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Matters relating to the global goal on adaptation

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Baku Adaptation Road Map

Option 1:

21. SBSTA and the SBI recalled paragraph 29 of decision 3/CMA.6 and paragraphs 24 to 35, and paragraph 38 of decision 2/CMA.5, and agreed that the Baku Adaptation Roadmap should:

(a) Undertake any follow up work relating to the UAE-Belém work programme on indicators;

(b) Bring coherence to adaptation architecture and avoid duplication of work with that under other UNFCCC workstreams and constituted bodies, such as the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, and should avoid establishing new processes, including by:

(i) Specifying role of the Adaptation Committee in advancing MEL systems and improving adaptation reporting, organizing special IPCC events every two years and involving custodian organizations in improving data collection and methodological progress and databases after CMA 7;

(ii) Inviting the Adaptation Committee to provide guidance on how Parties may report on the indicators to be agreed under the UAE-Belém work programme on indicators;

(c) Support international cooperation through the exchange of knowledge, experience and good practices pertaining to enhancing adaptation planning and implementation, as emphasized in paragraph 19 of decision 2/CMA.5 and promoting inclusive multi-stakeholder participation;

(d) Invite diverse actors, including experts, observers and other relevant stakeholders, including from the private sector, civil society, the scientific community, and voices of vulnerable groups, rights holders, children and youth, women and indigenous people, to share their knowledge and experience pertaining to the implementation of the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience;

Option 2:

22. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed that the Baku Adaptation Road Map should be guided by the following priorities for action, each of which is essential to guiding the implementation of the global goal on adaptation in a manner that is aligned with Article 7, paragraph 1, of the Paris Agreement and responsive to the impacts of the temperature goal referred to in Article 2 of the Agreement:

(a) Aligning adaptation actions with adequate adaptation responses in the context of the temperature goal, ensuring that national and global adaptation strategies and actions reflect the risks and needs arising from different warming scenarios;

(b) Strengthening adaptation implementation;

(c) Enhancing knowledge-sharing;

(d) Ensuring access to means of implementation for adaptation, including adequate, predictable and accessible financial resources and technology transfer and capacity-building support from developed countries, in accordance with Articles 9, 10, and 11 of the Paris Agreement.

23. The SBSTA and the SBI also agreed to structure the Baku Adaptation Road Map in three phases, with the first phase focused on implementation, to include the operationalization of the outcomes of the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme on a trial basis and to launch a work programme for the Baku Adaptation Road Map.

24. The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat to establish a process under the Baku Adaptation Road Map to support the implementation and operationalization of the outcomes of the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme, which could include the development of technical guidelines and the provision of tailored technical assistance to Parties for applying the indicators in line with their national circumstances.

25. The SBSTA and the SBI also agreed to establish a work programme under the Baku Adaptation roadmap which:

(a) supports all adaptation approaches;

(b) facilitates country specific adaptation pathways informed by evaluating climate risks and impact in the context of the temperature goal outlined in Article 2.1 of the Paris Agreement;

(c) includes an organized workshop, expert meeting and support sessions to share knowledge and scale up adaptation action.

26. The SBSTA and the SBI invited Parties to submit, via the submission portal views and recommendations on the objective, modalities, priority themes and expected outcome of the work programme under the Baku Adaptation roadmap referred to in paragraph 19 above, with a view to informing its design.

27. The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat

(a) to synthesize the submissions referred to in paragraph 20 above, to be published prior to the sixty-fourth sessions of the subsidiary bodies;

(b) in collaboration with the relevant technical bodies of IPCC, to prepare knowledge products to support the implementation of the Baku Adaptation Roadmap, which include technical papers on;

(i) risk and impact associated with different levels of temperature increase across regions in the context of the temperature goal of the Paris Agreement, providing an overview of existing analysis methodologies and country approaches;

(ii) methodologies for assessing progress toward adaptation in the context of the temperature goal of the Paris Agreement.

Option 3:

28. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed that the Baku Adaptation Roadmap (BAR) should serve as a vehicle to advance the full implementation of Article 7.1 of the Paris Agreement, including on adequacy of adaptation, adaptation needs, and the temperature goal, emphasizing that it should not be limited to paragraph 38 of decision 3/CMA.5, that technical work on indicators should proceed independently, and that the BAR should instead focus on mobilizing political ambition for the implementation and support of the Global Goal on Adaptation and guiding inputs to the technical synthesis for the second Global Stocktake.

Option 4:

29. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to address the remaining issues under paragraph 38 of decision 2/CMA.5, also referred to as the Baku Adaptation Roadmap, at SB 63, with a view to providing recommendations to and concluding the Roadmap at CMA 7.

Option 5:

30. The SBSTA and the SBI invited the Presidencies of the Conference of the Parties to consider incorporating specific elements raised in Parties' submissions referred to in paragraph 32 of decision 3/CMA.6, such as transboundary climate change adaptation, into the agenda of the Baku High-Level Dialogue.

31. The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report of these submissions referred to in paragraph 24 above, including identified areas of convergence, to be published no later than four weeks prior to SB 63.

32. The SBSTA and the SBI also agreed that the work under the Baku Adaptation Roadmap could also consider indicators for transformational adaptation in relation to achieving the targets under the UAE Framework for global climate resilience.

Option 6:

33. The SBSTA and the SBI recalled paragraph 29 of decision 3/CMA.6 and emphasized its objective of advancing progress in line with Article 7, paragraph 1, of the Paris Agreement; supporting the implementation of the elements outlined in paragraph 38 of decision 2/CMA.5; elevating political ambition; and ensuring coherence and alignment with ongoing adaptation work under the UNFCCC process.

Option 7:

34. The SBSTA and the SBI recalled paragraphs 24 to 35 of decision 2/CMA.5 and agreed that the Baku Adaptation Roadmap should serve as a robust and transparent mechanism to assess progress toward the Global Stocktake, including through the use of clear metrics, periodic reviews, and consistency with the broader UNFCCC Transparency Framework.

35. The SBSTA and the SBI also agreed that the first high-level dialogue on adaptation under the Baku Adaptation Roadmap should focus on identifying concrete actions and support mechanisms to advance implementation, as well as on strengthening monitoring and evaluation systems to track progress on adaptation.

Option 8:

36. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed that the Baku Adaptation Roadmap should serve as a structured and forward-looking platform for advancing the Global Goal on Adaptation, and should:

- (a) Bring coherence to the UNFCCC adaptation architecture and avoid duplication of work by leveraging the mandates and outputs of constituted bodies, such as the Adaptation Committee, the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG), and the Nairobi Work Programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change;
- (b) Facilitate the exchange of knowledge, experiences, and good practices related to the enhancement, planning, and implementation of adaptation actions;
- (c) Support international cooperation and promote inclusive, multi-stakeholder participation;
- (d) Clarify milestones, roles, and timelines;
- (e) Facilitate the ongoing review and implementation of indicators under the work programme and the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience;
- (f) Support the assessment of progress and strengthen the implementation of adaptation actions;
- (g) Prioritize the review of the provision of means of implementation for developing countries;
- (h) Facilitate the incorporation of the GGA framework and its indicators into the development of future national adaptation plans (NAPs); and

- (i) Conclude at CMA 12.

[Transformational Adaptation][Adaptation Approaches]

Option 1:

37. The SBSTA and the SBI emphasized that no single adaptation approach should be considered to be universally applicable or be prioritized over other approaches and recognized the existence of multiple adaptation options across different national contexts.

(a) The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat to ensure that any future knowledge products related to adaptation pathways reflect the full diversity of approaches, including various national adaptation strategies.

(b) [The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat to prepare a technical paper that provides a balanced and comprehensive overview of all adaptation approaches, including incremental, ecosystem-based, nature-based and proactive approaches, without favouring any particular approach, and that includes an assessment of feasibility, and the financial, technological and capacity-building needs associated with each pathway, in line with articles 9, 10 and 11 of the Paris Agreement taking into account different national contexts and priorities.]

(c) The SBSTA and the SBI recognized the four layered approach encompassing different thresholds for ambition with regard to the outcome of adaptation presented in the secretariat's paper,¹ ranging from survival-oriented to transformational adaptation approaches.

(d) The SBSTA and the SBI took note that the meaningful pursuit and delivery of transformational adaptation requires the provision of means of implementation and enabling environments, as referred to in the reader friendly summary of the technical report, prepared by the secretariat in April 2025².

Option 2:

38. The SBSTA and the SBI recalled paragraph 41 of decision 3/CMA.6 and welcomed the Reader-friendly summary on transformational adaptation, and agreed to continue supporting the development of knowledge on transformational adaptation, to be considered at CMA 7.³

39. The SBSTA and the SBI requested [not specified who] to prepare case studies that will help enhance understanding of transformational adaptation.

Option 3:

40. The SBSTA and the SBI recalled paragraph 40 of decision 3/CMA.6 and requested the CMA to continue consideration of transformational adaptation at [SB 63][CMA 7].

Option 4:

41. The SBSTA and the SBI recognized the findings of the IPCC sixth assessment report, which highlights the need for transformational adaptation to address the scale and urgency of climate risks.

42. The SBSTA and the SBI encouraged Parties, where appropriate, to integrate transformational adaptation into planning processes, including NAPs, adaptation communications and BTRs.

43. The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat under the guidance of the SB chairs and in collaboration with adaptation committee and relevant constituted bodies and expert groups to facilitate the development of a shared understanding and typology of different types of adaptation responses, including transformational adaptation, building on existing literature and party submissions.

¹ Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/613843>, page 16

² Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/646618>

³ Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/646618>

44. The SBSTA and the SBI invited Parties and observers to submit views on how transformational adaptation can be reflected in the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience, and emphasizing the importance of enabling environments, including governance, institutional capacity, finance, technology, MEL and knowledge systems in supporting transformational adaptation and invited Parties to consider how the enablers can be reflected in the UAE-Belém work programme on indicators and in their National Adaptation Plans.

Draft elements of decision text

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Option 1: no text

Option 2: The SBSTA and the SBI initiated discussions on the following possible elements for a draft decision for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its seventh session (November 2025):

(a) A preamble, providing contextual framing, recalling relevant decisions, acknowledging the work of the experts and workshop hosts, and noting the robust, inclusive nature of the indicator development;

(b) The conclusion of the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme on indicators;

(c) The adoption of the final list of indicators;

(d) The operationalization and use of indicators:

(i) Recognition of the indicator list as the first global approach to measuring adaptation progress;

(ii) Affirming the link between the indicators and reporting under the enhanced transparency framework, and inviting Parties to include relevant global goal on adaptation indicators in their biennial transparency reports (BTRs);

(iii) Clarification on how information on the indicators provided through BTRs and other reporting channels will inform synthesis processes and the global stocktake.

(iv) Specification of the role of relevant constituted bodies and the secretariat in supporting the functions referred to in para 17(d)(iii);

(v) Invitation to relevant agencies to support data collection and maintenance;

(e)

Option 1: Baku Adaptation Road Map

Option 2: Addressing remaining issues under paragraph 38 of 2/CMA.5, referred to as the “Baku Adaptation Road Map”.

(f)

Option 1 : Transformational adaptation.

Option 2: Incremental and transformational adaptation.

(g) Other provisions:

Option 1: No text

Option 2:

Provisions related to the adjustment of monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) systems, and identification of capacity-building needs;

References to the role of national adaptation plans (NAPs); engagement of relevant stakeholders; outcomes of the Baku high-level dialogue; proposal for a new adaptation finance goal to succeed the Glasgow pledge; and a review mechanism with a timeline for future work.