

INFORMAL NOTE

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Matters relating to adaptation

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The co-facilitators have prepared this informal note on the understanding that matters relating to the global goal adaptation, as outlined in paragraph 38 of decision 2/CMA.5, and modalities for 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 will be discussed under this agenda item.

[Placeholder for views related to paragraph 38 of decision 2/CMA.5, which requests the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to initiate consideration of matters relating to the global goal on adaptation at their sixtieth sessions (June 2024), taking into account ongoing processes under relevant agenda items and workstreams and drawing, at their discretion, on inputs from Parties, observers, the secretariat and relevant constituted bodies, with a view to providing recommendations for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at the latest at its seventh session (November 2025), focusing on, inter alia:

(a) The exchange of knowledge, experience and information related to implementing the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience, including in relation to efforts to achieve the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5, with the aim of fostering implementation;

(b) The identification of potential inputs to future global stocktakes related to achieving the global goal on adaptation, including by considering how the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience can facilitate the analysis of information required for assessing progress towards the goal;

(c) The enhancement of understanding of, inter alia, the risks and impacts associated with different temperature increases across different regions;

(d) The opportunities for building on the best available science, including collaboration with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and other organizations, to provide information relevant to facilitating implementation of the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience, including in relation to the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5; to developing indicators, metrics and methodologies; and to identifying adaptation capacity gaps, challenges and the needs of developing countries;

(e) The development of terms of reference for reviewing the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience, including the time frame for the review;

Option 1: (f) Other matters

Option 2: No text

1. The SBI and the SBSTA invited the Adaptation Committee, the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change to prepare presentations on relevant work they have undertaken or are currently undertaking on the elements listed in paragraph 38 of decision 2/CMA.5 for consideration at SB 62 (June 2025).

2. The SBSTA and the SBI recalled

Option 1: decision 2/CMA.5, in particular paragraphs: 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33.

Option 1 bis: decision 2/CMA.5, in particular paragraphs 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33. The SBSTA and the SBI also recalled Article 4, paragraph 4, of the Convention and Article 9, paragraph 1, of the Paris Agreement as crucial for the implementation of the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience in the context of implementing the global goal on adaptation.

Option 2: decision 2/CMA.5, in particular paragraphs 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 24, 38 and 39.

Option 3: decision 2/CMA.5.

3. The SBSTA and the SBI took note of the report prepared 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

4. The SBSTA and the SBI expressed appreciation to their respective Chairs and the secretariat for organizing and to the Royal Government of Bhutan for hosting the workshop, held in Thimphu from 15 to 17 May 2024, on matters related to the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme.²

Mapping options

5. Option 1: The SBSTA and the SBI requested their Chairs, with the support of the secretariat, to prepare, in collaboration with relevant United Nations agencies, research centres and stakeholders from all geographical regions[and with contributions from relevant UNFCCC constituted bodies, including the Adaptation Committee], a [mapping][compilation] of existing indicators relevant to measuring progress towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5, [including the identification of potential indicators relevant to adaptation action and support, and areas not covered by existing indicators] [with a view to identifying a voluntary set of core global indicators and a menu of national-level indicators][with a view to identifying a set of universally applicable indicators for all relevant stakeholders, including Parties] and to hold a hybrid workshop to facilitate consideration of the [mapping][compilation] among Parties and non-Party stakeholders in September 2024.

Option 2: The SBSTA and the SBI [requested][invited] the Adaptation Committee to prepare a technical paper, for consideration at SB 61 (November 2024), containing a mapping of existing indicators and sources of information relevant to measuring progress towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5, taking into account invited inputs from experts at all levels, including from the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and as part of the Nairobi work programme.

Option 3: The SBSTA and the SBI requested the ad hoc expert group referred to in paragraph X below to lead the work on mapping and developing indicators relevant to measuring progress towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5, for Parties' consideration at XX.

6. The SBSTA and the SBI invited Parties, observers and other non-Party stakeholders to submit views on the [mapping][compilation] referred to in paragraph X above via the submission portal³ by [July][August] 2024.

¹ FCCC/SB/2024/2.

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

³ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

Engaging experts in the indicators process

7. Option 1: The SBSTA and the SBI requested their Chairs to establish seven expert working groups for the thematic targets 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 referred to in paragraph 10 of decision 2/CMA.5 [by August 2024][by September 2024]. These groups should:

(a) Comprise, inter alia, experts from United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations, international and regional organizations with expertise in areas relating to the thematic and dimensional targets, as well as experts recommended by Parties, ensuring balanced regional representation, with the LDCs and SIDS considered as separate regional groups, including in terms of providing support for participation of experts from developing countries [particularly the LDCs and SIDS];

(b) Review the mapping of existing indicators referred to in paragraph X above with a view to refining those indicators and developing new ones to fill any gaps in coverage of indicators relevant to adaptation action and support, in collaboration with relevant constituted bodies;

(c) [Prepare technical reports, with the support of the secretariat, containing proposed indicators for consideration by Parties;]

(d) Meet intersessionally, both virtually and in person, with three in-person meetings to be held for each of the expert working groups in September 2024, between SB 61 and 62, and between SB 62 and SB 63 (November 2025), with those in-person meetings to take place at the same time and in the same location to facilitate communication among the groups and foster synergies across the themes covered and be held back to back with workshops to provide opportunities for Parties and non-Party stakeholders to oversee and review the work of the groups.

The SBSTA and the SBI invited Parties, relevant organizations and relevant constituted bodies to recommend expert members to the expert working groups referred to in paragraph X above [in accordance with the terms of reference for the groups][, with the selection criteria for the composition of the groups and guidelines for their work to be agreed at CMA 6 (November 2024)] by August 2024.

The SBSTA and the SBI concluded that the work of the expert working groups will be reviewed at SB 61, 62 and 63 with a view to the outcomes of those reviews informing the decision on the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme at CMA 7 (November 2025).

The SBSTA and the SBI invited interested United Nations organizations, specialized agencies and other relevant organizations to explore the possibility of hosting meetings of the expert working groups, including by providing financial support for their work until CMA 7.

Option 2: The SBSTA and the SBI invited the Adaptation Committee to review, refine and identify gaps, if any, in the indicators identified in the mapping referred to in paragraph X above following SB 61, with the voluntary engagement of experts, including through virtual meetings with those experts, with a view to developing recommendations on selected indicators for consideration at SB 62.

Option 3: The SBSTA and the SBI established an ad hoc expert group on the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme to lead the technical work of the mapping and development of new indicators relevant to measuring progress towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5, for the consideration of Parties. The SBSTA and the SBI concluded that the ad hoc expert group will consist of up to 20 experts with experience in and knowledge of the development of indicators and diverse thematic expertise, taking into account regional and gender balance, to be agreed by the end of June 2024.

The ad hoc expert group referred to in paragraph X above should:

(a) Have members that include nominees from United Nations regional groups, with support for the participation of developing country experts;

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- (b) Have two co-chairs, one from a developed and one from a developing country Party;
- (c) End its work at SB 62;
- (d) Meet in person twice in 2024 and twice in 2025, with additional meetings to be held virtually as necessary.

The SBSTA and the SBI concluded that the work of the expert working groups will be reviewed at SB 61, 62 and 63 with a view to the outcomes of those reviews informing the decision on the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme at CMA 7.

Option 4: The SBSTA and the SBI invited contributions from technical experts, ensuring balanced regional representation, on the targets referred to in paragraph 9 of decision 2/CMA.5 with a view to those contributions informing the mapping referred to in paragraph X above.

8. The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat to make the outputs of the technical work available in the six official United Nations languages.

9. The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat to support the coordination of expert contributions, including through its regional collaboration centres.

10. The SBSTA and the SBI emphasized the importance of contributions from and engaging Indigenous Peoples and local communities, taking into account their worldviews and values, including through ethical and equitable application of traditional knowledge, Indigenous Peoples' knowledge and local knowledge systems, as well as of taking into consideration vulnerable groups and communities, women, children, youth and persons with disabilities in all phases of work under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme.

Workshops/dialogues

11. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to organize [workshops][dialogues] for Parties and observers under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme.

12. The SBSTA and the SBI requested their Chairs to organize [a][two][workshop][dialogue][s] to [reflect on and provide feedback on the mapping referred to in paragraph X above,][consider indicators relevant to the targets in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5 with a view to identifying a voluntary set of core global indicators and a menu of national-level indicators][consider the workplan of the ad hoc expert group referred to in paragraph X above, including timelines, inputs and outputs, and to consider work by relevant United Nations organizations and specialized agencies across all seven thematic areas] to be held

Option 1: back to back with the meetings of the expert working groups referred to in paragraph X above or other relevant meetings or events, where possible, and prior to SB 61.

Option 2: in conjunction with SB 61.

Option 3: between SB 60 and SB 61.

13. The SBSTA and the SBI requested their Chairs to organize [a][two][workshop][dialogue][s][to reflect on and review the work of the expert groups referred to in paragraph X above, including the technical reports and proposed indicators therein,][to consider indicators relevant to the targets in paragraph 9 of decision 2/CMA.5 with a view to identifying a voluntary set of core global indicators and a menu of national-level indicators,] to be held

Option 1: back to back with the meetings of the expert working groups referred to in paragraph X above or other relevant meetings or events where possible, and between March and May 2025.

Option 2: in conjunction with SB 61.

Option 3: between SB 61 and SB 62.

14. The SBSTA and the SBI requested their Chairs to organize a [workshop][dialogue] to consider a draft of the list of indicators referred to in paragraph X below that may be prepared by SB 62 with a view to refining that list and advancing work on the final package of indicators for consideration and adoption at CMA 7, to be held

Option 1: back to back with the meetings of the expert working groups referred to in paragraph X above or other relevant meetings or events, where possible, and prior to SB 63.

Option 2: in conjunction with SB 62.

15. Option 1: The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to invite representatives of the expert working groups referred to in paragraph X above to attend the [workshops][dialogues].

Option 2: No text.

16. The SBSTA and the SBI highlighted the importance of ensuring balanced regional representation at all [workshops][dialogues] under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme.

Option 1:

17. The SBSTA and the SBI invited Parties and observers to submit views pertaining to each [workshop][dialogue] under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme via the submission portal by no later than three weeks prior to the relevant [workshop][dialogue].

18. The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat to prepare a concept note for each [workshop][dialogue] under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme, to be published no later than two weeks prior to the relevant [workshop][dialogue].

19. The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat to prepare a summary report on each [workshop][dialogue] under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme, to be published no later than two weeks following conclusion of the relevant [workshop][dialogue].

Option 2: No text

Criteria

20. Option 1: The SBSTA and the SBI agreed that the [mapping][development][final selection] of the set of indicators referred to in paragraph X above can consider indicators that are relevant to measuring progress towards one or more of the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5, and that the set of indicators should be specific to adaptation including through enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change; take into account quantitative and qualitative information; include information on data availability; be able to be aggregated; be able to reflect regional national and local circumstances; be applicable across different contexts; be easy to interpret; have clear methodologies; and be able to be disaggregated by, for example, vulnerable groups [gender, age, status as Indigenous Peoples or, and disability, race, socioeconomic status], as appropriate, and should not be used as a basis for comparison between Parties.

Option 2: The SBSTA and SBI agreed that further guidance relating to the criteria for the set of indicators to be adopted on the completion of the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme will be provided by Parties at SB[61][62].

Option 3: No text

Other considerations

21. Option 1: The SBSTA and SBI emphasized the consideration of [relevant provisions and principles of the Convention and the Paris Agreement, common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities]; [different temperature increase scenarios,] [fulfilment of the rights of Indigenous Peoples,] [linkages with other relevant multilateral processes, including the Sustainable Development Goals, the Sendai Framework for Disaster

Risk Reduction 2015–2030 and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,] the importance of avoiding additional reporting burdens of developing countries; [gender-responsive adaptation;] [and preventing maladaptation;].

Option 2: No text

22. The SBSTA and SBI recommended that indicators be drawn from Party reports submitted as part of the UNFCCC process, information from UNFCCC constituted bodies, information from United Nations and other international agencies, and other documents as supplementary information.

Outcome of final list of indicators

23. Option 1: The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to proposing two sets of recommended voluntary indicators: one set of global indicators and one set of national-level indicators.

Option 2: The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to propose one set of universally applicable indicators for all relevant stakeholders, including Parties, to report on voluntarily with a view to feeding into the global stocktake reporting in its future cycles, for consideration by Parties at SB 62.

Option 3: The SBSTA and SBI agreed to adopt a set of indicators pertaining to assessing collective progress in relation to the targets under the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience; encouraged Parties to provide information on these indicators as part of the information reported pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1; noted that technical and financial support shall be provided to developing country Parties, as specified in Article 13, paragraphs 14–15, of the Paris Agreement; and agreed that information indicators reported by Parties may be synthesized, as appropriate, to demonstrate collective progress towards achieving the global goal on adaptation.

Option 4: No text

Data readiness

24. Option 1: The SBSTA and the SBI invited Parties, non-Party stakeholders and interested organizations to [submit via the submission portal by XX] [complete a survey with] information on the data readiness for the list of indicators contained in the outcome of the technical work referred to in paragraphs X–X above. The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report on the submissions for consideration at XX.

Option 2: The SBSTA and SBI took note of the importance of data readiness assessments in relation to indicators for the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5, and invited Parties to consider this matter at SB 61.

Option 3: No text]