



Update by the high level-committee on progress in planning high-level events as part of the consideration of outputs of the global stocktake

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I. Background

1. Article 14 of the Paris Agreement stipulates that the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to this Agreement (CMA) shall periodically take stock of the implementation of this Agreement to assess the collective progress towards achieving the purpose of this Agreement and its long-term goals (referred to as the “global stocktake”). It shall do so in a comprehensive and facilitative manner, considering mitigation, adaptation and the means of implementation and support, and in the light of equity and the best available science. The CMA shall undertake its first global stocktake in 2023 and every five years thereafter unless otherwise decided by CMA. The outcome of the global stocktake shall inform Parties in updating and enhancing, in a nationally determined manner, their actions and support in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Agreement, as well as in enhancing international cooperation for climate action.

2. The CMA in its decision 19/CMA.1, para.3 decided that the global stocktake will consist of the following three components:

(a) Information collection and preparation, focusing on gathering, compiling and synthesizing information and preparing for conducting the technical assessment;

(b) Technical assessment, focusing on taking stock of the implementation of the Paris Agreement to assess the collective progress towards achieving the purpose and longterm goals of the Paris Agreement, as well as opportunities for enhanced action and support to achieve its purpose and goals;

(c) Consideration of outputs, focusing on discussing the implications of the findings of the technical assessment with a view to achieving the outcome of the global stocktake of informing Parties in updating and enhancing, in a nationally determined manner, their actions and support, in accordance with relevant provisions of the Paris Agreement, as well as in enhancing international cooperation for climate action.

3. The CMA further decided that the global stocktake will be a Party-driven process conducted in a transparent manner and with the participation of non-Party stakeholders.

4. As per paragraph 33 of decision 19/CMA.1, the consideration of outputs component of the global stocktake will consist of high-level events where the findings of the technical assessment will be presented and their implications discussed and considered by Parties, and the events will be chaired by a high-level committee consisting of the Presidencies of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement and the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation.

5. The CMA in paragraph 34 of decision 19/CMA.1 further decided that the outputs of this component of the global stocktake should:

(a) Identify opportunities for and challenges in enhancing action and support for collective progress in relation to the thematic areas of the global stocktake¹, as well as

¹ Paragraph 6(b) of decision 19/CMA.1 refers to “taking stock of the implementation of the Paris Agreement to assess the collective progress towards achieving its purpose and long-term goals, including under Article 2, paragraph 1(a–c), in the thematic areas of mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation and support, noting, in this context, that the global stocktake may take into account, as appropriate, efforts related to its work that (i) address the social and economic

possible measures and good practices and international cooperation and related good practices;

(b) Summarize key political messages, including recommendations arising from the high-level events for strengthening action and enhancing support;

(c) Be referenced in a decision for consideration and adoption by the CMA and/or a declaration.

6. The subsidiary bodies at their fifty-seventh sessions² invited the high-level committee to provide an update during the fifty-eighth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June 2023) on progress in planning their high-level events.

II. Activities of the high-level committee and other related events

7. The members of the high-level committee have convened four times since January 2023 to address the mandate contained in paragraphs 33 and 34 of decision 19/CMA.1.

8. In March 2023, the COP27 Presidency and the incoming COP28 Presidency convened informal consultations of Heads of Delegation on the global stocktake with participation of the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies (SB) during which Parties had the opportunity to exchange views and expectations on the conclusion of the first global stocktake.

9. In April 2023, in accordance with the conclusions of the fifty-seventh session of the SB,³ the SB Chairs held intersessional consultations on preparations for the consideration of outputs component of the first global stocktake. Further, the SB chairs will convene an intersessional in-person workshop in Abu Dhabi, UAE, from 12–14 October 2023 to develop elements for the consideration of outputs component of the first global stocktake with a view to informing the work of the joint contact group.

10. In June 2023, the fifty-eighth session of the SB invited Parties and non-Party stakeholders to submit their views on elements for the consideration of outputs component by 15 September and requested the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report on those submissions. Further, the co-facilitators of the technical dialogue under the global stocktake delivered the third and final meeting of the dialogue, with participation of experts, Parties and non-Party stakeholders. Parties requested the co-facilitators of the technical dialogue to prepare the factual synthesis report by 8 September 2023.

11. Other events outside the UNFCCC process offer opportunities for further engagement in the lead up to COP28. These include:

(a) Informal political consultations undertaken by H.E. Barbara Creecy, Minister of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries of South Africa and H.E. Dan Jørgensen, Minister for Development Cooperation and Global Climate Policy of Denmark on behalf of the incoming COP28 Presidency on critical elements regarding the outcome of the first global stocktake;

(b) The United Nations Secretary General's Climate Ambition Summit on 20 September;

(c) Informal ministerial consultations convened by the incoming COP28 Presidency, with the participation of the high-level committee, on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly on 21 September (tbc);

(d) Informal consultations at the pre-COP meeting in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 30-31 October.

12. Parties are encouraged to put forward ambitious climate action and support, and advance their understanding of the key elements that will make up an ambitious and balanced outcome of the first global stocktake.

13. The high-level committee also looks forward to the Regional Climate Weeks

consequences and impacts of response measures (ii) avert, minimize and address loss and damage associated with the adverse impacts of climate change.”

² FCCC/SBI/2022/20, para. 54 and FCCC/SBSTA/2022/10, para. 32.

³ FCCC/SBI/2022/20, para. 53(a) and FCCC/SBSTA/2022/10, para. 31(a).

providing a platform to continue building momentum towards the conclusion of the first global stocktake, including as a space for non-Party stakeholders to further contribute to this process.

III. Global stocktake: Overview of the vision and organization of the high-level events at CMA5

14. The global stocktake is a central part of the arrangements provided by the Paris Agreement to ratchet up ambition and to drive climate action and support towards the achievement of its long-term goals. It is envisaged as a transformational moment within the implementation of the Paris Agreement aimed at assessing progress but also catalysing action, support and international cooperation going forward in light of equity and the best available science.

15. The first global stocktake is an opportunity for Parties to come together to deliver a message to the world on the launching of a pathway to transformational change, and to close the gaps and align action going forward, including the enabling conditions to ensure that the transition is just and mindful of the need to achieve sustainable development.

16. As the global stocktake moves from the technical to the political phase throughout the following months, various fora will continue to frame its overall role in driving ambition and implementation over this critical decade and informing the next round of NDCs.

17. The high-level events at CMA5 are mandated to be chaired by the high-level committee to *identify opportunities and challenges for enhancing action and support for collective progress* in relation to the thematic areas of the global stocktake as per paragraph 6(b) of decision 19/CMA.1, as well as possible measures and good practices and international cooperation and related good practices.

18. Following careful consideration and building on the continuous engagement across different levels, the high-level committee plans to organize the high-level events during the World Climate Action Summit on 1-2 December 2023 with the participation of leaders, in a way that allows these events to yield key political messages that can inform the outcome of the global stocktake, as per the mandate of decision 19/CMA.1.

19. In accordance with this mandate, the high-level committee envisages a structure for these high-level events that would provide space for a political moment in the opening, followed by a series of events that would address the thematic structure areas of the global stocktake, including mitigation, adaptation⁴ and means of implementation and support, taking into account, as appropriate, efforts related to response measures and loss and damage as per paragraph 6(b) of decision 19/CMA.1, to assess collective progress and inform action, support and international cooperation towards the achievement of the Paris Agreement.

20. Each thematic high-level event would include a keynote, which would frame the discussion, an intervention by the co-facilitators on the findings of the technical assessment, followed by discussion on the implications of these findings in light of guiding questions aimed at producing key political messages, including recommendations taking into account equity and the best available science.

21. Following paragraph 34(b) of decision 19/CMA.1, the high-level committee plans to summarize the key political messages from the high-level events, including recommendations arising from those discussions, with a view to informing Parties' deliberations on the outcome of the global stocktake.

22. The high-level committee will continue to discuss and develop its plans for the high-level events based on, amongst others feedback received from Parties and non-Party stakeholders and will inform Parties accordingly.

⁴ Including the recognition of the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties as per decision 11/CMA.1, para. 10.