

Intersessional KCI Workshop on Scoping Studies under the 2026–2030 Workplan of the Forum on the Impact of the Implementation of Response Measures

Concept Note

6-7 May 2026 | Bonn, Germany

1. Background and context

1.1. Forum on the Impact of the Implementation of Response Measures and its Katowice Committee on Impacts (KCI)

Under the UNFCCC, the term “response measures” refers to climate policies or action, typically mitigation measures. Hence, impacts of the implementation of response measures is understood as the effects arising from the implementation of mitigation policies, programmes and action.

The Forum on the Impact of the Implementation of Response Measures (the forum) was established under the UNFCCC, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement to address concerns related to the impacts of the implementation of response measures, including economic diversification, just transition of the workforce, and cross-border impacts. The forum is mandated to facilitate dialogue, exchange information, and share experience and best practices among Parties and relevant stakeholders, with the aim of promoting sustainable development and supporting Parties, in particular developing country Parties, in responding to the impacts of climate change mitigation actions.

The forum operates through its Katowice Committee of Experts on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures (KCI), which provides technical expertise, undertakes analytical work and supports the implementation of the workplan of the forum and its KCI, as adopted by the Conference of the Parties (COP), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA).

The KCI is mandated to support the forum in implementing its functions, work programme and modalities. Its work includes conducting assessments and analyses of the impacts of response measures, developing reports and case studies, organizing workshops and capacity-building activities, and formulating recommendations for consideration by the governing bodies. The KCI fulfils these functions through a multi-year workplan that sets out specific activities, outputs, timelines and modalities.

For the period 2026–2030, the workplan of the forum and its KCI provides a structured framework for addressing emerging and pertinent issues related to the impacts of response measures, including linkages to the global stocktake (GST), just transition, cross-border impacts and economy-wide climate action.

2. Mandate for the intersessional workshop

Under the timeline and modalities for the implementation of the 2026–2030 workplan¹, the KCI is requested to organize an intersessional workshop in 2026 to *jointly scope analytical*

¹ The workplan is contained in the annex to decisions 16/CP.29, 3/CMP.19 and 22/CMA.6. The timeline and modalities for implementation of each activity in the workplan are contained in the annex to document [FCCC/SB/2025/9](https://www.unfccc.int/documents/1629002/1629003/2025-09-09-Annex-to-16-CP.29-3-CMP.19-and-22-CMA.6.pdf).

work and studies under four interlinked activities: activities 5, 6, 11 and 12 of the workplan of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures and its KCI.

In line with this mandate, the KCI plans to convene an intersessional workshop on 6–7 May 2026 in Bonn.

3. Scope of the workshop

3.1. Assessing impacts of response measures in the context of global stocktake outcomes and net zero pathways (Activity 5)

Under activity 5, the workplan of the forum and its KCI focuses on understanding how response measures contribute to achieving the outcomes of the global stocktake under different net zero scenarios and pathways, including their socioeconomic implications. This work is intended to support a more integrated understanding of how mitigation efforts interact with broader economic and social objectives.

The intersessional workshop will provide an opportunity to explore the scope and analytical framing of the report to be prepared under this activity, including key policy questions, relevant dimensions of impact, and linkages to the technical assessment of the second global stocktake. The discussions will help ensure that subsequent analytical work is focused, coherent and responsive to the needs of Parties.

3.2. Analysing impacts of measures taken to combat climate change, including cross-border effects (Activity 6)

Activity 6 addresses the impacts arising from measures taken to combat climate change, including cross-border impacts, in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 5, of the Convention. The activity seeks to deepen understanding of how such measures affect countries and regions, and to support informed consideration of these impacts.

The workshop will support initial reflection on the scope and framing of the first report under this activity. In particular, it will enable consideration of the types of impacts to be examined, the treatment of cross-border dimensions, and the overall analytical boundaries of the study, taking into account linkages with related work under other activities.

3.3. Case studies on just transition, decent work and economic diversification (Activity 11)

Through activity 11, the KCI is mandated to develop regional case studies on just transition of the workforce, the creation of decent work and quality jobs, and economic diversification and transformation. These case studies are intended to shed light on opportunities and challenges faced by Parties in planning and implementing transitions in different regional contexts.

The intersessional workshop will provide a platform for discussing the scope of the initial set of regional case studies, including their thematic focus, analytical depth and relevance to ongoing work of the KCI and need of Parties. The discussions will aim to promote coherence across regions while allowing sufficient flexibility to reflect diverse national and regional circumstances. The KCI has to initiate three case studies in 2026.

3.4. Case studies on the impacts of economy-wide nationally determined contributions (Activity 12)

Activity 12 focuses on examining the social and economic impacts of economy-wide nationally determined contributions, covering all greenhouse gases, sectors and categories. This work seeks to enhance understanding of economy-wide effects of climate action and to

inform the broader UNFCCC process, including, as appropriate, the second global stocktake.

The workshop will support consideration of how case studies under this activity could be scoped to capture economy-wide impacts in a practical and policy-relevant manner. Particular attention will be given to analytical feasibility, data availability and the need to reflect national circumstances, while maintaining coherence with related analytical work under the other activities

4. Rationale for a joint scoping workshop

Activities 5, 6, 11 and 12 are closely interrelated. They address overlapping policy questions concerning the impacts of response measures, links to global climate goals, economy-wide transitions, just transition of the workforce and cross-border effects. Conducting a *joint* scoping workshop allows the KCI to:

- ensure conceptual and analytical coherence across reports and case studies;
- identify common methodological challenges and data constraints;
- clarify complementarities and distinctions among activities, including complementarities to existing work or studies conducted by other organizations;
- avoid duplication of effort and optimise use of expert inputs;
- strengthen the policy relevance of outputs for Parties, including in the context of the global stocktake.

The workshop will also provide an opportunity to reflect on experience from previous KCI work, including prior technical papers and case studies, and existing case studies, and to consider how planned outputs can respond to the evolving needs of Parties under the UNFCCC, while remaining consistent with agreed mandates.

5. Expected outputs

The primary output of the workshop will be **agreed scoping elements** for activities 5, 6, 11 and 12, including:

- a clearly defined scope and framing for the report under activity 5;
- the scope of the first report under activity 6;
- the scope of case studies for three regions under activity 11;
- the scope of case studies and related analytical work under activity 12.

These outputs will be documented and presented to the KCI for consideration and further guidance at its subsequent meeting(s), in accordance with the agreed workplan timelines.

6. Participants

The workshop is expected to bring together KCI members, invited experts and practitioners with relevant technical expertise, and representatives of organizations engaged in research and analysis related to the impacts of response measures, just transition, economic diversification and economy-wide climate policy assessment, subject to resource availability.

7. Format

The workshop will be held in person over two days in Bonn, Germany, and is expected to include a combination of expert inputs, guided discussions and interactive working sessions. The detailed agenda and session structure will be shared closer to the time.