



Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee

30 April 2026

Sixteenth meeting

Bonn, 24–27 March 2026 (hybrid meeting)

Report on the 16th meeting of the Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee

I. Opening of the meeting

(Agenda item 1)

1. The 16th meeting of the Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee was held from 24 to 27 March 2026 in Bonn, Germany, in hybrid format, as agreed by the Committee at its 15th meeting.¹

2. The Co-Chairs, Eyad AlJubran and Christina Voigt,² opened the 16th meeting by welcoming the members and alternate members of the Committee, as well as the observers attending the meeting.

3. The Co-Chairs invited the Director and Principal Legal Adviser of the Legal Affairs division, Christine Adam, to address the Committee. Christine Adam congratulated the Committee on a highly productive year in 2025. She highlighted that the Committee's efforts have contributed to boosting momentum and raising awareness, driving the resolution of 50 considerations of issues initiated in 2025 and laying the groundwork for further issues under consideration to be resolved at this meeting in the light of the many nationally determined contributions (NDCs) and biennial transparency reports (BTRs) submitted since the end of the last meeting on 2 October 2025. She recognized the Committee's key role in contributing to the credibility and robustness of the Paris Agreement, which it assumed in the face of an unprecedented workload, by upholding mandated deadlines for the submission of NDCs and BTRs, issuing notifications and reminders and seeking engagement with Parties.

4. The secretariat confirmed that, in accordance with paragraph 15 of the modalities and procedures for the effective operation of the Committee,³ 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	Wilfried Biao Mongazi	Alice Mackmillan Mushi
	Natasha Museba Banda	Haidy Ahmed Mahmoud
Asia-Pacific States	Jing Zhong	Muneki Adachi

¹ See the report on the 15th meeting of the Committee ([PAICC/2025/M15/3](#)), para. 40.

² Christina Voigt was elected as Co-Chair on 30 January 2026 via electronic means (see document [PAICC/2026/1](#)). See also <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/paris-agreement-implementation-and-compliance-committee-paicc/composition-and-meetings-of-the-committee>.

³ Contained in decision [20/CMA.1](#), annex.

	Eyad AlJubran	Haseeb Gohar
Eastern European States	Eva Šalplachtová	Grzegorz Grobicki
	Grigory Yulkin	Ivan Narkevitch
Latin American and Caribbean States	Eduardo Silva Beza	José Félix Pinto-Bazurco Barandiarán
	Jimena Nieto	Edgar Fernández Fernández
Western European and other States	Loredana Dallora	Arne Riedel
	Christina Voigt	Lydie-Line Paroz
Small island developing States	Diane Tan	Derrick Oderson
Least developed countries	Eunice Asinguza	Mohammad Hafijul Islam Khan

II. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

(Agenda item 2)

6. The Co-Chairs presented the provisional agenda for the 16th meeting contained in document [PAICC/2026/M16/1](#). The Committee considered and adopted the agenda as presented.

7. In accordance with rule 12 of the rules of procedure of the Committee,⁴ the meeting was open to Parties and admitted non-Party observers, except for during discussions under agenda items 4, 5, 7 and 10, and parts of agenda item 3.⁵ Seven observers registered to attend the meeting: four from Parties and three from two intergovernmental organizations.

8. With regard to the organization of its work, the Committee agreed to address the items of the agenda in the order in which they appear in the indicative schedule.⁶

III. 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

(Agenda item 3)

A. Information made available pursuant to rule 18 of the rules of procedure

(Agenda sub-item 3(a))

9. The secretariat presented the most up-to-date information to the Committee related to:

(i) Communication and maintenance of NDCs by Parties in the public registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement;⁷

(ii) Submissions of mandatory reports or communications of information by Parties under Article 13, paragraph 7(a) and 7(b), as well as under Article 13, paragraph 9, and Article 9, paragraph 7, of the Paris Agreement;

(iii) Participation by Parties in the facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress (FMCP) under Article 13, paragraph 11, of the Paris Agreement;

⁴ Contained in decision [24/CMA.4](#), annex.

⁵ As per rule 12, para. 1, of the rules of procedure and para. 13 of the modalities and procedures.

⁶ Available at https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Indicative_schedule_PAICC-16.pdf.

⁷ <https://unfccc.int/NDCREG>.

(iv) Submissions of mandatory biennial communications of information under Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement.⁸

10. The Committee considered the information provided by the secretariat in accordance with rule 18, paragraph 2, of its rules of procedure in the context of its function under paragraph 22(a) of its modalities and procedures.

11. Regarding the communication and maintenance of NDCs, the Committee expressed appreciation for the communication by 75 Parties of NDCs since the conclusion of its 15th meeting (2 October 2025).⁹ The Committee decided that the issues under consideration for those 75 Parties with regard to this matter have been resolved and requested the secretariat to notify them of its decision.

12. The Committee recalled that, for a Party to have ‘maintained’ an NDC under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement,¹⁰ it is necessary that the Party has an NDC in the public registry with a time frame that is applicable at the time of the Committee meeting.¹¹ Applying this understanding to the present meeting (24–27 March 2026), the Committee found that one Party to the Paris Agreement had not maintained an NDC and therefore decided to initiate consideration of this issue pursuant to paragraph 22(a)(i) of the modalities and procedures and rule 18, paragraph 2(a), of its rules of procedure, regarding this Party. It requested the secretariat to notify the Party concerned of this decision.

13. Regarding the submission of mandatory reports or communications of information under Article 13, paragraphs 7 and 9, and Article 9, paragraph 7, of the Paris Agreement, the Committee expressed appreciation for the submission by 13 Parties of mandatory reports or communications of information under Article 13.7(a) and 13.7(b) of the Paris Agreement since its 15th meeting.¹² The Committee decided that the issues under consideration in this regard have been resolved for those Parties and requested the secretariat to notify them of its decision.

14. Furthermore, the Committee welcomed submissions of BTRs from nine Parties from the least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS) since its 15th meeting.^{13, 14}

15. The Committee noted that the next submissions of information referred to in Article 13, paragraphs 7–10, of the Paris Agreement, as appropriate, including in Parties’ second biennial transparency reports (BTR2s) or national inventory reports, if submitted as a stand-alone report, are

⁸ Available at <https://unfccc.int/Art.9.5-biennial-communications>.

⁹ The total number of Parties that had communicated NDCs as at the conclusion of the 16th meeting (27 March 2026) was 139 (of the 194 Parties to the Paris Agreement). As a result, the total number of Parties that had not communicated an NDC had decreased from 130 to 55. In this context, see footnote 9 in the report on the 15th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M15/3](#)) and footnote 23 in the annual report (document [FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/9](#)).

¹⁰ For the purpose of the Committee’s mandate under para. 22(a)(i) of its modalities and procedures.

¹¹ Report on the 14th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M14/3](#)), para. 20, report on the 15th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M15/3](#)), para. 12, and document [FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/9](#), para. 14.

¹² The total number of Parties that had submitted their mandatory reports and information under the enhanced transparency framework as at the conclusion of the 16th meeting was 104 (of the 119 Parties to the Paris Agreement that are not LDCs or SIDS). As a result, the total number of Parties that had not submitted one or more of the mandatory reports or information listed in rule 18, paras. 2(b)(i–iii), of the rules of procedure had decreased from 28 to 15. In this context, see footnote 12 in the report on the 15th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M15/3](#)) and footnote 24 in document [FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/9](#).

¹³ As a result, the total number of Parties from the LDCs and SIDS that, as at the conclusion of the 16th meeting, had submitted a BTR had increased from 17 to 26 Parties. In this context, see footnote 13 in the report on the 15th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M15/3](#)) and footnote 25 in document [FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/9](#).

¹⁴ Noting that, in accordance with decisions [1/CP.21](#), para. 90, and [18/CMA.1](#), para. 4, the LDCs and SIDS may submit the information under Article 13, paras. 7 and 9, of the Paris Agreement at their discretion, the Committee considered the submission of such information by the deadline of 31 December 2024 to be not mandatory for the LDCs and SIDS.

due, at the latest, by 31 December 2026.¹⁵ In this regard, the Committee encouraged the secretariat to issue a reminder of this deadline.

16. With regard to the submission of mandatory biennial communications of information under Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement, the Committee noted that no Parties had submitted a biennial communication since its 15th meeting. The Committee recalled the discussions relating to mandatory biennial communications of information under Article 9, paragraph 5, at its 13th, 14th and 15th meetings.¹⁶

17. The Committee noted that the next submissions of biennial communications of information under Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement are due by 31 December 2026.¹⁷ In this regard, the Committee encouraged the secretariat to issue a reminder of this deadline.

18. Regarding the participation by Parties in the facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress (FMCP) under Article 13, paragraph 11, of the Paris Agreement, the Committee noted the participation of nine Parties in the question-and-answer phase and the second working group session, convened on 15 November 2025 in Belém during the sixty-third session of the Subsidiary Body of Implementation (SBI), and took note of the procedural summary report thereon.¹⁸

19. The Committee noted that 37 Parties were invited to undergo the third FMCP working group session at SBI 64 (June 2026)¹⁹ and that, for one of these Parties consideration was being given to rescheduling its participation for the subsequent working group session for logistical reasons.²⁰

20. The Committee recalled that participation in the FMCP is an obligation for all Parties in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 11, of the Paris Agreement.²¹ The Committee also recalled paragraph 198 of the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement (MPGs),²² which states that if a Party does not submit a BTR within 12 months of the due date identified in decision 18/CMA.1, the secretariat, in consultation with the Party concerned, will make arrangements for the Party to participate in a FMCP at the next available opportunity. The Committee encouraged the secretariat to include this information in its communications pertaining to the FMCP, as appropriate.

21. Further, some Committee members noted that a large number of Parties have yet to undergo the FMCP in relation to the BTRs.²³ In this context, the Committee noted the importance of the timely and efficient administration of the FMCP process, given that FMCP follows the biennial reporting cycle under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement and that the next round of FMCP, pertaining to the

¹⁵ See decision [1/CP.21](#), para. 90, as well as decision [18/CMA.1](#), paras. 3–4, in which it was also decided that the LDCs and SIDS may submit this information at their discretion.

¹⁶ See the reports on the 13th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M13/3](#)), paras. 13–14; 14th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M14/3](#)), para. 17; and 15th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M15/3](#)), para. 16. At those meetings, the Committee noted or recalled that the group of Parties that had submitted biennial communications under Article 9, para. 5, of the Paris Agreement was not limited to Parties that are obliged to provide financial resources in continuation of their existing obligations under the Convention. Some members expressed the view that the indication of whether a Party is a developed country Party should be drawn from the self-categorization as a developed country in that Party's BTR, while other members expressed the view that this should be based on the list of Parties included in Annex II to the Convention. See document [FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/9](#), paras. 23 and 38.

¹⁷ Decision [10/CMA.7](#), para. 6.

¹⁸ Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/656027>.

¹⁹ See [https://unfccc.int/Third Session FMCP3](https://unfccc.int/Third%20Session%20FMCP3).

²⁰ Discussions with the Party on its participation were ongoing at the time of the 16th meeting. Following further exchanges with the secretariat, the Party plans to undergo the third FMCP working group session at SBI 64.

²¹ Article 13, para. 11, of the [Paris Agreement](#) states that each Party shall participate in FMCP with respect to efforts under Article 9, and its respective implementation and achievement of its NDC.

²² Decision [18/CMA.1](#), annex.

²³ The total number of Parties that had undergone the FMCP as at the conclusion of the 16th meeting of the Committee was 12. Given that 37 Parties are expected to participate in the third FMCP working group session at SBI 64, the total number of Parties that will need to participate in the FMCP after SBI 64 is 145.

BTRs, is planned to commence at SBI 67, at the end of 2027. The Committee noted with gratitude the efforts undertaken by the secretariat to enhance efficiency and time management of this process.²⁴

B. Information made available pursuant to rule 19 of the rules of procedure

(Agenda sub-item 3(b))

22. The Committee considered 28 final technical expert review reports (TERRs)^{25, 26} prepared under Article 13, paragraphs 11–12, of the Paris Agreement and made available to it by the secretariat pursuant to rules 7 and 19, paragraph 1, of the Committee’s rules of procedure.

23. The Committee continued the discussions initiated at its 15th meeting on the identification of significant and persistent inconsistencies (SPIs) of the information submitted by a Party pursuant to Article 13, paragraphs 7 and 9, of the Paris Agreement with the MPGs, for the purposes of paragraph 22(b) of its modalities and procedures²⁷ and rule 19, paragraph 2, of its rules of procedure.

24. To facilitate the intersessional work of the Committee on individual TERRs with the aim of exploring approaches to identifying SPIs,²⁸ the 24 TERRs published as of 9 February 2026 were randomly distributed among Committee members and alternate members in advance of the 16th meeting for initial analysis. The secretariat had also developed a draft tool for analysis of TERRs to assist the Committee in its work pursuant to paragraph 22(b) of its modalities and procedures.

25. Members and alternate members of the Committee reflected on their experience in analysing the TERRs, on the substantive aspects of identifying SPIs and on the practical and process-related aspects of the Committee’s work, including their experience with using the draft tool referred to in paragraph 24 above.

26. The Committee noted the need for an enhanced knowledge session with a view to deepening its understanding of TERRs and facilitating discussion on SPIs. The Committee also agreed on the need to develop criteria for assessing whether inconsistencies are significant and persistent.²⁹

27. The Committee reiterated that an open line of communication between the Committee and the lead reviewers of BTRs and Article 6 lead reviewers is important.^{30, 31} In this regard, the Committee noted the upcoming meeting of lead reviewers of BTRs taking place from 19 to 20 May 2026 and encouraged its Co-Chairs to use the meeting as an opportunity to strengthen the Committee’s liaison and exchange of information with lead reviewers with a view to facilitating the identification of SPIs, including by developing possible criteria for their identification. The Committee also noted the outline of the TERR contained in annex VI of decision 5/CMA.3 and considered that in the TERR

²⁴ See also the message by the Chair of the SBI on the third FMCP working group session, available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/655857>.

²⁵ Available at <https://unfccc.int/first-biennial-transparency-reports>. Further information on the technical expert review is available at <https://unfccc.int/technical-expert-review>.

²⁶ The Committee initiated consideration of 11 of the 28 final technical expert review reports at its 15th meeting; see the report on the 15th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M15/3](https://unfccc.int/PAICC/2025/M15/3)), para. 19; document [FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/9](https://unfccc.int/FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/9), para. 54.

²⁷ Para. 22(b) of the modalities and procedures states that the Committee may, with the consent of the Party concerned, engage in a facilitative consideration of issues in cases of significant and persistent inconsistencies of the information submitted by a Party pursuant to Article 13, paras. 7 and 9, of the Paris Agreement with the MPGs. This consideration will be based on the recommendations made in the final TERRs, together with any written comments provided by the Party during the review.

²⁸ See the report on the 15th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M15/3](https://unfccc.int/PAICC/2025/M15/3)), para. 20; document [FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/9](https://unfccc.int/FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/9), para. 55.

²⁹ In the context of its function set out in rule 19, para. 6, of its rules of procedure.

³⁰ Report on the 15th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M15/3](https://unfccc.int/PAICC/2025/M15/3)), para. 21; and document [FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/9](https://unfccc.int/FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/9), para. 56.

³¹ Noting decisions [5/CMA.3](https://unfccc.int/PAICC/2025/M15/3), para. 40, [6/CMA.4](https://unfccc.int/PAICC/2025/M15/3), para. 14, and [6/CMA.4](https://unfccc.int/PAICC/2025/M15/3), annex II, para. 49; see also the report on the 12th meeting ([PAICC/2024/M12/3](https://unfccc.int/PAICC/2024/M12/3)), para. 25.

chapter on conclusions and recommendations the inclusion of information on recommendations identified by the technical expert review teams in previous reviews that the Party has not addressed³² would be useful.

28. The Committee agreed to undertake intersessional work on advancing the identification of SPIs, following the Co-Chairs' engagement with the lead reviewers of BTRs at the meeting referred to in paragraph 27 above, including by developing possible criteria in this regard.

IV. Consideration of issues and engagement with Parties concerned

(Agenda item 4)

29. The Committee continued its consideration of issues and engagement with Parties concerned.³³

A. Consideration of information provided by Parties concerned

(Agenda sub-item 4(a))

30. The Committee considered the information provided by one Party in response to the Committee's notification of its decision to initiate consideration of issues with regard to its NDC³⁴ and by two Parties in response to the Committee's notification of its decision to initiate consideration of issues regarding their BTRs,³⁵ received by the Committee since its 15th meeting. The Committee reflected and agreed on how to respond to each of these Parties, building on the approach developed at its 15th meeting.³⁶

31. The Committee reaffirmed its preparedness to continue its engagement with Parties that have responded to the Committee's notifications and whose consideration of issues has not yet been resolved and agreed to send a reminder to Parties concerned in this regard.

32. The Committee noted with concern that 28 Parties have not provided any information relating to the issues for which consideration was initiated at its 13th meeting,³⁷ despite several reminders issued by the Committee in this regard. The Committee decided to follow up with these Parties through individual letters to those Parties requesting them to provide the relevant information in advance of the 17th meeting (see para. 50 below) and/or to participate in a consultation with the Committee, and reminded them that it shall take appropriate measures with a view to facilitating implementation and promoting compliance.³⁸

33. The Committee discussed the possibility of naming in the report on its 17th meeting Parties that, by the time of that meeting, have not communicated an NDC and/or submitted a BTR and have not yet responded to any notifications sent by the Committee since the initiation of consideration of issues. Divergent views were expressed on this matter and the Committee decided to defer consideration thereof.

34. The Committee recalled the intention expressed at its 15th meeting to prepare a guide or tool aimed at providing orientation on resources available to Parties to support their preparation of NDCs

³² See decision [5/CMA.3](#), annex VI, footnote 3.

³³ See the report on the 15th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M15/3](#)), paras. 22–32; and document [FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/9](#), paras. 57–67.

³⁴ See the report on the 13th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M13/3](#)), paras. 16 and 27; and document [FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/9](#), paras. 10 and 21.

³⁵ See the report on the 13th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M13/3](#)), paras. 25 and 27; and document [FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/9](#), paras. 19 and 21.

³⁶ See the report on the 15th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M15/3](#)), paras. 23 and 24; and document [FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/9](#), paras. 58 and 59.

³⁷ See footnotes 34–35 above.

³⁸ Pursuant to para. 30 of the modalities and procedures.

and BTRs.³⁹ The Committee reviewed the draft version of the guide prepared by the secretariat for the Committee's consideration and further guidance. The Committee expressed its gratitude to the secretariat for advancing this work and encouraged it to prepare a final draft of the guide, taking into account the inputs of members and alternate members, for review and approval by the Committee at its 17th meeting.

35. The Committee recalled the request at its 15th meeting for the secretariat to develop an internal tool to facilitate the timely managing and tracking of the Committee's interaction with Parties and their progress in addressing issues under the Committee's consideration.⁴⁰ An initial draft of the tool was presented to the Committee by the secretariat for its consideration and feedback. The Committee thanked the secretariat for its work and requested it to further develop the draft tool, with the functionalities presented and taking into account feedback provided by members and alternate members, for review by the Committee at its 17th meeting.

B. Consultations with Parties concerned

(Agenda sub-item 4(b))

36. The secretariat informed the Committee that one Party who had initially requested a consultation with the Committee⁴¹ did not confirm its participation in such a consultation, which was to take place at this meeting.

37. With respect to the four Parties that engaged in virtual consultations with the Committee at its 15th meeting,⁴² the Committee noted that one Party has since communicated its NDC and accordingly noted that the issue under consideration for this Party with regard to this matter has been resolved.⁴³

38. The Committee agreed to follow up with the remaining three Parties concerned, including on progress since the virtual consultations, to continue exploring specific opportunities for assisting them and to continue to follow up intersessionally with relevant bodies and arrangements under or serving the Paris Agreement.⁴⁴

V. Consideration of systemic issues

(Agenda item 5)

39. The Committee continued its consideration and identification of possible issues of a systemic nature with respect to the implementation of and compliance with the provisions of the Paris Agreement faced by a number of Parties pursuant to its function under paragraph 32 of the modalities and procedures and building on the discussions at its 14th and 15th meetings.⁴⁵

³⁹ Report on the 15th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M15/3](#)), para. 26; and document [FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/9](#), para. 61.

⁴⁰ Report on the 15th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M15/3](#)), para. 44.

⁴¹ Report on the 15th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M15/3](#)), para. 27; and document [FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/9](#), para. 62.

⁴² Report on the 15th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M15/3](#)), paras. 28–32; and document [FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/9](#), para. 63–67.

⁴³ See para. 11 above.

⁴⁴ See the report on the 15th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M15/3](#)), para. 32; and document [FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/9](#), para. 67.

⁴⁵ See the report on the 14th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M14/3](#)), para. 31; the report on the 15th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M15/3](#)), paras. 33–36; and document [FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/9](#), paras. 42 and 68–71. See also the report on the 13th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M13/3](#)), para. 17; and document [FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/9](#), para. 11.

40. The Committee reiterated its concern⁴⁶ regarding the large number of Parties that had not communicated an NDC by the end of its 16th meeting⁴⁷ and the significant number that had not submitted mandatory reports or information under the enhanced transparency framework,⁴⁸ while also noting the constraints and challenges raised by some of those Parties.⁴⁹ The Committee discussed other matters that may be characterized as or could indicate systemic issues. Some members and alternate members stressed the importance of closely examining the issues raised by the Parties concerned in their information provided to the Committee in order to identify systemic issues. Some members suggested developing a list of elements or criteria that could consist of or indicate issues of a systemic nature. Others pointed out specific issues or risks that the Committee has identified in the course of its work, noting that it may wish to bring these to the attention of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) at an appropriate time.

41. The Committee agreed to continue discussing matters relating to systemic issues, including the possibility of bringing such issues and, as appropriate, any recommendations to the attention of the CMA.⁵⁰

VI. Consideration of matters relating to gender and Action for Climate Empowerment

(Agenda item 6)

42. The Committee noted that it was requested to include in its regular reports information on progress towards integrating a gender perspective into its processes.⁵¹ The Committee also noted that, with the adoption of the decision on the Belém gender action plan 2026–2034, it was invited to consider the good practices identified in the synthesis report by the secretariat on progress in integrating a gender perspective into constituted body processes⁵² and to include in its annual report information on how it is improving the content and structure of its reporting in this area.⁵³ The Committee further noted that, as part of the Glasgow work programme on Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE), it was invited to include in its regular reports information on how ACE is implemented under its workstreams.⁵⁴

43. The Committee welcomed the secretariat's informative presentations on gender and ACE at this meeting and considered how it can further advance towards the goal of gender inclusivity and implementation of ACE under its workstreams. In this regard, the Committee noted with appreciation the arrangements put in place by the secretariat for regular notification and registration of observers for attendance at Committee meetings and encouraged the secretariat to advise the Committee on ways to improve the organization of work at the meetings with a view to facilitating the participation of observers. The Committee will continue to consider ways to increase opportunities for observers to participate in its meetings, including dedicating specific time slots for interventions by interested observers.

⁴⁶ See the report on the 15th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M15/3](#)), para. 34; and document [FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/9](#), para. 69.

⁴⁷ See para. 11 and footnote 9 above.

⁴⁸ See para. 13 and footnote 12 above.

⁴⁹ See the report on the 15th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M15/3](#)), para. 25; and document [FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/9](#), para. 60.

⁵⁰ Pursuant to para. 32 of the modalities and procedures.

⁵¹ Decision [3/CP.25](#), para. 12.

⁵² [FCCC/CP/2025/6](#). For information on common challenges, good practices and opportunities for improvement in relation to gender integration and reporting thereon, see chap. III thereof.

⁵³ Decision [7/CP.30](#) (Belém gender action plan), para. 1.

⁵⁴ Decision [18/CP.26](#) (Glasgow work programme on Action for Climate Empowerment), annex, para. 6(a).

44. The Committee explored further possibilities for enhancing awareness of matters relating to gender and ACE through its activities and outputs, such as the guide referred to in paragraph 34 above.

45. The Committee recalled its invitation for Parties to consider the goal of gender balance when nominating members and alternate members with a view to ensuring gender balance within the Committee, including among its Co-Chairs,⁵⁵ and noted the presence of gender balance among its current Co-Chairs.

46. The Committee agreed to continue discussions on identifying ways to further mainstream consideration of gender in its work and increase its involvement in relevant activities related to ACE, including through enhanced outreach to relevant stakeholders.

VII. Budgetary and financial matters

(Agenda item 7)

47. The Committee took note of the information presented by the secretariat on budgetary and financial matters related to the biennium 2026–2027.

48. The Committee welcomed the voluntary financial contributions made by Parties to the Legal Affairs division in support of the mandated work of the Committee and expressed its appreciation for the voluntary financial contributions provided by several Parties, namely, in recent years, the European Union, Japan, Switzerland, and, previously, Norway. It reiterated the need to ensure that the division is fully resourced in the current biennium and in future bienniums through the core budget in order to enable the Committee to carry out its mandated work.⁵⁶

VIII. Dates of the seventeenth meeting of the Committee

(Agenda item 8)

49. In accordance with rule 5 of its rules of procedure, the Committee considered the options presented by the secretariat relating to the tentative dates of and venue for its 17th meeting.

50. On the basis of a proposal from the Co-Chairs, the Committee decided to hold its 17th meeting from 7 to 10 July 2026 in hybrid format, subject to the availability of financial resources.

51. The Committee requested the secretariat to communicate these dates to its members and alternate members well in advance, recognizing that members and alternate members shall confirm their availability for the meeting as soon as possible.

IX. Other matters

(Agenda item 9)

52. The Committee considered the options presented by the secretariat relating to the tentative dates of and venue for its 18th meeting. On the basis of a proposal from the Co-Chairs, the Committee decided to hold its 18th meeting in the first or second week of September 2026 in hybrid format, subject to the availability of financial resources.

53. The Committee requested the secretariat to communicate all meeting dates to members and alternate members well in advance, recognizing that members and alternate members shall confirm their availability for the respective meetings as soon as possible.

⁵⁵ Report on the 14th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M14/3](#)), para. 34; and document [FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/9](#), para. 77.

⁵⁶ Report on the 14th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M14/3](#)), para. 35; report on the 15th meeting ([PAICC/2025/M15/3](#)), para. 38; and document [FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/9](#), paras. 82 and 83.

54. Further, the Committee took note of the information provided by the secretariat with respect to the provision by relevant constituted bodies of technical inputs to the technical assessment phase of the second global stocktake under the Paris Agreement.⁵⁷ The Committee requested the Co-Chairs to prepare a draft outline of general issues to serve as possible input by the Committee to the second global stocktake, taking into consideration suggestions from members and alternate members, for consideration by the Committee at its 17th meeting with a view to finalizing the Committee's input by the first quarter of 2027. The Committee agreed to take the timing of the input into account in scheduling its first meeting in 2027.

55. The Committee noted that, according to relevant decisions,⁵⁸ which state that NDCs are to be submitted every five years and at least 9 to 12 months prior to the relevant session of the CMA, the deadline for submission of the next round of NDCs is 11 February 2030, unless otherwise decided by the CMA. The Committee also noted the importance of the effective and timely communication of this deadline to Parties.

56. The Committee recalled that the CMA requested the Committee to undertake the first review of the modalities and procedures of the Committee with a view to making recommendations for consideration and adoption at CMA 9 (November 2027).⁵⁹ The Committee agreed to keep this issue under consideration in the context of planning its future work.

X. Report on the sixteenth meeting of the Committee

(Agenda item 10)

57. The Committee considered and adopted the report on its 16th meeting contained in the present document on 27 March 2026.

XI. Closure of the meeting

(Agenda item 11)

58. The Committee expressed its deep gratitude to the Co-Chairs for their excellent leadership in advancing the work of the Committee and also expressed its appreciation to the secretariat for its dedicated support.

59. After thanking the members and alternate members of the Committee for their constructive engagement and hard work, the Co-Chairs closed the meeting.

⁵⁷ See Article 14 of the Paris Agreement and decision [19/CMA.1](#), in particular para. 24 thereof.

⁵⁸ Article 4, para. 9, of the Paris Agreement; decision [1/CP.21](#), para. 25; and decision [18/CP.30](#), para. 12(b).

⁵⁹ Decision [23/CMA.6](#), para. 2.