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**Third progress update on the
development of the training
programme for technical experts
participating in the technical expert
review of the BTR**

Training and Certification Unit

1 December 2023

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Mandates

Decision 18/CMA.1

- Requested the SBSTA to develop, pursuant to the MPGs, a training programme for technical experts participating in the technical expert review. (Para 12(c))
- Technical experts shall complete the training programme referred to in decision 18/CMA.1, paragraph 12(c), prior to serving on a technical expert review team. (Annex, para 173)

Decision 5/CMA.3

- Adopted the training programme for technical experts participating in the technical expert review of BTRs, as contained in its annex VII. (Para 1(e))
- Requested the secretariat, incorporating, as appropriate, technical advice from the CGE and LRs, to develop the training programme for technical experts participating in the BTR reviews, as outlined in annex VII, taking into account experience and lessons learned from developing existing training programmes under the Convention. (Para 30)
- Requested the secretariat to implement the training programme for technical experts participating in the BTR reviews, as outlined in annex VII, taking into account technical advice from the CGE and LRs to the secretariat. (Para 31)
- Make available the training courses providing a general overview of the ETF under the Paris Agreement by 1 March 2023, and other courses relating to information to be reviewed in accordance with decision 18/CMA.1, annex, paragraph 150 by September 2023. (Para 33)
- Requested the secretariat to report to the SBSTA on progress in the development of the training programme at its 57th session and at each subsequent session until the development of the training programme has been completed. (Para 32)



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Mandates

Decision 9/CMA.4

- Decides that a Party may, on a voluntary basis, request the secretariat to organize a review of the information reported by the Party pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter IV, as part of the technical expert review pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chp. VII. (*Para 1*)
- The voluntary review consists of: (*Para 2*)
 - Reviewing the information reported by the Party in its biennial transparency report, in accordance with the modalities, procedures and guidelines contained in decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chp. IV;
 - Facilitating the improvement of the reporting of information pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chp. IV, by identifying, in consultation with the Party, areas of improvement and capacity-building needs related to reporting.
- Further decides that the Party undergoing the voluntary review may select specific sections of the chapter in the biennial transparency report pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chp. IV, for particular attention by the expert review team conducting the review. (*Para 3*)
- Requests the secretariat to include in the technical expert review team for conducting the voluntary review an expert with expertise in the areas outlined in decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chp. IV, who has completed the course on general and cross-cutting aspects for the technical expert review under the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement referred to in decision 5/CMA.3, annex VII, and the training course referred to in paragraph 8 below, taking into account decision 5/CMA.3, para. 34; (*Para 6*)
- Requests **the secretariat to develop and implement a training course for experts participating in the review**, as part of the training programme outlined in decision 5/CMA.3, annex VII, and taking into account decision 5/CMA.3, paras. 33–34. (*Para 8*)





2nd Progress update during SB58

The secretariat presented:

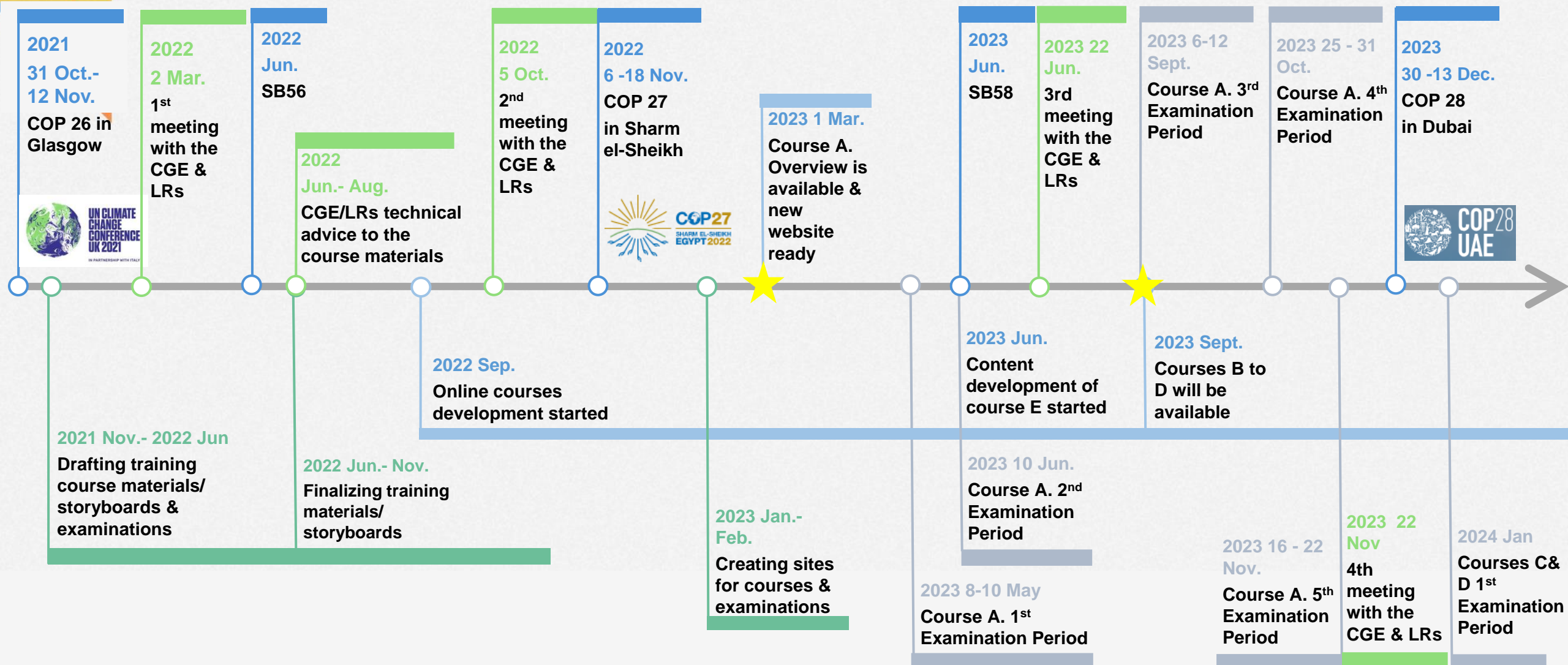
- Update on the status of content development of the training programme, including the launch of Course A in March and the proposed approach for developing Course E.
- The result of the first two examination rounds for the Overview Course.
- The updated implementation approach and the timeline for 2023/2024.





Progress to date

Timeline and the progress of the work



Structure of Courses

BTR Review Training Programme

- A. General and cross-cutting aspects for the technical expert review under the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement → Released on Mar 23'
- B. Greenhouse Gas Inventory
- C. Tracking Progress in Implementing and Achieving NDCs → Released on Sep 23'
- D. Financial, technology development and transfer and capacity building support
- E. Climate change impacts and adaptation reported under Article 7 of the Paris Agreement → Under development

Course B: GHG Inventory course details



GHG INVENTORY COURSE B

Technical review of
national inventory
reports

Course description

The course will provide focus on the review of the national inventory reports of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of GHGs. It covers the elements of the review of the national inventory report submitted by each Party as part of its BTR or as a stand-alone submission.

B.GHG INVENTORY

B-1 GENERAL GUIDANCE AND CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

B-2 ENERGY

B-3 IPPU

B-4 AGRICULTURE

B-5 LULUCF

B-6 WASTE

Course details

New experts are expected to complete two courses: B.1 “General guidance and cross-cutting issues” and at least one sectoral sub-course.

Experienced experts who have passed the mandatory training courses of the “Basic Course” and have participated in the technical reviews of GHG inventories under the Convention, do not have to take Course B.



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Course C: Tracking progress of the NDC



TRACKING PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING AND ACHIEVING NDCs COURSE C

Technical review of the information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving NDCs

Course description

Course C provides guidance on how to review information necessary to track a Party's progress in implementing and achieving NDCs under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement.

C. TRACKING PROGRESS OF THE NDC

C-1

NATIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, AND DESCRIPTION OF A PARTY'S NDC UNDER ARTICLE 4 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT INCLUDING UPDATES

C-2

INFORMATION NECESSARY TO TRACK PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING AND ACHIEVING NDC

C-3

MITIGATION POLICIES AND MEASURES, ACTIONS AND PLANS, INCLUDING MITIGATION CO-BENEFITS RESULTING FROM ADAPTATION ACTIONS AND ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION PLANS, RELATED TO IMPLEMENTING AND ACHIEVING NDC UNDER ARTICLE 4 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT

C-4

PROJECTIONS OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND REMOVALS

Course details

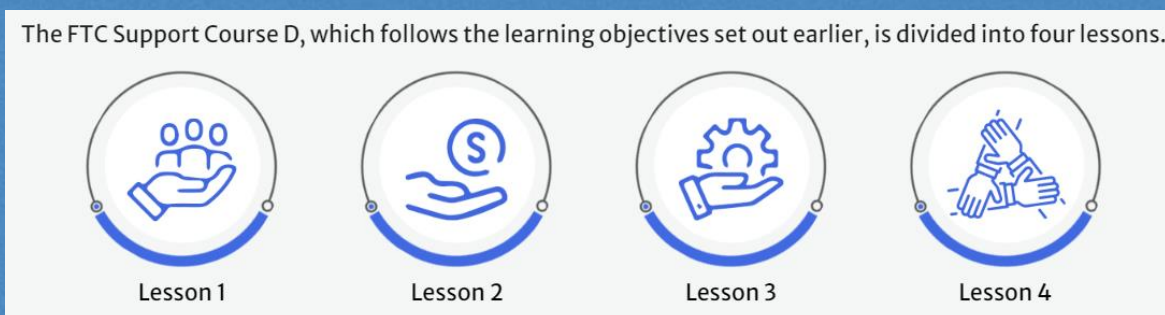
Sub-courses 1 and 2 are mandatory for all experts who want to participate in this thematic area of the TER. New experts are expected to complete at least sub-course 3 or 4 additionally.

Experienced experts who have passed the related NC/BR training courses and have participated in the technical reviews of target and PAMs and their effect on GHG emission projections under the Convention do not have to take Course C3 or C4 respectively.



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Course D: FTC support course details



L1: Cross-cutting information on FTC support.
L2: Financial Support.
L3: Technology development and transfer.
L4: Capacity-building.

Course description

The course focuses on how to review the information reported on financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building (FTC) support provided and mobilized to developing countries under Articles 9-11 of the Paris Agreement. This course is mandatory for new experts to participate in this thematic area of the TER.

Course details

This course is mandatory for new experts to participate in this thematic area of the TER.

Experienced experts who have passed the related NC/BR training courses and have participated in the technical reviews of FTC under the Convention do not have to take Course D.



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Course A: examination periods

- 1st round: 8 -9 -10 May 2023 – Online. ✓
- 2nd round: 10 Jun 2023 – Mixed format during SB 58. ✓
- 3rd round: 6 - 12 Sep - Online + Test center during ACW. ✓
- 4th round: 25 - 31 Oct – Online. ✓
- 5th round: 16 -22 Nov – Online. ✓

Exam periods

- Question & Answer box available on website.
- 5 Live Q & A Webinars on technical topics.
- In-person hands-on trainings during RCW.

Additional Support offered

- 6th round: February 2024.
- 7th round: April 2024.
- 8th round: June 2024.
- 9th round: September 2024.

2024 planned exam periods



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Course A examinations statistics

- Five rounds of exams.
- 850 experts took examination -> 835 successfully passed.
- 22% of no shows.

2023 Examination Periods

| Total number of experts that passed the exam (835) | |
|--|-----------|
| Female | 48% |
| Male | 52% |
| Developed country Parties | 37% |
| Developing country Parties | 63% |
| Experienced | 32% |
| New | 68% |
| Highest region (Africa) | 33% (277) |
| Lowest region (Oceania) | 2% (16) |
| Intergovernmental orgs | 1% (11) |



Course A planned improvements

- ✓ Improve language and terminology used to refer to Parties.
- ✓ Improve clarity, for example, of acronyms, quizzes and practice activities.
- ✓ Amendment of Annex I GHG inventory 2024 submission date.
- ✓ Update NIR/CRF references by NID/CRT.
- ✓ Implement factual corrections and update references.



Course B&C&D planned examinations in 2024

- 1st round: March 2024.
- 2nd round: June 2024.
- 3rd round: September 2024.
- 4th round: October 2024.

Course B

- 1st round: January 2024.
- 2nd round: April 2024.
- 3rd round: July 2024.
- 4th round: September 2024.

Course C

- 1st round: January 2024.
- 2nd round: April 2024.
- 3rd round: July 2024.
- 4th round: September 2024.

Course D



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Course E development

Proposed approach

Content will include guidance for experts on key areas related to climate impacts and adaptation reporting.

Development of the course content will be in a staggered manner based on the availability of resources.

Information will be organized according to the three steps of reviewing:

- Prepare
- Assess
- Draft

Toolbox to facilitate access to existing material on climate change impacts and adaptation reporting tools, risk and vulnerability assessment methods, M&E methodologies, among other instruments.

Sub-courses

Five (5) sub-courses.

- E1: General overview aspects for the review on the voluntary basis of the information reported on climate change impacts and adaptation under the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement;
- E2: Adaptation policy cycle;
- E3: Progress of implementation & Monitoring and Evaluation;
- E4: Areas of improvement, good practices and lessons learned;
- E5: Averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts.

Each sub-course will cluster related topics from BTR chapter IV sections plus a Cross-Cutting cluster.

Launch material by September 2024
(if resources are available).

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Course E development

Learning Objectives

- To provide a clear understanding of the MPGs contained in Chapter IV of annex to decision 18/CMA.1 and relevant provisions of the MPGs for technical expert review contained in Chapter VII of annex to decision 18/CMA.1 taking into account decision 9.CMA.4;
- To help identify, in consultation with the Party concerned, areas of improvement and capacity-building needs related to reporting information on climate change impacts and adaptation;
- To understand the key concepts, relevant knowledge and skills needed to conduct the technical expert review of the information reported on climate change impacts and adaptation, including:
 - Methods and tools for impact, risk, and vulnerability assessment and adaptation options;
 - Adaptation policy cycle in shaping adaptation policy planning, prioritization and implementation at the national level;
 - Barriers and gaps in reporting information related to climate change impacts and adaptation;
 - Monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of climate change impacts and adaptation plans, actions and measures;
 - Averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts;
- To learn how to identify, in consultation with the Party concerned, good practices and lessons learned as well as gaps and areas of improvement in reporting as well as institutional arrangements to support reporting over time.



Course E1 structure & contents

General overview aspects for the review on the voluntary basis of the information reported on climate change impacts and adaptation under the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement

- Sub-course E1 will include among other topics:
- key reporting provisions on climate change impacts and adaptation as per Chapter IV of decision 18/CMA.1 annex;
- the scope of the review process and its principles;
- guidance on paragraph 3 of decision 9.CMA.4;
- guidance on reporting vehicles.

Introduction

Enhanced transparency framework technical expert review overview.

- Background

Structure of the course

- Overview of course E and its sub-courses
- Learning Objectives
- Review steps

Lesson 0

Overview of climate change impacts and adaptation and its relevance

Key concepts and definitions

Adaptation at different scales

Adaptation in the Paris Agreement

Lesson 1



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Course E1 structure & contents

Background & mandates: reporting requirements for climate change impacts and adaptation

Key reporting provisions on climate change impacts and adaptation.

- Provisions & guidance
- Reporting examples under the Convention

Lesson 2

Reporting vehicles of climate change impacts and adaptation information

Reporting Adaptation reporting under the Convention

Reporting Adaptation reporting under the Paris Agreement

- National Adaptation Plans
- Adaptation Communication
- BTR Chapter

Lesson 3

Purpose, principles and scope of reviewing climate change impacts and adaptation information.

Decision 9/CMA.4

- Purpose & mandate
- Guidance on paragraph 3

Review principles of Transparency and consistency, improved reporting over time

What are Capacity-Building needs & and how to identify them

Review scope

TER report

Lesson 4



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Questions?

Related events at COP28

- In-person hands-on training on BTR Technical Expert Review - When: Sat 2/12 13.00 to 15.00 (Dubai time) @ MR-36.
- Celebrating trained technical expert reviewers & 25th Anniversary of the CGE - When: Mon 4/12 18.00 to 19.30 (Dubai time) + 30-mins Cocktail @ MR-36.
- Building an effective roster of experts for the reviews under the Paris Agreement – When: 3 December, 13:00-14:40 (Dubai time) @ MR-36.



Learn about all the #Together4Transparency events in our new Transparency Calendar!

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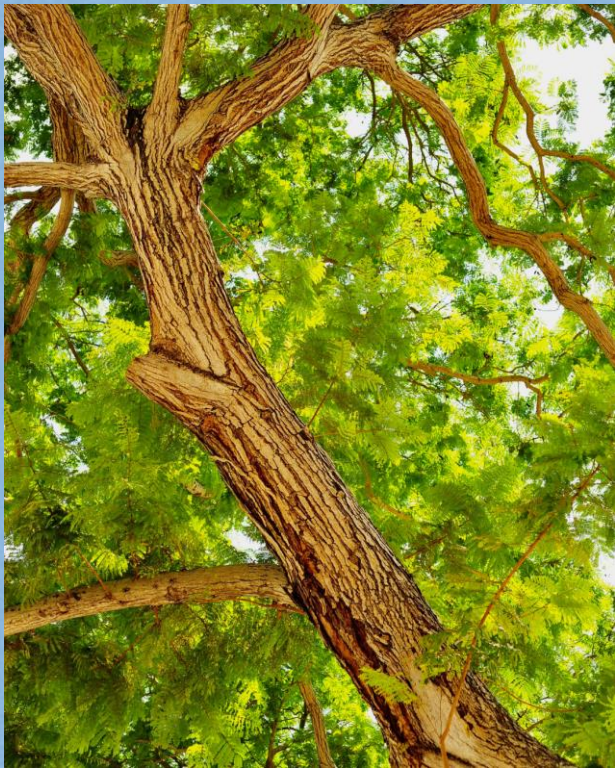
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