

INFORMAL NOTE

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1. [The SBSTA and the SBI [welcomed][took note of] the report by the secretariat synthesizing submissions from Parties and observers on matters related to and modalities of the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme on indicators for measuring progress achieved towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5.¹

2. The SBSTA and the SBI expressed appreciation to their respective Chairs and the secretariat for organizing and to the Government of Bhutan for hosting the workshop on matters related to the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme, which took place in Thimphu Bhutan on 15–17 May 2024.²

Mapping options

3. Option A: The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat to:

Option 1: map existing indicators relevant to measuring progress towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5;

Option 2: map existing indicators relevant to measuring progress towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5, based on invited inputs from Parties and observers via the submission portal, for consideration by Parties and non-Party stakeholders at a hybrid workshop organized by the secretariat to be held in September 2024;

Option 3: under the guidance of their Chairs, map existing indicators relevant to measuring progress towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5, in collaboration with United Nations agencies;

Option 4: map, with contributions from the relevant constituted bodies, existing indicators relevant to measuring progress towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5;

Option 5: prepare, in collaboration with the relevant constituted bodies, a compilation of existing methodologies and indicators relevant to adaptation action and support under the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience; The SBSTA and the SBI also requested the secretariat to identify potential indicators for adaptation action and support and areas not covered by existing indicators;

Option 6: prepare, in collaboration with specialized agencies of the United Nations system and organizations with regional geographical representation, a technical paper on indicators and methodologies for measuring progress in achieving targets;

Option B: The SBSTA and the SBI requested their respective Chairs to prepare, in collaboration with relevant constituted bodies, relevant United Nations agencies, research centres and stakeholders from different geographical regions, taking into account submissions from Parties on the matter, a compilation of existing indicators relevant to measuring progress towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5, presented as a set of obligatory global indicators and a menu of optional national-level indicators;

Option C: The SBSTA and the SBI requested the Adaptation Committee to prepare:

Option 1: a mapping of existing indicators relevant to measuring progress towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5 in the second half of 2024;

¹ FCCC/SB/2024/2.

² Pursuant to decision 2/CMA.5, para. 43.

Option 2: for consideration at SB 61 (November 2024), a technical paper containing both a mapping of existing adaptation-related indicators and sources of information relevant to assessing progress against the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5 and taking into account invited inputs from experts at all levels, including, from the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) and the Nairobi Work Programme;

Option 3: for consideration at SB 62 (June 2025), a technical paper containing a mapping of indicators for assessing progress towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5, including areas that lack relevant indicators or for which existing indicators are not appropriate, and invited Parties and observers to submit via the submission portal nominations of experts to support the work of the Adaptation Committee related to indicators;

Engaging experts in the indicators process

4. Option A: The SBSTA and the SBI requested their Chairs to establish expert working groups:

Option 1: for each thematic target referred to in paragraph 9 of decision 2/CMA.5, by September 2024 on the basis of Party submissions, to be received by August 2024, on suggested expert members of and terms of reference for the groups, taking into account balanced regional representation and giving special consideration to small island developing States, and request the groups to refine existing indicators of the mapping referred to in paragraph X above, and develop new indicators to fill any gaps in coverage; The work of the expert working groups will be reviewed at each session of the subsidiary bodies and will inform the decision on the UAE-Belém work programme at CMA 7. Three meetings of each of the seven expert working groups to be held in September 2024, between SB 61 and 62, and between SB 62 and COP 30 (November 2025), with all seven groups taking place at the same time and in the same place to enable communication among the groups and foster synergies across the themes, followed by back-to-back workshops to provide opportunities for Parties and non-Party stakeholders to oversee and review the work of the expert working groups;

Option 2: for each thematic target referred to in paragraph 9 of decision 2/CMA.5 to support the mapping of existing indicators on each thematic area, including the identification of gaps, in collaboration with the relevant constituted bodies; and prepare, technical reports with the support of the secretariat, containing proposed indicators for consideration by Parties, with groups comprising, inter alia, experts from intergovernmental and regional organizations with expertise in areas relating to the thematic and dimensional targets, taking into account the need for regional balance and special consideration to experts from developing countries, including in terms of providing support for their in-person participation in meetings and other activities, based on invited views from Parties on the composition of the expert working groups and inviting the Adaptation Committee to contribute to the development of indicators by serving as a member of the expert working groups;

Option 3: for each thematic target referred to in paragraph 9 of decision 2/CMA.5, as well as one group for the targets related to the dimensions of the iterative adaptation cycle, under the guidance of the Chairs, to identify existing and/or develop new indicators for measuring progress towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5, with their work to be reviewed at SB 62, with the selection criteria for the composition of the groups and guidelines for their work to be agreed at CMA 6 (November 2024), taking into account geographical balance among the technical experts participating in the groups and giving special consideration, including in terms of support for participation, to experts from developing countries, particularly the least developed countries;

Option 4: to undertake the mapping as referred to in paragraph X above and to advance work on indicator development, taking into account, inter alia, regional balance in their composition;

Option B: The SBSTA and the SBI invited the Adaptation Committee to:

Option 1: refine, with the engagement of relevant experts, the outcome of the indicator mapping referred to in paragraph x above following SB 61 as the basis for developing a recommendation on selected indicators for consideration at SB 62;

Option 2: convene expert working groups to conduct further work, by virtual means, on indicators, including the review and analysis of the mapping referred to in paragraph x above and the identification of any potential gaps in indicator coverage.

Option 3: engage virtually with experts in all aspects of its work on indicators;

Option C: The SBSTA and the SBI invited contributions from relevant constituted bodies on the work on indicators;

Option D: The SBSTA and the SBI invited relevant experts, including those with science and policy expertise, taking into account the need for regional balance in the expert inputs, to contribute to the development of indicators for measuring progress towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5;

Option E: The SBSTA and the SBI invited experts to provide inputs on how to address any gaps in indicator coverage identified in the mapping;

5. The SBSTA and the SBI requested their respective Chairs to ensure that experts from all regions are engaged in activities under the UAE- Belém work programme.

6. The SBSTA and the SBI reiterated the importance of engaging Indigenous Peoples, including by making use of their knowledge and taking into account their worldviews and values, in all phases of work under the global goal on adaptation;

Workshops/dialogues

7. The SBSTA and the SBI requested:

Option 1: their Chairs to hold an in-session dialogue during SB 62 for Parties to discuss the mapping referred to in paragraph x above;

Option 2: the secretariat to organize three dialogues, to be held in conjunction with sessions of the subsidiary bodies or other relevant meetings, for Parties to discuss the mapping referred to in paragraph X above, be updated on the progress of the expert working groups referred to in paragraph X above and provide feedback and guidance on the indicator selection and development work; and for Parties to review the work of the expert working groups during the dialogues/expert meetings;

Option 3: their Chairs to hold a one-day in-session dialogue at the beginning of SB 61 for Parties and non-Party stakeholders to take stock of the work undertaken by the Adaptation Committee in relation to the mapping referred to in paragraph x above;

Option 4: their Chairs, with the support of the secretariat, to organize a series of workshops to be held during the remainder of the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme covering the seven thematic targets referred to in paragraph 9 of decision 2/CMA.5, with each of the five workshops to focus on indicators for tracking action and the adequacy of support related to impact, vulnerability and risk assessment (August 2024); Indicators for tracking action and the adequacy of support related to adaptation planning (October 2024); indicators for tracking action and the adequacy of support related to the implementation of adaptation action (March 2025); indicators for tracking action and the adequacy of support related to monitoring, evaluation and learning (in conjunction with SB 62); and compiling the outputs of the first four workshops and preparing draft text for a decision on the UAE–Belém work programme for consideration and adoption at CMA 7 (August 2025);

Option 5: their Chairs, with the support of the secretariat, to organize a series of in-person workshops for Parties, representatives of the expert working groups referred to in paragraph X above and other technical experts, taking into account the need for equitable regional representation and giving special consideration in terms of support for participation for developing countries, to review the progress of the expert working groups; The series comprising an intersessional workshop held between SB 60 and 61, a workshop held conjunction with SB 62 and at least three workshops held in 2025, with the final workshop

to focus on developing the final proposal of indicators for each target referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5 for consideration at SB 63 and subsequently for a recommendation thereon to be forwarded for consideration at CMA 7; The SBSTA and the SBI also requested their Chairs to develop a concept note on potential topics for each workshop, ensuring that all thematic and dimensional areas referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5 are addressed; The SBSTA and the SBI invited Parties, observers and other non-Party stakeholders to submit via the submission portal in advance of each workshop views on the topic of the workshop, and requested the secretariat to prepare a report on the outcomes of each workshop, including an update on progress in the work on indicators at that point in time;

Option 6: their Chairs to conduct a series of five workshops for Parties under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme aligned with the thematic and iterative adaptation cycle targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5, taking into account the objectives of the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience, with the aim of developing a set of indicators applicable at the global level and a menu of indicator options relevant to different national circumstances; The topics of the workshops to be: Food, water and ecosystems (two workshops); Infrastructure, health, livelihoods and cultural heritage (two workshops); Discussion of the indicators compiled thus far and their implementation (one workshop);

Option 7: their Chairs to convene a series of workshops up until CMA 7 for Parties to consider the outputs of the work of and provide guidance to the expert working groups referred to in paragraph X above, particularly regarding gaps in existing indicator coverage and the development of new indicators;

Option 8: their Chairs to organize workshops, including a workshop to take place in hybrid virtual and in-person format in September 2024, for Parties and non-Party stakeholders to consider the secretariat’s synthesis of expert working group submissions referred to in paragraph x above, to be published prior to the workshop, provide feedback on the mapping and indicator gaps identified therein, provide guidance to the expert working groups, and preparing draft text for a decision on the UAE–Belém work programme for consideration and adoption at CMA 7;

Option 9: their Chairs to organize in-session events at SB 61 and 62 for Parties to provide guidance on the way forward under the UAE–Belém work programme;

Option 10: the Adaptation committee to lead work on indicators throughout the two-year duration of the UAE–Belém work programme, precluding the need for workshops.

Criteria for indicators

8. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed on the following criteria to guide the selection of indicators by Parties, namely that selected indicators should:

- (a) Measure progress towards one or more of the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5;
- (b) Be specific to adaptation;
- (c) Focus on strengthened resilience, enhanced adaptive capacity and reduced vulnerability;
- (d) Be able to reflect national circumstances;
- (e) Be based on publicly available data;
- (f) Consider the availability of data and data analysis tools, as well as the existence of institutional arrangements for data collection;
- (g) Be global in nature and thus applicable across different contexts;
- (h) Be able to be aggregated;
- (i) Be flexible;
- (j) Avoid creating additional reporting burdens;

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- (k) Align with other multilateral processes, including the Sustainable Development Goals, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;
 - (l) Take into consideration existing reporting mechanisms, including those under the UNFCCC and other relevant processes;
 - (m) Take into account quantitative and qualitative information;
 - (n) Be based on a robust methodology;
 - (o) Incorporate scientific, traditional and Indigenous knowledge;
 - (p) Be based on the best available science;
 - (q) Screen for and prevent maladaptation;
 - (r) Consider different global temperature increase scenarios;
 - (s) Focus on implementation of adaptation action;
 - (t) Focus on outputs and outcomes of adaptation action;
 - (u) Be able to be disaggregated by gender, age, status as Indigenous Peoples, and disability;
 - (v) Enhance ambition;
 - (w) Reflect global well-being;
 - (x) Reflect the resilience of current and future generations;
 - (y) Reflect the fulfilment of the rights of Indigenous Peoples;
 - (z) Be relevant to national processes;
 - (aa) Be based on the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities;
 - (bb) Consider finance, technology transfer and capacity-building.

Outcome of final list of indicators

9. Option 1: The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to proposing one set of core global indicators that will be obligatory for all Parties to report on and one set of voluntary, national-level indicators that will be at Parties' discretion to report on.
10. Option 2: The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to proposing one set of indicators for all Parties to report on.

Place holder for 2/CMA.5, paragraph 38]