of paragraph 8 of decision 2/CMA.7? - What could be the role of the just transition mechanism?
Breakout discussion round 1 (14:00 – 14:45)	
<i>Short break</i>	
Breakout discussion round 2 (14:50 – 15:35)	
<i>Coffee break</i>	

¹ Decision 3/CMA.5 paragraph 3 agreed to review the effectiveness and efficiency of the work programme and consider its continuation at the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (November 2026). Decision 2/CMA.7 paragraph 27 requested the subsidiary bodies to develop terms of reference for the review of the UAE just transition work programme at their sixty-fourth sessions. Decision 2/CMA.7, paragraph 28, also requested the subsidiary bodies to consider, inter alia, ways to improve existing modalities in developing the terms of reference, without prejudice to the outcome of the consideration of the continuation of the work programme.



<u>Plenary Session</u>	
15:45 – 16:30	Reflections on the Breakout Discussions • Facilitators, Breakout Discussions Moderated open discussion (30 mins) • Moderated by Julia Gardiner, SBI Chair
16:30 – 17:45	Just transition pathways for the industry sector: opportunities and barriers <i>Sharing experiences and expert input on opportunities and barriers in different national and regional contexts</i> Moderated open discussion (30 mins) • Moderated by Carol Franco, SBSTA Vice-Chair
<u>Closing Plenary</u>	
17:45 – 18:00	Closing address: • Julia Gardiner, SBI Chair • Carol Franco, SBSTA Vice-Chair Closing remarks: • Fatma Tok Lazoğlu, COP 31 Presidency team • Dharmini Robertson, COP 31 President of Negotiations team



IV. Background

15. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) decided, at its fourth session, to establish a work programme on just transition pathways to achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement outlined in Article 2, paragraph 1, in the context of Article 2, paragraph 2².
16. Decision 3/CMA.5 established the scope and modalities of the work programme and also decided that the work programme shall be implemented under the guidance of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and that at least two dialogues shall be held each year as part of the work programme, with one to be held prior to the first regular sessions of the subsidiary bodies, starting with their sixtieth sessions (June 2024), and one prior to the second regular sessions of the subsidiary bodies, starting with their sixty-first sessions (November 2024), and that such dialogues should be conducted in hybrid format to allow both in-person and virtual participation.
17. Decision 3/CMA.5 also invited Parties, observers and other non-Party stakeholders to submit views on work to be undertaken under, as well as possible topics for the dialogues under, the work programme via the submission portal and requested that the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies, taking into consideration these submissions, decide on and communicate, no later than eight weeks before each dialogue in advance of the respective regular sessions of the subsidiary bodies, the topics to be discussed at each dialogue to be held in that year.
18. In 2024 two hybrid dialogues were held under the United Arab Emirates just transition work programme. The first dialogue, held on the 2 and 3 June 2024 in Bonn, Germany, focused on [Just Transition pathways to achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement through NDCs, NAPs and LT-LEDs](#). The topic of the second dialogue, held on 2 and 3 October 2024, in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt was [Ensuring support for people-centric and equitable just transition pathways with a focus on the whole-of-society approach and the workforce](#) with specific areas of focus on 1. Approaches for empowering all actors and segments of the society for a fair and inclusive workforce transition to meet Paris Agreement goals; 2. Unpacking the full range of means of implementation (Finance, Technology and Capacity Building) for a just transition of the work force: exploring current approaches, opportunities and gaps; and 3. International cooperation and partnerships for people-centric and equitable just transition.
19. The first dialogue of 2025 and the third dialogue held under the United Arab Emirates just transition work programme was held on the 22 and 23 May 2025 in Panama City, Panama, as part of the first Climate Week of the year. The third dialogue focused on [Approaches to enhancing adaptation and climate resilience in the context of just transitions](#). The second dialogue of 2025 and fourth dialogue held under United Arab Emirates just transition work programme was held on the 1 and 2 September in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The fourth dialogue focused on [Just energy transition pathways and holistic approaches to just transitions including socioeconomic, workforce, social protection and other dimensions, based on nationally defined development priorities](#).

² Decision 1/CMA.4, para. 52.



20. Paragraph 7 of decision 2/CMA.7 emphasizes the importance of comprehensively and systematically considering all elements of the work programme, as outlined in paragraph 2 of decision 3/CMA.5. In this context, the SBI and SBSTA Chairs decided that the two dialogues held in 2026 are to focus on element (c) of paragraph 2 of decision 3/CMA.5. The SBSTA and SBI Chairs have also identified a number of emerging themes that could be considered as **cross-cutting topics** in both dialogues, including **opportunities for enhancing international cooperation and means of implementation, social dialogue and other inclusive and participatory approaches, the design of the just transition mechanism, and integrating the outcomes of the first global stocktake relevant to just transition.**
21. The first dialogue of 2026 and the fifth dialogue held under the United Arab Emirates just transition work programme was held on the 24 and 25 April 2026 in Yeosu, Republic of Korea, as part of the first Climate Week of the year. The fifth dialogue focused on [Just transition pathways for holistic approaches to food security, including with a focus on agriculture and oceans, in the context of element c\) paragraph 2 of decision 3/CMA.5.](#)

V. Nationally determined just transition pathways for the industry sector: technology, innovation and equitable value chains

22. Building on the progress achieved under the United Arab Emirates Just Transition Work Programme, paragraph 12 of decision 2/CMA.7 highlights key messages from the dialogues that underscore the multisectoral, multidimensional and cross-cutting nature of just transitions. These messages emphasize that just transition pathways should be nationally determined, people-centred, and grounded in whole-of-society and whole-of-economy approaches. They recognize the importance of inclusive and participatory processes, social dialogue, decent work and quality jobs, social protection systems, respect for human rights, gender equality and intergenerational equity, as well as the vital role of Indigenous Peoples, ecosystems, biodiversity and innovation. They further underscore the importance of international cooperation and scaled-up means of implementation—including climate finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building—to support equitable and effective transitions. Decision 2/CMA.7 in paragraph 13 further invited Parties and non-Party stakeholders to consider these key messages in designing, implementing and supporting just transition pathways in line with national circumstances, priorities and capabilities, as applicable.
23. Cognizant of the holistic, multisectoral, multidimensional, non-prescriptive and cross-cutting nature of just transitions, the dialogue will explore how just transition pathways for the industry sector can benefit from whole-of-economy, whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches, including in the context of technology, innovation and equitable value chains. It will provide an opportunity to discuss how nationally determined just transition pathways for the industry sector can contribute to outcomes, including low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development, sustainable industrialization, economic diversification, local value addition, decent work and quality jobs, improving health outcomes, and enabling equal access to education and training. It will also provide a platform for sharing experiences on how nationally determined transition pathways for the industry sector can contribute to sustainable development and poverty eradication.