



## **Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee**

**Document PAICC/2024/M11/4**

**Report on the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee**

**Dates: 17–19 April 2024**

**Venue: secretariat headquarters, Bonn**

## 1. Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. In accordance with rule 4, paragraph 6, of the rules of procedure of the Committee,<sup>1</sup> Co-Chair Christina Voigt served as Chair and opened the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee by welcoming members and alternate members of the Committee.
2. The Committee had agreed to hold its 11<sup>th</sup> meeting in hybrid format from 17 to 19 April 2024.
3. The meeting was held in Bonn at the headquarters of the secretariat.
4. The secretariat confirmed that, in accordance with paragraph 15 of the modalities and procedures for the effective operation of the Committee,<sup>2</sup> a sufficient number of Committee members were present at the meeting to constitute a quorum.
5. The table below presents the members and alternate members of the Committee. The names of those present at the meeting are in bold.

Group/constituency	Members	Alternate members
African States	Selam Kidane Abebe	<b>Mominata Compaore</b>
	<b>Happy Khambule</b>	<b>Chokri Mezghani</b>
Asia-Pacific States	<b>Yi Chenxia</b>	<b>Yuji Mizuno</b>
	Haseeb Gohar	<b>Seung Jick Yoo</b>
Eastern European States	<b>Eva Šalplachtová</b>	<b>Grzegorz Grobicki</b>
	Grigory Yulkin	Ivan Narkevitch
Latin American and Caribbean States	<b>José Félix Pinto-Bazurco Barandiarán</b>	Michai Robertson
	<b>Jimena Nieto Carrasco</b>	<b>Édgar Fernández Fernández</b>
Western European and other States	<b>Jacob Werksman</b>	<b>Johan Pettersson</b>
	<b>Christina Voigt</b>	<b>Jonathan Davis</b>
Small island developing States	<b>Diane Tan</b>	Rueanna Haynes
Least developed countries	<b>Ziaul Haque</b>	<b>Eunice Asinguza</b>

## 2. Agenda item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

6. The Committee adopted the agenda of the meeting, as contained in annex 1.
7. In accordance with rule 12 of the rules of procedure of the Committee, the meeting was open to Parties and admitted non-Party observers, except for discussions under

<sup>1</sup> As contained in the annex to decision 24/CMA.4.

<sup>2</sup> As contained in the annex to decision 20/CMA.1.

agenda item 8, and parts of the discussions under agenda items 3 and 4, as per paragraph 13 of the modalities and procedures of the Committee.

### **3. Agenda item 3: Key developments in the implementation of the 2023–2024 workplan of the Committee**

8. The Co-Chair presented information to the Committee on key developments in advancing the activities outlined in the workplan of the Committee for 2023–2024.<sup>3</sup> Specifically, mention was made of the Committee side event at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Dubai which addressed the link between the work of the Committee and the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement; a side event of the Consultative Group of Experts at the same session; a showcase of the Committee’s work at the United Nations Environment Assembly as part of a side event on multilateral environmental agreement cooperation; and the participation of a Co-Chair of the Committee in the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Consultative Group of Experts and its regional workshop for the Asia-Pacific region.
9. As per a request from the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee, the secretariat updated the Committee on progress in updating the Committee’s web pages before their official launch on the UNFCCC website.<sup>4</sup>
10. The Committee discussed a draft template for written submissions from Parties with respect to their own implementation of and/or compliance with any provision of the Paris Agreement,<sup>5</sup> which was adopted by the Committee as contained in annex 2 and will be published on the Committee’s web pages.
11. The Committee recalled that the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA), in its report on its fifth session,<sup>6</sup> took note of the information contained in the annual report of the Committee,<sup>7</sup> including the Committee’s recommendation that, with respect to paragraph 2 of decision 20/CMA.1, the CMA undertake the first review of the Committee’s modalities and procedures in 2024. In this respect, the Committee observed that, to date, it has gained limited experience with regard to the implementation of its modalities and procedures. The Committee also noted that significant relevant experience will be gained in connection with the upcoming submissions of nationally determined contributions (NDCs), biennial transparency reports (BTRs) and biennial communications of information under Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement.
12. The Committee agreed that further discussion will be needed at its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting on the recommendations to be included in its fifth annual report to the CMA on the issue of the review of its modalities and procedures.

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<sup>3</sup> Committee document PAICC/2023/M9/4, annex 2.

<sup>4</sup> <https://unfccc.int/>.

<sup>5</sup> Committee document PAICC/2024/M11/3.

<sup>6</sup> FCCC/PA/CMA/2023/16.

<sup>7</sup> FCCC/PA/CMA/2023/4.

13. The Committee also agreed that it would be beneficial to gather institutional knowledge from former members and alternate members of the Committee to inform its future consideration of the review of its modalities and procedures. A one-day informal online meeting was recommended.
- 4. Agenda item 4: Information from the secretariat in relation to the submission of reports and communications from Parties to guide the Committee in its functions in accordance with its rules of procedure**
14. The secretariat presented information to the Committee relating to the communication and maintenance of NDCs by Parties in the public registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement; on submissions of BTRs; and on the biennial communications submitted via the online portal referred to in decision 12/CMA.1, paragraph 6.
15. The Committee considered the information provided by the secretariat pursuant to rule 18, paragraph 1, of its rules of procedure.<sup>8</sup>
16. Three enhanced knowledge sessions were conducted with the secretariat's Mitigation, Means of Implementation, and Transparency divisions with a view to deepening understanding of and facilitating discussion on the information submitted under the above-mentioned communications and reports.
17. The Committee appreciated these enhanced knowledge sessions, recognizing them as a valuable means of increasing its collective understanding in preparation for its upcoming work. The Committee highlighted the importance of its 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, which will be convened following the submission deadlines for the communications and reports mentioned in paragraph 22(a)(i), (ii) and (iv) of its modalities and procedures.
18. The presentation of the NDC registry<sup>9</sup> triggered discussion on the status of NDCs ('active' versus 'archived') and how the Committee will be able to identify whether the successive 2025 NDCs have been communicated to the secretariat. The Committee agreed that further discussion will be needed on this matter at its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Committee invited the secretariat to reflect on how, within the mandate provided in decision 20/CMA.3 to implement modalities and procedures for the operation and use of a public registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement, the registry could provide simple access to Parties' current and successive NDCs and clearly indicate the periods during which the status of each NDC would be 'active', and to inform the Committee at its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting on its reflections.
19. The Committee noted the dates for CMA 7 (Monday, 10 November, to Friday, 21 November 2025).<sup>10</sup> The Committee stressed that the deadline for Parties to submit their NDCs is 10 February 2025 according to decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 25, and decision 1/CMA.5, paragraph 166, which read respectively:

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<sup>8</sup> Members and alternate members expressed different views on the term 'developed country Parties' under Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement.

<sup>9</sup> Available at <https://unfccc.int/NDCREG>.

<sup>10</sup> As per decision 17/CP.28, para. 4.

“[The Conference of the Parties] *decides* that Parties shall submit to the secretariat their NDCs referred to in Article 4 of the Agreement at least 9 to 12 months in advance of the relevant session of the CMA with a view to facilitating the clarity, transparency and understanding of these contributions, including through a synthesis report prepared by the secretariat.”

“[The CMA] *further recalls* that, pursuant to paragraph 25 of decision 1/CP.21, Parties shall submit to the secretariat their next NDCs at least 9 to 12 months in advance of CMA 7 (November 2025) with a view to facilitating the clarity, transparency and understanding of these contributions.”

20. The Committee agreed on the importance of the secretariat raising Parties’ awareness of the deadline of 10 February 2025 for the submission of NDCs.
21. The Committee noted that developed country Parties are to submit their biennial communications by 31 December 2024.<sup>11</sup> The Committee felt that it would be beneficial to create a space in the agenda for its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting for building collective understanding of the submission of biennial communications.
22. The Committee was of the view that there is room for improvement with regard to the layout of the table for the first BTR submissions,<sup>12</sup> so that the Committee has a clear view of whether the mandatory information outlined in Article 13, paragraphs 7 and 9, and Article 9, paragraph 7, of the Paris Agreement is included in the first BTR.
23. The Committee requested that, in preparation for its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, the secretariat provide factual information in tabular format to enable the Committee to check whether each Party to the Paris Agreement has submitted a BTR, and if so, when, and whether mandatory reports or communications of information have been submitted under Article 13, paragraphs 7 and 9, and Article 9, paragraph 7, of the Paris Agreement. The Committee’s 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will provide an opportunity to test the tabular format in preparation for its 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, following the submission deadline for BTRs set out in decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 90, which states that:

“[The Conference of the Parties] also decides that all Parties, except for the least developed country Parties and small island developing States, shall submit the information referred to in Article 13, paragraphs 7, 8, 9 and 10, of the Agreement, as appropriate, no less frequently than on a biennial basis, and that the least developed country Parties and small island developing States may submit this information at their discretion;”, and decision 18/CMA.1, paragraphs 3–4, reproduced below:

“[The CMA] *decides* that Parties shall submit their first BTR and national inventory report, if submitted as a stand-alone report, in accordance with the modalities, procedures and guidelines, at the latest by 31 December 2024;

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<sup>11</sup> As per decision 13/CMA.5, para. 5.

<sup>12</sup> The table, which includes first BTR submissions (including annexes), technical expert review reports and summary reports of sessions of facilitative multilateral consideration of progress, is available at <https://unfccc.int/first-biennial-transparency-reports>.

*“also decides that the least developed country Parties and small island developing States may submit the information referred to in Article 13, paragraphs 7, 8, 9 and 10, of the Paris Agreement at their discretion”.*

24. The Committee noted that an open line of communication with the lead reviewers is desirable. The Committee noted decision 5/CMA.3, paragraph 40, which states that:

*“[The CMA] also invites the Committee to facilitate implementation and promote compliance referred to in Article 15, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement to liaise with lead reviewers, as needed, when identifying cases of significant and persistent inconsistencies referred to in decision 20/CMA.1, annex, paragraph 22 (b)”, and decision 6/CMA. 4, annex II, paragraph 49, which states:*

*“At the request of the Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee, Article 6 lead reviewers should liaise with the Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee in cases of significant and persistent inconsistencies in accordance with paragraph 17(f) of this decision, and decision 20/CMA.1, annex, paragraph 22(b).”*

## **5. Agenda item 5: Dates and duration of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee**

25. The Committee tentatively agreed to convene its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting in early September 2024 for three days. The Committee requested the secretariat to communicate tentative dates to members and alternate members well in advance, while recognizing that the members and alternate members should confirm their availability as soon as possible.
26. The Committee, recognizing the need to ensure the inclusive participation of all members and alternate members in its meetings, requested the secretariat to start planning its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting as an in-person/hybrid meeting.

## **6. Agenda item 6: Budgetary and financial matters**

27. The Committee took note of an update relating to budgetary and financial matters for the biennium 2024–2025.

## **7. Agenda item 7: Other matters**

28. The Committee requested the secretariat to start planning a side event to be held at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Baku and for the engagement of the Co-Chairs in other awareness-raising events related to the Committee’s work.

## **8. Agenda item 8: Adoption of the report on the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee**

29. The Committee adopted this report on 19 April 2024.

## **9. Agenda item 9: Closure of the meeting**

30. After thanking the members and alternate members of the Committee for their participation and the secretariat for its support, the Co-Chair closed the meeting.

## **Annex 1 – Agenda as adopted**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
3. Key developments in the implementation of the 2023–2024 workplan of the Committee
4. Information from the secretariat in relation to the submission of reports and communications from Parties to guide the Committee in its functions in accordance with its rules of procedure
5. Dates and duration of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee
6. Budgetary and financial matters
7. Other matters
8. Adoption of the report on the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee
9. Closure of the meeting

## **Annex 2 – Template for written submissions from Parties with respect to their own implementation of and/or compliance with any provision of the Paris Agreement as adopted**

*Note: This is a tool for facilitating written submissions made by a Party with respect to its own implementation of and/or compliance with any provision of the Paris Agreement pursuant to decision 20/CMA.1, annex, paragraph 20. This is without prejudice to additional information that a Party may wish to submit with respect to its own implementation of and/or compliance with any provision of the Paris Agreement.*

1. Written submissions made by a Party with respect to its own implementation of and/or compliance with any provision of the Paris Agreement pursuant to decision 20/CMA.1,<sup>1</sup> annex, paragraph 20, shall be addressed by the national focal point to the Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee through the secretariat at [paicc@unfccc.int](mailto:paicc@unfccc.int).
2. Written submissions should be made in English. Submissions may be made in one of the other five official languages of the United Nations if the Party also provides a translation into English.<sup>2</sup>
3. Written submissions shall contain, at a minimum, the following elements:<sup>3</sup>

### **I. Party making the submission and contact information**

*[Indicate below the name of the Party making the written submission, as well as the name of the national focal point of the Party communicating the submission with respect to the Party's own implementation of and/or compliance with any provision of the Paris Agreement]*

Party	<i>[Indicate the name of the Party making the written submission]</i>
National focal point	<i>[Provide the contact details of the UNFCCC national focal point communicating the submission]</i>
Ministry/Organization	
Address	
Telephone	
Mobile phone	

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<sup>1</sup> Entitled “Modalities and procedures for the effective operation of the committee to facilitate implementation and promote compliance referred to in Article 15, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement”.

<sup>2</sup> As per decision 24/CMA.4, annex, rule 11, para. 4.

<sup>3</sup> As per decision 24/CMA.4, annex, rule 17.1, para. 2.



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Email address	
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## II. Statement identifying the issue with respect to the Party's own implementation and/or compliance

*[Provide a statement identifying the issue with respect to the Party's own implementation of and/or compliance with the relevant provision(s) of the Paris Agreement]*

## III. Relevant provisions of the Paris Agreement and related decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement

*[Indicate the relevant provisions of the Paris Agreement and any related decisions of the CMA that provide the basis for the Party's submission in relation to its own implementation and/or compliance. Specify corresponding article(s), paragraph(s), subparagraph(s), annex(es), as appropriate]*

4. Written submissions should also contain, inter alia, the following elements:<sup>4</sup>

### I. Additional information and supporting documentation

*[Provide additional information and supporting documentation that is considered material and sufficient to the issue with respect to the Party's own implementation and/or compliance with the relevant provision(s) of the Paris Agreement. This may include, as appropriate, information on:*

- (a) The **cause of the challenges** faced by the Party in its implementation of and/or compliance with the relevant provision(s);*
- (b) Relevant **national capabilities and circumstances**, including information on relevant capacity constraints, needs or challenges;*
- (c) **Access to finance, technology and capacity-building support** that has been sought or received to address any relevant capacity constraints, needs or challenges.]*

### II. Action requested of the Committee

*[Indicate, where applicable, any action requested of the Committee, consistent with its mandate as defined in the modalities and procedures of the Committee]*

### III. List of documents

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<sup>4</sup> As per decision 24/CMA.4, annex, rule 17.1, para. 3.

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*[Provide a list of all relevant documents annexed to the submission]*