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Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security
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Informal note by the co-facilitators

[Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security]

Elements for draft conclusions

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), recalling Articles 9–10 of the Convention, established the Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security.¹ The SBSTA and the SBI welcomed the submissions from Parties and observers on the elements of this joint work, including on topics for the workshops referred to in decision 3/CP.27, paragraph 15(b), and on the operationalization of the online portal referred to in paragraph 16 of the same decision.²

2. Option 1: The SBSTA and the SBI recommended a draft decision on the establishment of a coordination group to facilitate the joint work for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-eighth session (for the text of the draft decision, see annex I).

Option 2: Parties [decided][agreed] to dedicate informal consultation time at each session of the subsidiary bodies to facilitate coordination of the joint work referred to in decision 3/CP.27, paragraph 14, until they report on outcomes at COP 31 (2026)

Option 3: The SBSTA and the SBI agree to dedicate informal consultation time at each session of the subsidiary bodies until COP 31 (2026) to facilitate coordination of the joint work referred to in decision 3/CP.27, paragraph 14, to inter alia

(a) facilitate coordination of the elements set out in decision 3/CP.27, paragraph 14,

(b) facilitate and catalyze collaboration, coherence, and synergies to accelerate implementation of the joint work referred to in decision 3/CP.27 paragraph 14,

2bis. Parties note that any key recommendation from the consultations referred to above may be captured in any conclusions forwarded from the session;

3. The SBSTA and the SBI recalled the request of COP 27 for the secretariat to hold in-session workshops in hybrid format, facilitating both virtual and in-person participation, on agreed topics related to [implementation of][climate action on]agriculture and food security.³ They requested the secretariat to organize workshops on the topics proposed in annex II in conjunction with the sessions specified therein[, taking into account the guidance on organization of the workshops in annex XX,] and encouraged admitted observer organizations to participate in the workshops.

4. The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat to prepare a report on each of the workshops referred to in paragraph 3 above for the information of Parties and to publish the report prior to the sessions of the subsidiary bodies following the sessions at which the workshop took place.

¹ As per decision 3/CP.27, para. 14.

² In response to the invitations in decision 3/CP.27, paras. 17 and 18 respectively. The submissions are available at <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx> (in the search field, type “FCCC/CP/2022/L.4”).

³ Decision 3/CP.27, para. 15(b).

5. The SBSTA and the SBI recalled the request of COP 27 for the secretariat to invite to the workshops referred to in paragraph 3 above representatives of the constituted bodies under the Convention, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the Adaptation Fund, the Least Developed Countries Fund, the Special Climate Change Fund and observers.⁴

6. Option 1: The SBSTA and the SBI invited Parties and observers to submit, for each workshop referred to in annex II, their views on the topic [and format] of that workshop and suggested speakers [and agenda] via the submission portal⁵ by the deadline specified in annex II.

Option 2: The SBSTA and the SBI invited Parties and observers to submit, for each workshop referred to in annex II, their views on the topic [and format] of that workshop and suggested speakers [and agenda] via the submission portal⁶ by the deadline specified in annex II. The coordination group will combine and recommend actions on the workshops contained in annex II.

7. Option 1: The SBSTA and the SBI recalled the request of COP 27 for the secretariat to prepare an annual synthesis report on the work undertaken by constituted bodies and financial and other entities under the Convention, as well as by relevant international organizations, on activities related to the joint work.⁷ They requested the secretariat to invite relevant international organizations to submit information on such work, to be taken into account when preparing the annual synthesis report. They also requested the secretariat to [publish the annual synthesis report prior to][make the annual synthesis report available for consideration at] the first regular sessions of the subsidiary bodies each year.

Option 2: The SBSTA and the SBI recalled the request of COP 27 for the secretariat to prepare an annual synthesis report on the work undertaken by constituted bodies and financial and other entities under the Convention, as well as by relevant international organizations, on activities related to the joint work.⁸ They requested the secretariat to invite relevant international organizations to submit information on such work, to be taken into account when preparing the annual synthesis report. They also requested the secretariat to publish the annual synthesis report prior to the regular session of the subsidiary bodies each year. The synthesis report would help in developing recommendations during the regular sessions. The guidelines on the preparation of the synthesis report is attached as annex III.

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8. Option 1: The SBSTA and the SBI further requested the secretariat to develop the Sharm el-Sheikh online portal for sharing information submitted by Parties and observer organizations on projects, initiatives and policies for increasing opportunities for implementation of climate action to address issues related to agriculture and food security.¹⁰

Option 2: The SBSTA and the SBI further requested the secretariat to develop the Sharm el-Sheikh online portal for sharing information submitted by Parties and observer organizations on projects, initiatives and policies for increasing opportunities for implementation of climate

⁴ Decision 3/CP.27, para. 15(b).

⁵ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

⁶ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

⁷ Decision 3/CP.27, para. 15(a).

⁸ Decision 3/CP.27, para. 15(a).

⁹ Decision 3/CP.27, para. 15(a).

¹⁰ As per decision 3/CP.27, para. 16.

action to address issues related to agriculture and food security.¹¹ It should be closed and managed by the ...[to be completed].

9. Option 1: The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to develop recommendations, during the second regular sessions of the subsidiary bodies each year, [on the basis of] the annual synthesis report referred to in paragraph 7 above, the information submitted to the online portal referred to in paragraph 8 above and the workshop reports referred to in paragraph 4 above, recognizing that solutions are context-specific and take into account national circumstances.

Option 2: The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to[consider][and][develop recommendations], during the second regular sessions of the subsidiary bodies each year, [on the basis of] the annual synthesis report referred to in paragraph 7 above, the information submitted to the online portal referred to in paragraph 8 above and the workshop reports referred to in paragraph 4 above, recognizing that solutions are context-specific and take into account national circumstances.

10. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to continue consideration of [this agenda item][this matter] at SBSTA 60 and SBI 60 (June 2024).

11. The SBSTA and the SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs [2,] 3, 4, 7 and 8 above.

12. The SBSTA and the SBI requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

¹¹ As per decision 3/CP.27, para. 16.

[Annex I

Draft decision -/CP.28

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 2 of the Convention,

Also recalling decisions 4/CP.23 and 3/CP.27,

Reiterating the importance of enhancing coherence, synergies, coordination, communication and interaction between Parties, constituted bodies and workstreams, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the Adaptation Fund, the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund in order to facilitate the implementation of action to address issues related to agriculture and food security,

1. *Decides* to establish a coordination group to facilitate the Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security referred to in decision 3/CP.27, paragraph 14, for the duration of the mandate established in that decision, which will:

(a) Facilitate coordination of the elements of the joint work set out in decision 3/CP.27, paragraph 14 ;

(b) Facilitate and catalyse collaboration, coherence and synergies to accelerate the implementation of action to address issues related to agriculture and food security;

(c) Prepare an annual report on the work undertaken on the objectives of the joint work referred to paragraph 14 for consideration by the SBSTA and SBI ;

2. *Also decides* that the representation of all United Nations geopolitical regional groups in the coordination group shall be guaranteed, without limiting the participation of any Party, and that adequate funding is to be provided to ensure the participation of developing country Parties in meetings of the group, which will be held either in-person or hybrid in-person and virtual format;

3. *Further decides* that Party representatives for the coordination group shall be nominated by their respective regional groups and constituencies, that the Chairs of the SBSTA and SBI shall be notified of these appointments and that the composition of the coordination group will be made publicly available on the UNFCCC website;

4. *Requests* the SBSTA and SBI at their sixty-fourth sessions (2026) to review the terms of reference of the coordination group, taking into account the functions referred to in paragraph 1 above, including preparation of the annual report of the coordination group, with a view to recommending a draft decision for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its thirty-first session (2026);

5. *Also requests* the secretariat to convene the 1st meeting of the coordination group, at which the co-chairs will be elected.

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[Annex XX

Guidance on the organization of workshops under the Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security

All workshops organized under the Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security¹ should:

- (a) Reflect [outcome-based] implementation of climate action and the enhancement of food security;
- (b) Consider cooperative avenues, access to finance, and national policies, plans and strategies for agriculture and food security;
- (c) Consider lessons learned, scaling up and key performance indicators in the area of the joint work;
- (d) Consider the circumstances of women in rural areas, [youth, indigenous peoples[,] and local communities] and other groups particularly vulnerable to [the effects of] climate change with a view to finding practical solutions;
- (e) [Centre on the views of farmers;
- (f) Avoid the duplication of effort of and coordinate work with relevant constituted bodies and workstreams under the UNFCCC process and across the work of relevant partners].

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¹ See decision 3/CP.27, para. 15(b).

Annex II

I. Proposed topics for the workshops

<i>Topic</i>	<i>When held</i>
<u>Option 1:</u> Means of implementation: scaling up means of implementation and targeting needs and gaps related to agriculture and food security (Means of implementation include finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building)	Workshop 1 SB 60 (June 2024)
<u>Option 2:</u> Risk management and risk-sharing tools and approaches, including early warning systems, for agriculture and food security [and anticipatory action]	
<u>Option 1:</u> Approaches to sustainable agriculture and food security: ^a understanding and cooperation	Workshop 2 SB 62 (June 2025)
<u>Option 2:</u> Holistic [systemic] approaches that incorporate action, [innovation ,] and application of best practices, including local and Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, sustainable agriculture and food security[, including soil and land management approaches]	
<u>Option 1:</u> Fisheries and aquaculture: understanding risks related to and best practices and opportunities for improving food security, climate resilience, and sustainable management and development	Workshop 3 SB 64 (2026)
<u>Option 2:</u> Understanding sustainable [agri]food systems [, including fisheries,] through the perspective of climate action	
<u>Option 3:</u> Cooperative efforts, synergies and opportunities related to measuring, monitoring, reporting and verifying climate action for agriculture and food security	

^a Approaches include agroecology, climate-smart agriculture, nature-based solutions, regenerative agriculture, addressing land degradation and desertification, assessment of climate vulnerability, climate-resilient agriculture, family and community agriculture, food systems, biotechnology, artificial intelligence in agriculture, integrated systems for sustainable intensification and standardization of instruments for agriculture.

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II. [Potential Additional Activities][Potential consideration for improving the workshops]

6. On the basis of experience of the work programme for urgently scaling up mitigation ambition and implementation referred to in paragraph 27 of decision 1/CMA.3,[additional activities][the workshops to be held under the Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security] would include interactive modalities such as breakout groups, round tables and World Café sessions to bring together Parties, relevant international organizations and other stakeholders in a focused exchange of views and information on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security.

7. The [additional activities][workshops] need to be held before Parties meet under the relevant agenda item of the subsidiary bodies at a particular session so that during their discussions, they can reflect on the findings of the [additional activities][workshops] and provide feedback and possible recommendations.

8. Under the broad theme of means of implementation, the [additional activities][workshops] could have focused topics or 'challenges' related to access to finance, access to technology and access to capacity-building. Within those topics, issues would be examined and time allowed for Parties to exchange experience in various formats: breakout groups, round tables, World Café sessions and pitching events. Possible solutions would be

discussed and proposed, taking into account national, regional and local circumstances. Enablers and resources available for the implementation of actions would also be discussed.

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III. Road map for organization of the joint work

<i>Timeline</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Between SB 59 and 60 (June 2024)	<p>Submissions on workshop 1 by 2 March 2024 [including format][and improved coordination]</p> <p>Development of the Sharm el-Sheikh online portal by the secretariat^a</p> <p>Publication of the annual synthesis report for 2023 by the secretariat^b</p>
SB 60	<p>Workshop 1</p> <p>Consideration of the annual synthesis report for 2023 and development of recommendations on the basis thereof</p> <p>]</p> <p>[Coordination: discussion of recommendations for better implementation of climate action based on the annual synthesis report]</p> <p>[Coordination: consideration of the annual synthesis report and other objectives of the joint work referred to in decision 3/CP.27, paragraph 14]</p> <p>Consideration of the [online portal developed by the secretariat][operationalisation of the online portal], [including a presentation of the draft portal by the secretariat]</p>
Between SB 60 and 61 (November 2024)	<p>Further development of the online portal by the secretariat</p> <p>Preparation of the report on workshop 1 by the secretariat</p> <p>Issuing of a standing invitation for Parties and observer organizations to share information on projects, initiatives and policies on the online portal</p>
SB 61	<p>Consideration of the report on workshop 1</p> <p>Further consideration of the online portal developed by the secretariat</p> <p>[Coordination of conclusions and recommendations for better implementation of climate action based on the workshop report and the synthesis report]</p>
Between SB 61 and 62 (June 2025)	<p>Submissions on workshop 2 by 15 March 2025</p> <p>Publication of the annual synthesis report for 2024 by the secretariat</p> <p>Standing invitation for Parties and observer organizations to share information on projects, initiatives and policies on the online portal</p>
SB 62	<p>Workshop 2</p> <p>Consideration of the annual synthesis report for 2024 and development of recommendations on the basis thereof</p> <p>[Coordination: discussion of recommendations for better implementation of climate action based on the annual synthesis report]</p>
Between SB 62 and 63 (November 2025)	<p>Preparation of the report on workshop 2 by the secretariat</p>

<i>Timeline</i>	<i>Activities</i>
	Standing invitation for Parties and observer organizations to share information on projects, initiatives and policies on the online portal
SB 63	Consideration of the report on workshop 2 [Coordination of conclusions and recommendations for better implementation of climate action based on the workshop report and the synthesis report]
Between SB 63 and 64 (2026)	Publication of the annual synthesis report for 2025 by the secretariat Submissions on workshop 3 by 6 March 2026
	Standing invitation for Parties and observer organizations to share information on projects, initiatives and policies on the online portal
SB 64	Workshop 3 Consideration of the annual synthesis report for 2025 and development of recommendations on the basis thereof [Coordination: discussion of recommendations for better implementation of climate action based on the annual synthesis report]
Between SB 64 and 65 (2026)	Preparation of the report on workshop 3 by the secretariat Standing invitation for Parties and observer organizations to share information on projects, initiatives and policies on the online portal
SB 65	Consideration of the annual synthesis report for 2026 and development of [conclusions and]recommendations on the basis thereof Consideration of the report on workshop 3 Finalization of discussions on the progress and outcomes of the joint work and reporting to COP 31 (2027), as per paragraph 20 of decision 3/CP.27

^a referred to in decision 3/CP.27, paragraph 16.

^b referred to in decision 3/CP.27, paragraph 15(a).

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Annex III

Guidance on Synthesis report

Structure

- (a) Summary
 - (b) Introduction
 - (c) Elements to include:
 - (i) overview of activities per constituted bodies and financial entities under the convention and other international and regional organizations, identifying the need and support received
 - (ii) support provided for implementation of the outcomes of the KJWA and the 5 previous workshops)
 - (iii) gaps, challenges and opportunities for enhancing implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security.
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