

EIG Intervention in view of the Technical Dialogue 1.3 Opening Plenary

Mister Executive Secretary,
Dear co-facilitators
Dear colleagues,

I have the honor of speaking on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group.

The EIG is pleased to convene for the opening of the third and last Technical Dialogue under the Global Stocktake. We thank the co-facilitators for their consultative and transparent process.

This year saw the conclusion of the IPCC sixth Assessment Report. The science is clear: we are not on-track to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement. We are not on track to keep 1.5 alive, we are far from being resilient to the impacts of climate change, and we need to work harder to make financial flows aligned with low-emissions and climate resilient development.

We can still choose our future: if we do act decisively, we can secure a sustainable and liveable future for all. If we do not act decisively, we will miss the window of opportunity to secure a livable future for all, that provides for a sustainable development.

We are on the verge of reaching irreversible tipping points in the global climate system. The science tells us that we have less than three years to peak our emissions. We will need greenhouse gas emission reductions of -43% by 2030, or -60% by 2035 compared to 2019, to limit warming to 1.5 with no or limited overshoot. And, we need to work harder to accelerate the just energy transition. Our efforts to urgently reduce emissions will significantly help us to reach our adaptation goals, and help avoid irreversible losses and damages.

The last months have seen major progress in the global governance of biodiversity in general, including the ocean. The GST should aim to recognize the significant contribution of nature-based solutions with an ecosystem-based approach to fostering ambition and enhancing outcomes on both the mitigation and adaptation fronts.

The GST should identify shortcomings in our implementation of the Paris Agreement, and help identify concrete opportunities for further action so as to enhance the environmental effectiveness of the Paris Agreement.

Under your able guidance, our first two Technical Dialogues have been very substantial and have shown the extent of the gaps. However, the elements identified in the summary report of the second Technical Dialogue still fall short of providing the 360 view of climate action. Let us complete these findings during this week's Technical Dialogue. Now, we need to be much more directive and impactful in laying out the level of ambition, the scale of actions needed, and the scope of systemic transformations that are necessary to put us back on track.

Our third Technical Dialogue should focus on the "how", and "what next". We need to use the coming day to tease out the best practices and recommendations which need to be followed to put us on a pathway towards a livable future.

We expect the summary report of the third Technical Dialogue to lay out much more clearly, in a synthetic manner, the actions that are necessary to close the gaps in our implementation.

The Global Stocktake outcome will inform climate action. In particular, we expect the Global Stocktake outcome to inform Parties in their next round of NDCs. Therefore, we expect us to land concrete guidance on the level of emission reductions that are necessary to align with 1.5 and the necessary systemic transformations, drawing from the IPCC recommendations.

And, we expect the synthesis report to contain a menu of possible actions that parties can take to advance in their climate action at the domestic level, as well as through international cooperation, to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement. This menu of possible actions would best be captured in a Technical Annex. We also look forward to the launch of the search engine tool, while recognizing the value of having a comprehensive overview of such actions, in one document.

We trust that you will guide us towards producing a synthesis of the Technical Assessment that will inform our political considerations.

We expect the progress of our deliberations under the Joint Contact Group will not prejudice the substantive outcomes and key messages of the technical assessment. The EIG expects the outcome of the Global Stocktake to be comprehensive and guide us through the more precise commitments at a systemic scale that are required for urgent emission reductions and through each stage of the adaptation cycle. The outcome should comprise a concrete follow-up, using mostly existing mechanisms. And, we will need high-level political momentum to accompany the preparations of NDCs through to 2025.

Mister co-facilitators, we appreciate your efforts in designing a third Technical Dialogue that is comprehensive, interactive, and purpose-driven. The EIG assures you of its full support as we look to conclude our Technical Assessment phase.

Thank you.