Third Global Dialogue on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures – 2026

Economic diversification and structural resilience in global transition pathways to manage impacts on vulnerable populations across sectors

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Background

COP 30, CMP 20 and CMA 7 decided that a two-day global dialogue on the impacts of the implementation of response measures shall be held each year from 2026 to 2029, to be organized in conjunction with an intersessional meeting of the Katowice Committee on Impacts, noting that such dialogues should be conducted in hybrid format to allow for both in-person and virtual participation. The third global dialogue on the impacts of the implementation of response measures is organized in partnership with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and United Nations Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and held in conjunction with the 15th meeting of the Katowice Committee on Impacts (KCI). The global dialogue is organized, under the guidance of the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies, pursuant to decisions 6/CP.30, 2/CMP.20 and 14/CMA.7.

The 2026 global dialogue agenda will consider ‘economic diversification and transformation in the context of response measures and global transition pathways’. The dialogue's agenda will enable sharing of experiences and best practices across sectors, including energy, agriculture, food systems and industry. It will include a focus on managing impacts on vulnerable populations and maximizing opportunities arising from transition pathways.

The dialogue will cover the design and implementation of strategies, including workforce transitions, job creation, and diversification into emerging low- and zero-emission industries. It will consider managing transition pathways for export-reliant economies and livelihoods, including responding to the opportunities, challenges and disruptions to economy and societies arising from climate policies, including trade-related measures. Discussions will address how different population groups are impacted, including from a demand-side perspective, and the co-benefits of climate action, including for health, the environment, energy security and decent work. The role of coherent, evidence-based policy design and diversification approaches will also be considered.

Draft Agenda:

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Scene setting: Economic diversification and transformation in the context of response measures and global transition pathways

Global low-emission development pathways are rapidly reshaping economic structures, trade, investment and employment across countries and sectors. This scene-setting session will introduce economic diversification and transformation, and consider how it can help to expand a nation's income sources to build economic resilience against the impacts associated with the implementation of response measures, as well as driving economic development and the net-zero transition. This *session will identify key trends, challenges and cooperation frameworks to establish a common foundation for the dialogue. The session will also situate diversification within the broader case for timely climate action, recognizing that delay can result in compound future economic and social costs associated with both delayed climate action and the impacts arising from the implementation of response measures.*

Session 1. Pathways and strategies in diversifying economies across sectors

The session will explore practical approaches and strategies to diversify economic activities across sectors while integrating just transition strategies into these diversification efforts. Drawing on national and regional experiences, discussions will examine how countries, through economic diversification, can reduce structural vulnerabilities, strengthen economic and social resilience, and support the creation and equitable distribution of new opportunities, taking into consideration different national circumstances. The session will also provide a space to consider how just transition approaches can support population groups that may be affected by economic restructuring.

Session 2. Evidence-based policy design for economic diversification

The session will explore how assessments of the impacts of response measures, together with data, analytical tools and the best available science, can support policy design and economic diversification strategies. Drawing on national and regional experience, discussions will examine how countries generate and use evidence to inform policy choices, diversification efforts and resilience-building measures. The discussions will highlight practical applications, lessons learned and challenges associated with generating and using evidence for decision-making.

Session 3. Emerging opportunities, innovations and market shifts advancing economic diversification

The session will explore emerging opportunities, innovations, industries, business models and market developments that are creating new opportunities for economic diversification. Discussions will consider how changes in production and consumption may influence national development pathways. The discussion will also explore how countries can capture associated economic and employment opportunities and strengthen long-term resilience, including the challenges and barriers they may face in doing so.

Session 4. Enabling economic diversification

The session will explore the enabling conditions and means of implementation (MoI), including international cooperation, that can help to support economic diversification and transformation in responding to economic and social impacts associated with response measures, across both developed and developing economies. Structured around three areas corresponding to finance, technology and capacity-building, the session will draw out how each has been applied in practice and what lessons are transferable across a range of countries.
