

Presidency text

CMA 6 agenda item 9(a) Matters relating to the global goal on adaptation

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The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,

Recalling Article 7 of the Paris Agreement, in particular paragraph 1, which provided for the establishment of the global goal on adaptation of enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change with a view to contributing to sustainable development and ensuring an adequate adaptation response in the context of the temperature goal referred to in Article 2, paragraph 1, of the Agreement,

Also recalling relevant provisions and principles of the Convention and the Paris Agreement,

Further recalling decision 2/CMA.5, in particular paragraph 30, which notes with concern that the adaptation finance gap is widening,

1. *Welcomes* the convening¹ by the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies of technical experts to assist in the technical work under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme on indicators for measuring progress achieved towards the targets², including reviewing and refining the compilation and mapping of existing indicators relevant to measuring that progress;
2. *Notes with appreciation* the work of the secretariat in supporting activities under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme to date;
3. *Acknowledges, with appreciation*, the significant progress made by the experts referred to in paragraph 1 above in their work on indicators under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme, noting the time constraints faced in the delivery of the refined mapping of indicators prior to CMA 6 and the time and effort the experts contributed to the mapping;
4. *Welcomes* the contribution of the Adaptation Committee to the compilation and mapping referred to in paragraph 1 above;³
5. *Expresses appreciation* to the Governments of Bhutan and Egypt for hosting the workshops on matters related to the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme⁴ held in Thimphu from 15 to 17 May 2024 and in Sharm el-Sheikh from 8 to 9 October 2024 respectively;⁵
6. *Takes note* of the report by the secretariat on the workshop held in Sharm el-Sheikh referred to in paragraph 5 above, including the refined mapping⁶ prepared by the experts referred to in paragraph 1, and *notes* that the report was published late in the pre-session period;
7. *Requests* the secretariat to make the informal progress reports that were prepared by the experts referred to in paragraph 1 above prior to CMA 6 available on the UNFCCC website;
8. *Recalls* paragraph 39 of decision 2/CMA.5 and the request of the subsidiary bodies⁷ for their Chairs to convene technical experts to assist in reviewing and refining the compilation and mapping referred to in paragraph 1 above and, as needed, developing new

¹ As per documents FCCC/SBSTA/2024/7, para. 43, and FCCC/SBI/2024/13, para. 81.

² Decision 2/CMA.5, para. 9–10.

³ As per documents FCCC/SBSTA/2024/7, para. 42, and FCCC/SBI/2024/13, para. 80.

⁴ As per documents FCCC/SBSTA/2024/7, para. 51, and FCCC/SBI/2024/13, para. 89.

⁵ Decision 2/CMA.5, para. 43.

⁶ FCCC/SB/2024/6.

⁷ As per documents FCCC/SBSTA/2024/7, para. 43, and FCCC/SBI/2024/13, para. 81.

indicators for measuring progress achieved towards the targets⁸, and *confirms* that the CMA will decide on a final list of indicators at CMA 7 (November 2025);

9. *Emphasizes* the importance of ensuring geographical and gender balance among the experts referred to in paragraph 1 above, working across the target areas⁹;

10. *Recognizes* that further guidance is required for the experts referred to in paragraph 1 above and *requests* the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies to invite the experts to:

(a) Ensure that they apply common approaches and methodologies as they continue their work on refining the indicators referred to in paragraph 1 above and developing new indicators under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme on the basis of the criteria referred to in paragraph 18 below, as appropriate;

(b) Enhance collaboration between experts working across both the thematic and the dimensional targets¹⁰, with a view to identifying synergies, and facilitate contributions by technical experts from all geographical regions to all the targets;

(c) Prioritize reducing the number of global indicators in the next stage of their work, keeping indicators that reflect overarching trends and common challenges related to adaptation efforts across countries;

(d) Develop, if needed, or identify from the compilation and mapping referred to in paragraph 1 above indicators for enablers of implementation of adaptation action, as referred to in paragraph 24 of decision 2/CMA.5;

11. *Encourages* engagement with official statistical bodies at the national, regional and global level in order to remain apprised of other relevant frameworks for indicators;

12. *Also encourages* ongoing dialogue among Parties, experts and other stakeholders to support the refinement of existing and development of new indicators in line with the guidance referred to in paragraph 10 above and the criteria referred to in paragraph 18 below and *invites* the organization of regular dialogues and workshops, as needed, over the next year to review the progress on indicators work refinement and development, including on means of implementation;

13. *Requests* the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies to organize a hybrid workshop under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme, to take place intersessionally prior to SB 62 (June 2025), to facilitate the work of the experts referred to in paragraph 1 above;

14. *Also requests* the secretariat to prepare and publish a summary report on the workshop referred to in paragraph 13 above no later than six weeks prior to SB 62;

15. *Emphasizes* the importance of including traditional knowledge, knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local knowledge systems in work under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme;

16. *Notes* that national adaptation plans are an important channel via which the targets¹¹ could be achieved;

17. *Emphasizes* the importance of providing support to developing country Parties for implementing their national adaptation plans by 2030 in line with the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience;

⁸ Decision 2/CMA.5, para. 9–10.

⁹ Decision 2/CMA.5, para. 9–10.

¹⁰ Decision 2/CMA.5, para. 9–10.

¹¹ Decision 2/CMA.5, para. 9–10.

18. *Recalls* the criteria¹² for potential indicators set out in the SB 60 conclusions and *identifies* the following additional criteria for possible consideration by the experts referred to in paragraph 1, as appropriate:

- (a) The measurability and availability of data enabling the transparent monitoring progress;
- (b) The ability to use data that are already available or can be easily collected by countries, including data from international databases and standardized reporting practices;
- (c) The use of established and available metrics when baselines are established;
- (d) The relevance to multiple thematic targets;¹³
- (e) Outcome and output orientation;

19. *Also recalls* paragraph 16 of decision 2/CMA.5 and *reiterates* that no additional reporting burden should be placed on Parties through the implementation of the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience;

20. *Decides* that the final outcome of the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme should support an assessment of progress towards achieving the targets¹⁴ and be consistent with Article 7, paragraph 1, of the Paris Agreement and the temperature goal referred to in Article 2 of the Paris Agreement;

21. *Also decides* that, noting the need to avoid placing an additional reporting burden on Parties, the final outcome of the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme may include a manageable set of no more than 100 indicators that:

- (a) Are globally applicable, with a view to informing an analysis of global directions;
- (b) Comprise a menu that captures various contexts of adaptation action, enabling Parties to choose which indicators they will report on in the light of their national circumstances;
- (c) Are designed to enable assessment of progress towards achieving the different components of the targets¹⁵;

22. *Further decides* that the final outcome of the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme should include, where applicable:

- (a) Information on the intended purpose of and potential data sources for each of the indicators referred to in paragraph 27(b) below, as well as the mechanisms needed to develop data standards for each indicator;
- (b) Outcome and output indicators for the thematic targets¹⁶;
- (c) Qualitative, quantitative, input, output, outcome, impact and process indicators, including existing and new ones;
- (d) Indicators that capture information pertaining to, inter alia, social inclusion, Indigenous Peoples, participatory processes, human rights, gender equality, migrants, children and young people, and persons with disabilities;
- (e) Indicators that are relevant to specific ecosystems¹⁷, and highlight these, where appropriate, to Parties with similar geographical conditions;

¹² FCCC/SBSTA/2024/7, para. 41 and FCCC/SBI/2024/13, para. 79.

¹³ Decision 2/CMA.5, para. 9.

¹⁴ Decision 2/CMA.5, para. 9–10.

¹⁵ Decision 2/CMA.5, para. 9–10,

¹⁶ Decision 2/CMA.5, para. 9.

¹⁷ Decision 2/CMA.5, para 9(d).

(f) Indicators that reflect the unique vulnerabilities of children to climate change impacts across the thematic targets¹⁸ and, potentially, cross-cutting indicators related to education and the health of children and young people;

(g) Indicators, both quantitative and qualitative, for enablers of implementation of adaptation action as referred to in paragraph 24 of decision 2/CMA.5;

23. *Decides* that the final outcome of the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme should constitute a source of input¹⁹ including through reporting by Parties, for the technical phase of global stocktakes by specifying a way to structure and inform the assessment of progress in adaptation;

24. *Confirms* that the indicators under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme should allow for the aggregation of information to support global stocktakes and that the assessment of progress in adaptation based on the indicators should be for all countries, including the LDCs and SIDS;

25. *Reaffirms* that efforts made by Parties towards achieving the targets²⁰ shall be made in a manner that is country-driven, voluntary and in accordance with national circumstances, take into account sustainable development and poverty eradication, and not constitute a basis for comparison between Parties²¹ and *emphasizes* that reporting on the indicators is voluntary;

26. *Urges* the establishment of a clear timeline for outputs from the experts referred to in paragraph 1 above;

27. *Requests* the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies to invite the technical experts referred to in paragraph 1 above to:

(a) Commence their work on further refining the indicators, addressing gaps and developing new indicators, as needed, immediately after CMA 6;

(b) Produce a consolidated list of indicator options for Parties, including metadata, where available, and a progress report, to be published no later than four weeks prior to SB 62 for consideration at those sessions;

(c) Finalize and submit their technical reports, including their recommendations on the use of indicators, to the secretariat no later than four weeks prior to SB 62 to allow adequate time for review by Parties and publication prior to the workshop.²²

28. *Also requests* the secretariat to publish the outputs referred to in paragraph 27(b–c) above prior to SB 62;

29. *Recalls* paragraph 38 of decision 2/CMA.5 and *affirms* that the agenda item on matters relating to the global goal on adaptation is a standing agenda item and will continue to be included in the agendas for sessions after SB 63 and CMA 7, unless otherwise specified by the CMA;

30. *Decides* to launch the Baku Adaptation Roadmap with the aim of advancing progress in line with Article 7, paragraph 1, of the Paris Agreement and supporting the implementation of the elements outlined in paragraph 38 of decision 2/CMA.5 and *requests* the subsidiary bodies to develop modalities for work under the roadmap;

31. *Establishes* the Baku high-level dialogue on adaptation, to be convened by the Presidency of the CMA and the incoming Presidency of the CMA on the margins of each session of the CMA with the aim of identifying ways of enhancing the implementation of the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience;

¹⁸ Decision 2/CMA.5, para. 9–10

¹⁹ Decision 19/CMA.1, para. 37.

²⁰ Decision 2/CMA.5, para. 9.

²¹ Decision 2/CMA.5, para. 11.

²² See documents FCCC/SBSTA/2024/7, para. 54, and FCCC/SBI/2024/13, para. 92.

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32. *Requests* the President of the CMA to report on the outcomes of the dialogue referred to in paragraph 31 above at the relevant session of the CMA;
33. *Notes* that a limited number of submissions²³ on matters related to paragraph 38 of decision 2/CMA.5 were received prior to SB 61 and *invites* Parties to submit views on those matters and on the modalities for work under the Baku Adaptation Roadmap, referred to in paragraph 30 above, via the submission portal by 31 March 2025;
34. *Emphasizes* the importance of the exchange of knowledge, experience, information and sharing of best practices pertaining to the thematic and dimensional targets, including through the work of the AC, LEG, and other constituted bodies, and the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, and at other adaptation fora.
35. *Calls* on Parties to update their adaptation communications and prepare their biennial transparency reports in line with the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience and *requests* the secretariat to review progress towards achieving the targets²⁴ and report on its findings in the synthesis report to be prepared as part of the second global stocktake;²⁵
36. *Recognizes* the importance of building on the best available science, including by collaborating with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and other organizations, to providing information relevant to facilitating the implementation of the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience, including in relation to the targets²⁶; to developing indicators, metrics and methodologies; and to identifying adaptation capacity gaps and challenges and the needs of developing countries;
37. *Welcomes* the decision of the IPCC in which it agreed on a distinct product revising and updating the 1994 *IPCC Technical Guidelines for Assessing Climate Change Impacts and Adaptations*, including adaptation indicators, metrics and methodologies to be scoped, developed and reviewed and that should be considered for approval and acceptance in conjunction with the contribution of Working Group II and published as a separate product in its seventh assessment cycle²⁷;
38. *Invites* the Chair of the SBSTA to organize, in collaboration with the IPCC, a special event at SB 62 to provide an update on the ongoing work of IPCC Working Group II;
39. *Decides* to undertake the review of the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience²⁸ after the second global stocktake and to initiate consideration of the terms of reference for the review after the completion of the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme;
40. *Requests* the subsidiary bodies to continue consideration of paragraph 38 of decision 2/CMA.5 focusing on matters related to, inter alia, paragraph 38(a–e) of decision 2/CMA.5 at SB 62;
41. *Recognizes* that both incremental and transformational adaptation approaches are essential for protecting the well-being of people and the planet, for saving lives and livelihoods and for implementing the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience with a view to achieving the global goal on adaptation;

²³ As per documents FCCC/SBSTA/2024/7, para. 31, and FCCC/SBI/2024/13, para. 69.

²⁴ Decision 2/CMA.5, para. 9–10.

²⁵ See decision 19/CMA.1, para. 37.

²⁶ Decision 2/CMA.5, para. 9–10.

²⁷ Decision IPCC-LX-9.

²⁸ Decision 3/CMA.4, para. 11.

42. *Takes note* of the technical paper prepared by the secretariat on transformational adaptation²⁹ and decides to continue consideration thereof at SB 62;

43. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a reader-friendly summary of the technical paper referred to in paragraph 42 above and make it available in all six official languages of the United Nations by April 2025;

44. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 13, 38 and 43 above;

45. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

²⁹ FCCC/TP/2024/8.