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1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) considered matters relating to the implementation of the United Arab Emirates just transition work programme.¹
2. The SBSTA and the SBI welcomed the first hybrid dialogue under the work programme,² held from 2 to 3 June 2024 on the topic of “Just transition pathways to achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement through NDCs, NAPs and LT-LEDS”, as decided upon and communicated by the Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI on the basis of views submitted by Parties, observers and other non-Party stakeholders.³
3. The SBSTA and the SBI recognized the significant contribution of the late Daniel Machado da Fonseca, who most recently held the position of Head of the Climate Action Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil, to the deliberations on just transition pathways, resulting in the successful establishment of the United Arab Emirates just transition work programme.
4. The SBSTA and the SBI reiterated that the topic of the second hybrid dialogue under the work programme, to be held prior to SB 61 (November 2024), will be decided by the Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI taking in account the submissions by Parties, observers and other non-Party stakeholders⁴ and invited the Chairs to consider the outcomes of the first hybrid dialogue and the inputs provided by Parties during the joint contact group on the United Arab Emirates just transition work programme.
5. The SBSTA and the SBI emphasized the importance of ensuring the effective and inclusive participation and active and constructive engagement of Parties and non-Party stakeholders in the second dialogue, including by introducing interactive formats for engagement, increasing the participation of non-Party stakeholders and facilitating interaction among participants.
6. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to continue consideration of this matter at SB 61 on the basis of the draft text prepared for these agenda items at these sessions⁵ with a view to recommending a draft decision on the matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its sixth session (November 2024).

¹ See decision 3/CMA.5, paras. 3–4.

² As per decision 3/CMA.5, para. 5.

³ As per decision 3/CMA.5, paras. 6–7. The submissions are available at <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx> (in the search field, type “just transition”).

⁴ As per decision 3/CMA.5, paras. 6–7.

⁵ Available at <Link to draft text>.

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This draft text has been prepared by the co-chairs under their own responsibility. The content of the paragraphs is preliminary, has not been agreed, is not exhaustive and has no formal status. It is intended to assist Parties in advancing discussions on this matter and does not prejudge further work or prevent Parties from expressing their views at any time.

[Placeholder: Draft decision]

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

Also recalling decision 3/CMA.5, in which the objective of the United Arab Emirates just transition work programme was confirmed and its elements and modalities of implementation decided upon,

Further recalling paragraphs 50–53 of decision 1/CMA.4,

Recalling paragraph 85 of decision 1/CMA.3, in which the need was recognized to ensure just transitions that promote sustainable development and eradication of poverty, and the creation of decent work and quality jobs, including through making financial flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emission and climate-resilient development, including through deployment and transfer of technology, and provision of support to developing country Parties,

Recognizing the importance of the best available science for effective climate action and policymaking,

Also recognizing that just transitions are for all countries,

Highlighting the unique challenges and opportunities of each Party on its pathway towards just transition,

Recognizing the specific needs and special circumstances of developing country Parties, especially those that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, as provided for in the Convention,

Taking full account of the specific needs and special situations of the least developed countries with regard to funding and transfer of technology,

Underscoring the importance of urgent delivery of means of implementation (capacity-building, climate finance, and technology development and transfer) to facilitate just transition pathways and of enhancing international cooperation on, and support for, just transition pathways, especially for developing country Parties,

1. *Welcomes* the first [and second] hybrid dialogue[s] held under the United Arab Emirates just transition work programme,⁶ which facilitated the sharing of the diverse experience of Parties in implementing just transition pathways in their national contexts;
2. *Also welcomes* the submissions received from Parties, observers and other non-Party stakeholders in response to paragraphs 6 and 8 of decision 3/CMA.5⁷;

⁶ As per decision 3/CMA.5, para. 5.

⁷ The submissions are available at <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx> (in the search field, type “just transition”).

3. *Emphasizes* the importance of ensuring the inclusive and active participation of Parties and non-Party stakeholders in future dialogues under the work programme, including by introducing formats that foster constructive engagement and interactive exchanges among all participants, both in person and virtual;
4. *Requests* the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies, in deciding on the topics to be discussed at each dialogue, to consider the outcomes of and lessons learned from previous dialogues in addition to the views submitted by Parties, observers and other non-Party stakeholders pursuant to paragraph 6 of decision 3/CMA.5;⁸
5. *Highlights* the importance of considering, in operationalizing the United Arab Emirates just transition work programme, all elements identified in paragraph 2 of decision 3/CMA.5;
6. *Also highlights* the importance of just transition pathways for keeping the goals of the Paris Agreement within reach while maximizing the positive and minimizing the negative economic and social impacts of the implementation of response measures;
7. *Encourages* Parties to continue developing national case studies involving the assessment and analysis of the impacts of the implementation of response measures, considering the use of the tools and databases developed under the Katowice Committee of Experts on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures, where relevant, with a view to facilitating exchange of experience among Parties, including in the context of the United Arab Emirates just transition work programme;
8. *Recognizes* the importance of building on relevant initiatives under and outside the UNFCCC with a view to maximizing synergies in the context of the United Arab Emirates just transition work programme;
9. *Underlines* the importance of approaches to just transition that are tailored to national circumstances and *highlights* that just transitions contribute to more robust and equitable mitigation and adaptation outcomes;
10. *Highlights* the importance of human rights, gender equality, labour rights, meaningful and effective social dialogue involving all social partners as well as broad stakeholder engagement, including with affected workers, vulnerable communities, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, migrants, youth and persons with disabilities as important enablers of effective and inclusive just transition pathways.
11. *Recognizes* that considering just transition pathways in developing and implementing NDCs, NAPs and LT-LEDS can facilitate more ambitious outcomes;
12. *Recalls* paragraph 140 of decision 1/CMA.5, in which it was noted that just transition of the workforce, the creation of decent work and quality jobs, and economic diversification are key to maximizing the positive and minimizing the negative impacts of response measures and that strategies related to just transition and economic diversification should be implemented taking into account different national circumstances and contexts;
13. *Also recalls* the invitation in paragraph 186 of decision 1/CMA.5 for relevant outcomes of the first global stocktake to be integrated into the planning of future work under relevant work programmes and constituted bodies under or serving the Paris Agreement, in line with their mandates;
14. *Further recalls* paragraph 154 of decision 1/CMA.5 recognizing that Parties should cooperate on promoting a supportive and open international economic system aimed at achieving sustainable economic growth and development in all countries and thus enabling them to better to address the problems of climate change, noting that measures taken to combat climate change, including unilateral ones, should not constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or a disguised restriction on international trade;
15. *Acknowledges* the support available for developing country Parties for just transition pathways, while highlighting the need for enhanced support in this regard;

⁸ As per decision 3/CMA.5, para. 7.

16. *Emphasizes* the importance of means of implementation, including finance, technology transfer and capacity-building, for facilitating just transitions that promote sustainable development and the eradication of poverty in the context of low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient growth;
17. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs **xx** above;
18. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.