

Informal note by the co-facilitators
on
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SBI 60 agenda item 6
Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme

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Overview of the informal consultations on these agenda items

Thus far during these sessions, six informal consultations have been held on matters relating to the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme, with Parties having engaged constructively in discussions thereon. Over the course of the informal consultations, Parties have exchanged views on what they would like to discuss under these agenda items at SB 60, and shared reflections on previous global dialogues and investment-focused events under the work programme. While Parties have not yet reached a consensus, they have shared many views on various procedural and substantive matters under these agenda items and helped to enhance mutual understanding of the issues under consideration.

In parallel, the co-facilitators have held bilateral meetings with groups of Parties to facilitate engagement with a view to creating an environment that supports Parties in exchanging views on these agenda items in non-formal settings.

Background

The bullet points below do not represent agreed views or ideas, nor are they an attempt to draw any conclusions on possible areas of convergence and/or divergence. These components should be understood as a reflection of the ideas and views expressed by Parties during informal consultations at SB 60. No assumption should be made about the extent to which these views are shared among Parties, and the content is without prejudice to the identification and expression of further views.

1. Framing

- Some Parties reaffirmed the mandates contained in decisions 4/CMA.4 and 4/CMA.5
- Some Parties stressed that the objective of the work programme is to urgently scale up mitigation ambition and implementation in this critical decade in a manner that complements the global stocktake
- Some Parties highlighted that the outcomes of the work programme will be non-prescriptive, non-punitive, facilitative, respectful of national sovereignty and national circumstances, take into account the nationally determined nature of NDCs and not impose new targets or goals
- Some Parties noted that the work programme shall function in a manner that is consistent with the procedures and timelines for communication of successive NDCs established in the Paris Agreement
- Some Parties reflected on framing the work programme in the context of urgency and the need for immediate, deep and sustained reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions

- Some Parties highlighted the potential of the work programme to enhance international cooperation and address challenges and barriers faced in scaling up mitigation ambition and implementation
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2. Reflections on global dialogues and investment-focused events

- Some Parties expressed appreciation to the co-chairs of the work programme and the secretariat for organizing the third global dialogue and investment-focused event under the work programme
- Some Parties welcomed the topic of “Cities: buildings and urban systems”
- Some Parties welcomed the focused exchange of views, information and ideas among participants during the third global dialogue and investment-focused event
- Some Parties welcomed the progress of the work programme since its inception
- Some Parties provided concrete reflections on the third global dialogue and investment-focused event
- Some Parties mentioned the possibility of including a placeholder for a summary of reflections on key findings, opportunities, barriers and actionable solutions in the annual report on the work programme. Other Parties mentioned not to include a summary of reflection on key findings, opportunities, barriers and actionable solutions in the annual report on the work programme, as such a summary may be subjective
- Some Parties suggested to discuss how to make the annual report on the work programme more relevant to a broader stakeholder group
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3. Improvements to future global dialogues and investment-focused events

(a) Timeline and participation

- Some Parties highlighted a need to announce the date, venue and agenda, and particularly the subtopics, of future global dialogues and investment-focused events well in advance thereof with a view to providing sufficient preparation time for participants
- Some Parties stressed a need to improve regional and gender balance among invited experts and in the panels
- Some Parties underlined a need to increase the number of participants from each Party as well as improve inclusivity of participation, particularly from developing country Parties and those most vulnerable to climate change
- Some Parties called for increased participation of investors in the ‘pitch hub’
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(b) Format

- Some Parties proposed additional days for the global dialogue to cover topics more comprehensively
- Some Parties mentioned there should be no parallel breakout rooms in order to enhance exchange of views, information and ideas among all participants while other Parties mentioned the value of parallel breakout rooms
- Some Parties mentioned allowing participants to choose breakout rooms they would like to participate in
- Some Parties suggested to ensure the global dialogues are organized in different locations to enhance the geographical balance of participants

- Some Parties shared the view that the format should be more engaging, including for virtual participants
- Some Parties proposed that virtual meetings to follow up on the topics and subtopics of previous global dialogues and investment-focused events. Other Parties proposed that virtual meetings are not necessary
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(c) Content

- Some Parties mentioned the need for more transparency and clarity with regard to the selection of topics and subtopics by the co-chairs
- Some Parties highlighted the need to cover regional issues and/or special circumstances; for example for LDCs and SIDS
- Some Parties expressed an expectation to identify an area or areas for further investment and international cooperation through the global dialogue and investment-focused event
- Some Parties mentioned an expectation to explore ways of unlocking finance to better respond to the needs of developing countries through the investment-focused event
- Some Parties suggested to use the investment-focused event to develop proposals for financial institutions
- Some Parties were of the view that discussions should be kept at a technical level
- Some Parties suggested for the work programme to provide a space to follow up on topics of previous years. Other Parties suggested that the work programme should address only the selected topic of the year
- Some Parties suggested to include non-market approaches in the investment-focused events
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4. General reflections

- Some Parties reflected on the mandate of the work programme and how it guides the work programme. Other Parties did not agree on this understanding
- Some Parties shared views on how the work programme can contribute to urgently scaling up mitigation ambition and implementation, including by having high-level political messages on mitigation in the annual report and CMA decision at its each session. Other Parties shared views that such high-level political messages do not fall into the mandate of the work programme
- Some Parties shared views on elements of a draft decision to further improve the modalities of the work programme. Other Parties shared views that elements of a draft decision also include overarching reflections on mitigation, including reference to the best available science
- Some Parties mentioned that the work programme is relevant to the preparation of NDCs. Other Parties mentioned that the work programme does not have a direct link to the preparation of NDCs
- Some Parties shared their reflections on integrating outcomes of the first global stocktake into the planning of future work of the work programme. Other Parties shared their reflections that integrating outcomes of the first global stocktake do not fall into the mandate of the work programme
- Some Parties highlighted that the work programme to be guided by the principle of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances and in the context of sustainable development and eradication of poverty

- Some Parties stressed that they have no intention to direct the work programme towards creating new emissions reduction targets
- Some Parties stressed the importance of national circumstances and facilitative nature of the work programme
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