



## Concept note for the Second Dialogue under the United Arab Emirates Just Transition Work Programme

2 October 2024 9:00 a.m - 6:00 p.m. | 3 October 2024 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Maritim Jolie Ville Resort, Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt*

### I. Background

1. 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 2<sup>1</sup>.
2. 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.
3. The Chairs of the subsidiary bodies 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 by 15 February 2024. The First Dialogue under the UAE Just Transition Work Programme took place prior to SB 60 in Bonn on the 2 and 3 June 2024 and focused on “Just Transition pathways to achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement through NDCs, NAPs and LT-LEDs”.
4. SB 60 invited the Chairs to consider, in deciding on the topic for the second dialogue in a transparent and consultative manner, the outcomes of the first hybrid dialogue and the inputs provided by Parties during the joint contact group on the work programme in the light of the elements contained in paragraph 2 of decision 3/CMA.5. Following the Informal virtual consultation on potential topics for the Second Dialogue under the UAE Just Transition Work Programme on 18 July 2024, the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies decided on the topic to be discussed at the second hybrid dialogue to be held this year would be, “Ensuring support for people-centric and equitable just transition pathways with a focus on the whole-of-society approach and the workforce.” They also identified the specific areas of focus as below:
  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 transitions.”

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 1/CMA.4, para. 52.



## **II. Ensuring Support for People-Centric and Equitable Just Transition Pathways: A Focus on the whole-of-society approach and the workforce**

5. Recognising the importance of the best available science for effective climate action and policymaking,<sup>2</sup> science shows that the impacts of climate change affect those in vulnerable situations the hardest. Science also shows that prioritizing equity, climate justice, social justice, inclusion and just transition processes can enable adaptation, ambitious mitigation actions and climate-resilient development.<sup>3</sup> Adaptation and mitigation actions that prioritise equity, social justice, climate justice, rights-based approaches, and inclusivity lead to more sustainable outcomes, reduce trade-offs, support transformative change and advance climate resilient development.<sup>4</sup> This points towards the need to ensure that the pathways towards transition to a low-carbon economy are people-centric and include a whole-of-society approach to ensure just transitions in the face of the global climate crisis.
6. A whole-of society approach aimed at maximizing opportunities stemming from the transitions in a way that contributes to equity and social justice while minimizing and adequately addressing risks stemming from the transition pathways is essential to avoid exacerbating existing inequalities and penalizing vulnerable groups to ensure just transitions. Recognizing and respecting labor rights throughout these transitions also plays a key role in ensuring just transitions that maximize opportunities and minimize risks for workers and communities alike.
7. The second hybrid dialogue aims to provide the space to exchange on best practices, actionable solutions, challenges, and opportunities with regards to empowering all actors and segments of society, while unpacking the full range of means of implementation, and discussing the role of international cooperation and partnerships in the context of just transitions, with discussions around the specific focus topics described in more detail below.

### **A. Approaches for empowering all actors and segments of the society for a fair and inclusive workforce transition to meet Paris Agreement goals**

8. While just transition of the workforce and the creation of decent work and quality jobs in accordance with nationally defined development priorities is integral to mitigating the potential socio-economic impacts of transition to a low-carbon economy, it is important to recognize that there is no one size fits all' approach to just transition of the workforce in the light of different national circumstances. Just transition pathways must be tailored to each individual country and undertaken in a way that supports affected workers and communities while enhancing access to the opportunities that emerge from the low carbon transition.
9. Empowering all actors and segments of society is crucial for ensuring just transition pathways, including for the workforce. The second hybrid dialogue will provide an opportunity to discuss approaches for empowering all actors and segments of society for a fair and inclusive workforce transition, including through recognizing labour rights, promoting access to social protection, social dialogue, participation, and collaboration among all relevant stakeholders, including workers, employers, governments, and civil society organizations.

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<sup>2</sup> [Decision 3/CMA.5](#), preambular para 7.

<sup>3</sup> [Sixth IPCC Climate Change 2023 Synthesis Report; Summary for Policymakers. \(AR6 C.5.3\)](#) p. 31, C.5

<sup>4</sup> [Sixth IPCC Climate Change 2023 Synthesis Report; Summary for Policymakers. \(AR6 C.5.3\)](#) p. 31, C.5.2



## **B. Unpacking the full range of means of implementation (Finance, Technology and Capacity Building) for a just transition of the work force**

10. Just transition pathways require comprehensive approaches that addresses the full range of challenges faced by workers and communities, including the provision of adequate financial resources to support job training, retraining, and other social support programs. The use of policy can play a role in driving national and international finance towards fostering just transitions for the workforce and people in vulnerable situations, including the poor, women, youth, indigenous peoples, and other people underrepresented in economic sectors.
11. Exchanges that have taken place during the [Technical Dialogue on Financing for gender-responsive just transitions and climate action](#), and the [2023 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance: Financing Just Transitions](#) and [2024 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance: Accelerating climate action and resilience through gender-responsive financing](#), highlight that gender-responsive approaches can be integral to providing equal opportunities to jobs in impacted and emerging job markets, ensuring just transition pathways, and strengthening climate action.
12. People-centric and equitable just transition pathways also involve investing in technologies that can create new jobs and opportunities, and some countries are already connecting and exploring synergies between just transition and the digital transition agenda given the key role played by digital technologies in many sectors.<sup>5</sup>
13. Providing targeted capacity-building programs to equip workers with the skills needed for a greener and more sustainable economy is also key. Targeted, intentional, and integrated policies are needed to ensure that skills development does not reproduce occupational inequalities and stereotypes but is instead used to promote decent work for all in the green economy. Strengthened social dialogue and partnerships throughout the planning, design, and implementation stages of policies, coupled with robust national and sectoral policies that align skills development with green job opportunities, can significantly accelerate a just transition.<sup>6</sup>

## **C. International cooperation and partnerships for people-centric and equitable just transitions**

14. International cooperation can play an essential role in supporting just transitions. The second hybrid dialogue will provide an opportunity to explore the role that international cooperation can play as an enabler of just transition pathways towards achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement. It will also explore how partnerships can also contribute towards people-centric and equitable just transition particularly through knowledge sharing, exchanging best practices, and through the provision of resources. The specific needs and challenges of different groups of workers, such as women, youth, and communities in vulnerable situations, can be identified and addressed by fostering partnerships and international cooperation through which countries can learn from each other and accelerate progress towards a just transition.
15. International partnerships can also help to mobilize the necessary financial resources and technical expertise to support countries in their efforts to transition to low-carbon economies.

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<sup>5</sup> [EU 2023 Strategic Foresight Report](#)

<sup>6</sup> [Skills Development for a Just Transition](#), Skills and Employability Branch & Green Jobs Programme, ILO, 2022



### III. Logistical arrangements

16. The Second Dialogue under the UAE Just Transition Work Programme will take place on **2 October (from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.)** and **3 October (from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)** in hybrid format at the Maritim Jolie Ville Resort in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.
17. The objective of the second hybrid dialogue is to provide the space for participants to discuss experiences, policies, and approaches for people-centric and equitable just transition pathways with a focus on the whole-of-society approach and the workforce.
18. The goal of the second hybrid dialogue is to support knowledge-sharing and discuss the development of practices aligned with just transitions.
19. Participants are encouraged to engage in an open and constructive exchange of views and ideas during the second hybrid dialogue. Discussions should remain focused on the event's topic and follow the guiding questions provided throughout the dialogue, including in the World café and breakout group settings.
20. The Detailed Agenda of the second hybrid dialogue and any updates or additional information will be made available at the event page [here](#).

#### A. Registration and access to meeting rooms

21. Participation to the second hybrid dialogue will be limited to the participants nominated by Parties and invited non-Party stakeholders including observer constituencies.
22. 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.
23. 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

24. 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.
25. 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

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



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## IV. AGENDA

Day 1 – 02 October 2024

Time/ Location	Session
<b>8:00 – 9:00</b> Sinai Peninsula Ballroom	<b>Registration for the Second hybrid Dialogue under the United Arab Emirates Just Transition Work Programme</b>
<b><u>Opening Plenary</u></b> <i>Chaired by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), Harry Vreuls</i>	
<b>9:00 – 9:30</b> Sinai Peninsula Ballroom	<p><b>Opening and moderation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Harry Vreuls</b>, Chair of the SBSTA</li> </ul> <p><b>Introduction to the Second hybrid Dialogue under the United Arab Emirates Just Transition Work Programme</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nabeel Munir</b>, Chair of the SBI, (virtual)</li> </ul> <p><b>Welcome Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Representative from Egypt</b></li> <li>• <b>Daniele Violetti</b>, Senior Director, Programmes Coordination, UNFCCC</li> <li>• <b>Iman Ustadi</b>, Deputy Chief Negotiator, COP28 Presidency</li> </ul> <p><b>Scene Setting Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moustapha Kamal Gueye</b>, Director, Priority Action Programme on Just Transitions, ILO</li> </ul> <p><b>Introduction to the format of the World Café Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Harry Vreuls</b>, Chair of the SBSTA</li> </ul>
<b><u>World Café Session</u></b> <b>Ensuring support for people-centric and equitable just transition pathways with a focus on the whole-of-society approach and the workforce</b>	
<p><i>The world café session will provide a space for more focused interaction between experts and smaller groups of participants around world café tables. World café tables will be set up around 3 different topics and guiding questions.</i></p> <p><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></p> <p><i>Each round of discussion will run for approximately 30 minutes with a short 10-minute coffee break in between to allow participants to switch between the different tables. Facilitators will keep time and inform participants about the program.</i></p>	
<b>09:30 – 11:30</b>	<b>3 Discussion Rounds</b>
<i>Sinai Peninsula Ballroom</i>	



<p><i>World Café Table 1, 2 &amp; 3</i> <b>Holistic and People-Centric Approaches</b></p> <p><u>Guiding question:</u> <i>How can a holistic approach that integrates social, economic, and environmental dimensions be adopted to support people-centric just transitions?</i></p>	<p><i>World Café Table 4, 5 &amp; 6</i> <b>Workforce Considerations</b></p> <p><u>Guiding question:</u> <i>What strategies can be implemented to ensure that workforce transitions are equitable, create decent work, and uphold labor rights in line with nationally defined development priorities?</i></p>	<p><i>World Café Table 7, 8 &amp; 9</i> <b>Whole-of-Society Engagement Strategy</b></p> <p><u>Guiding question:</u> <i>How can inclusive and participatory approaches be integrated into just transition pathways to ensure that all segments of society, including vulnerable groups, are actively engaged and represented?</i></p>
<b>World Café Discussion Round 1</b>		
Short Break		
<b>World Café Discussion Round 2</b>		
Short Break		
<b>World Café Discussion Round 3</b>		
Short Break		
<b><u>Plenary Session</u></b>		
<p><b>11:30 – 12:45</b> <i>Sinai Peninsula</i> <i>Ballroom</i></p>	<p><b>Reflections on World Café Discussions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Facilitators</b>, Tables 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 &amp; 8</li> <li>• <b>Facilitators</b>, Virtual Tables, 3, 6 &amp; 9</li> </ul> <p><b>Open discussion</b></p>	
<b>12:45 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
<b><u>Plenary Session</u></b>		
<p><b>14:00– 14:30</b> <i>Sinai Peninsula</i> <i>Ballroom</i></p>	<p><b>Scene Setting Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Facilitators</b>, Breakout Discussions 1 - 3</li> </ul> <p><b>Introduction to the format of the Breakout Discussions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Harry Vreuls</b>, Chair of the SBSTA</li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>Breakout Discussions</u></b></p> <p><b>Approaches for empowering all actors and segments of the society for a fair and inclusive workforce transition to meet Paris Agreement goals</b></p>		



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.

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.

Guiding questions:

**Breakout Discussion 1: Holistic Approaches to Inclusive Workforce Transition and the role of social protection**

- What could be the role of social protection in the context of just transition pathways that leave no one behind?

**Breakout Discussion 2: Skill Development (Analysis and Quantification)**

- How can the integration of upskilling, reskilling, and adaptable education systems ensure the success of just transition pathways?

**Breakout Discussion 3: Fostering Inclusive, Meaningful and Effective Participation for Just Transitions**

- How can inclusive consultation practices enhance social dialogue and stakeholder engagement in the context of just transitions?

<b>14:30 – 17:15</b>	<b>3 Discussion Rounds</b>		
<i>Sinai Peninsula Ballroom</i>	<i>Nuweiba</i>	<i>Nabq</i>	
<p><i>Breakout Discussion 1:</i> <b>Holistic Approaches to Inclusive Workforce Transition</b></p> <p><u>Co-Facilitators:</u> <b>Camilla Roman</b>, Senior Technical Specialist, Priority Action Programme on Just Transitions, ILO;</p> <p><b>Inkar Kadyrzhanova</b>, Senior Natural Resources Officer, Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment, FAO</p>	<p><i>Breakout Discussion 2:</i> <b>Skill Development (Analysis and Quantification)</b></p> <p><u>Co-Facilitators:</u> <b>Moustapha Kamal Gueye</b>, Director, Priority Action Programme on Just Transitions, ILO</p> <p><b>Kusum Lata</b>, Team Lead, Impact Assessment Unit, UNFCCC</p>	<p><i>Breakout Discussion 3:</i> <b>Fostering Inclusive, Meaningful and Effective Participation for Just Transitions</b></p> <p><u>Facilitator:</u> <b>Christopher Richter</b>, Regional Migration, Environment and Climate Change Specialist, IOM</p>	
<b>Breakout Discussion Round 1</b>			
Short Break			
<b>Breakout Discussion Round 2</b>			
Short Break			
<b>Breakout Discussion Round 3</b>			
Short Break			
<b><u>Plenary Session</u></b>			
<p><b>17:15 – 18:00</b> <i>Sinai Peninsula Ballroom</i></p>	<p><b>Reflections on Breakout Discussions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Facilitators</b>, Breakout Discussions 1 – 3</li> </ul> <p><b>Open discussion</b></p>		





**Day 2 – 03 October 2024**

Time/ Location	Session
<p><b><u>Opening Plenary</u></b></p> <p><i>Chaired by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), Harry Vreuls</i></p>	
<p><b>09:00 – 09:50</b></p> <p><i>Sinai Peninsula Ballroom</i></p>	<p><b>Opening and introduction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Harry Vreuls</b>, Chair of the SBSTA</li> </ul> <p><b>Scene Setting Presentations</b> (45 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Navina Sanchez Ibrahim</b>, Senior Climate Change Specialist (Just Transition), Asian Development Bank</li> <li>• <b>Victor Meseguer</b>, International Consultant on Social and Solidarity Economy, UN Trade and Development</li> <li>• <b>Stig Svenningsen</b>, UNFCCC Technology Executive Committee</li> <li>• <b>Luca Longo</b>, Associate Technical Expert, United Nations Industrial Development Organization</li> <li>• <b>David Oehman</b>, Means of Implementation Division, UNFCCC</li> <li>• <b>Camilla Roman</b>, Senior Technical Specialist, Priority Action Programme on Just Transitions, ILO</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Breakout Discussions</u></b></p> <p><b>Unpacking the full range of means of implementation (Finance, Technology and Capacity Building) for a people-centric just transition of the work force: exploring current approaches, opportunities and gaps</b></p>	
<p><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></p> <p><i>Each breakout discussion will run for approximately 50 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></p> <p><u>Guiding Questions:</u></p> <p><b>Breakout Discussion 4: Innovative and Equitable Financing Mechanisms for Just Transition Pathways</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How could financing mechanisms for just transitions of the work force be designed to overcome investment barriers in developing countries and reach those in the most vulnerable situations?</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Breakout Discussion 5: Accelerating Technology Transfer for Effective Just Transition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How could international cooperation and public-private partnerships be designed and leveraged to accelerate and sustain technology transfer for just transitions of the work force in developing countries while fostering inclusivity?</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Breakout Discussion 6: Enhancing Capacity Building to Support Just Transition Strategies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How can capacity building efforts be enhanced to contribute to the successful implementation of just transition strategies in developing countries, and what metrics can be used to measure the effectiveness and inclusiveness of capacity building programs in preparing workers and communities for these transitions?</i></li> </ul>	



<b>09:50 - 12:50</b>	<b>3 Discussion Rounds</b>	
<i>Sinai Peninsula Ballroom</i>	<i>Nuweiba</i>	<i>Nabq</i>
<p><i>Breakout Discussion 4:</i> <b>Innovative and Equitable Financing Mechanisms for Just Transition Pathways</b></p> <p><u>Facilitator:</u> <b>Victor Meseguer</b>, International Consultant on Social and Solidarity Economy, UN Trade and Development</p>	<p><i>Breakout Discussion 5:</i> <b>Accelerating Technology Transfer for Effective Just Transition</b></p> <p><u>Facilitator:</u> <b>Luca Longo</b>, Associate Technical Expert, United Nations Industrial Development Organization</p>	<p><i>Breakout Discussion 6:</i> <b>Enhancing Capacity Building to Support Just Transition Strategies</b></p> <p><u>Facilitator:</u> <b>Camilla Roman</b>, Senior Technical Specialist, Priority Action Programme on Just Transitions, ILO</p>
<b><u>Workshop Round 1</u></b>		
Short Break		
<b><u>Workshop Round 2</u></b>		
Short Break		
<b><u>Workshop Round 3</u></b>		
<b>12:50 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
<b><u>Plenary Session</u></b>		
<b>14:00 – 15:50</b>  <i>Sinai Peninsula Ballroom</i>	<p><b>Reflections on the Breakout Discussions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Facilitators</b>, Breakout Discussions 4 - 6</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion on International cooperation and partnerships for people-centric and equitable just transitions (70 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Igor Paunovic</b>, Chief, Climate and Development Strategy Unit Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UN Trade and Development</li> <li>• <b>Stelios Pasmajoglou</b>, Manager, UNFCCC</li> </ul> <p><b>Strengthening International Cooperation for Just Transition</b> <u>Guiding question:</u> <i>How can the impact of international cooperation on equitable and people-centric just transitions in developing countries be effectively quantified, and what metrics can be used to evaluate the success of best practices in supporting these transitions?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reflection on the Plenary Discussion by Igor Paunovic</b>, Chief, Climate and Development Strategy Unit Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UN Trade and Development</li> </ul>	
<b><u>Closing Plenary</u></b>		
<i>Chaired by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), Mr. Harry Vreuls</i>		
<b>15:50 – 16:00</b>  <i>Sinai Peninsula Ballroom</i>	<p><b>Closing remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Elchin Allahverdiyev</b>, Senior Negotiator, COP29 Presidency</li> </ul> <p><b>Closing address:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Harry Vreuls</b>, Chair of the SBSTA</li> </ul>	



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