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SBSTA Chair informal document to facilitate deliberations by the SBSTA on the review of the work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 4/CMA.3 and on recommending a relevant draft decision for consideration and adoption at CMA 8

Informal document by the SBSTA Chair

I. Mandate

1. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA), at its third session, requested the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), at its sixty-fourth and sixty-fifth sessions, to review the work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 4/CMA.3, including its activities, with a view to enhancing its effectiveness, taking into account relevant inputs, including the outcomes of the first global stocktake, and to make recommendations thereon for consideration and adoption by no later than at CMA 8.[1]

2. CMA 7 also requested SBSTA 64 to consider, in the context of that work programme, ways to implement additional functionalities of the NMA Platform[2] that would enable Parties to record thereon projects that they identify under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme through their national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and enable interconnection between the NMA Platform and other platforms, including national platforms for Parties that request it, with a view to the SBSTA recommending a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption at CMA 8.[3]

3. SBSTA 64 initiated the review of the work programme and considered, in the context of the review, without prejudice to any decision that may be taken at CMA 8, ways to implement the additional functionalities of the NMA Platform and enable interconnection between the NMA Platform and other platforms,[4] as referred to in paragraph 2 above.

4. To facilitate deliberations on the review of the work programme, the SBSTA requested its Chair to prepare an informal document, informed by the relevant views expressed by Parties at SBSTA 64, for consideration at SBSTA 65.[5]

II. Scope

5. The SBSTA Chair prepared, under his own responsibility, this informal document on the basis of the mandates in paragraphs 1–4 above with a view to organizing the relevant views expressed by Parties at SBSTA 64 in a structured manner and facilitating deliberations by Parties at SBSTA 65.

6. The elements contained in the annex reflect the relevant views expressed by Parties at SBSTA 64 on matters relating to the review of the work programme and ways to implement additional functionalities of the NMA Platform and enable interconnection with other platforms.

7. In cases where Parties expressed differing views at SBSTA 64, options are presented. Curly brackets containing italicized text are used to identify the issue or approach reflected under each option. Sub-options under a numbered option are indicated with an A, B, and so forth, and minor options under a sub-option appear in square brackets.

8. Where multiple options are presented, each option should be considered independently and should not be read together with other options unless expressly stated.

9. Given the purpose of this document is to facilitate deliberations on the review of the work programme, additional procedural elements have been included relating to matters that Parties may wish to consider at SBSTA 65 with a view to concluding the review. Such elements have been included to assist Parties in developing a complete set of recommendations for consideration and adoption at CMA 8 but may not have been expressed by Parties at SBSTA 64.

[1] Decision 4/CMA.3, para. 10.
[2] https://unfccc.int/nma-platform.
[3] Decision 13/CMA.7, para. 11.
[4] FCCC/SBSTA/2025/5, paras. 100–101.
[5] FCCC/SBSTA/2025/5, para. 104.

10. These elements are presented without prejudice to any other views held by Parties and to any decision that may be taken at CMA 8.

III. Possible action by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

11. The SBSTA may wish to consider this informal document, including the elements based on views expressed by Parties at SBSTA 64 contained in the annex, when developing recommendations for consideration and adoption at CMA 8.

Annex

Elements for consideration based on relevant views expressed by Parties at SBSTA 64 on the review of the work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 4/CMA.3

{Preambular paragraphs}

1. *Recognizing* that Article 6 of the Paris Agreement constitutes an important pillar for enabling international cooperation on the implementation of nationally determined contributions, including through non-market approaches,

2. *Recalling* the scope of non-market approaches under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement, as per chapter II of the annex to decision 4/CMA.3,

{Elements related to findings and conclusions of the review of the work programme}

A. Outcomes of the work programme

3. *Notes* the progress in implementing the work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 4/CMA.3, including through in-session workshops and spin-off groups;

4. *Also notes* that progress in implementing the work programme has varied across its activities and challenges remain, including limited clarity among stakeholders regarding the purpose of Article[1] 6, paragraph 8 and the practical implementation of non-market approaches under the framework;

Option 1 {*Time and capacity constraints*}

5. *Further notes* the time and capacity constraints faced by Parties in engaging in the work programme;

Option 2 {*No reference to time constraints*}

{No text required / end of option 2}

6. *Recognizes* the importance of making improvements to the work programme for further strengthening the contribution of non-market approaches to the implementation of nationally determined contributions, including by helping to connect priorities identified in nationally determined contributions with available support;

7. *Also recognizes* the importance of enhancing the participation of Parties in the work programme while respecting the mandate for, and scope and nature of non-market approaches under Article 6, paragraph 8;

8. *Further recognizes* the central role of national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8, in enhancing participation in, and coordination and implementation of, non-market approaches under the framework for them;

9. *Recognizes* the value of the NMA Platform[2] as an information repository on non-market approaches;

[1] Articles referred to in these elements are Articles of the Paris Agreement.

[2] https://unfccc.int/nma-platform.

10. *Also recognizes* the value of the NMA Platform in showcasing how voluntary cooperation between Parties on implementing their nationally determined contributions leads to higher mitigation and adaptation ambition;

11. *Notes* that the number of non-market approaches recorded on the NMA Platform continues to grow;

Option 1 {*Current functions of NMA Platform*}

12. *Acknowledges* that, beyond its role as an information repository, the NMA Platform should support Parties in developing non-market approaches;

13. *Also acknowledges* that the NMA Platform has not yet reached its full potential, given the limited number of non-market approaches recorded thereon; the difficulties for Parties in using the Platform to attract partners and support for non-market approaches; and the complexity of the process for recording non-market approaches on the Platform, including the number of questions on the submission form and the process for obtaining the concurrence of other participating Parties;

14. *Notes* that the low level of engagement by Parties with the NMA Platform may reflect that the Platform, in its current form, does not meet the needs and expectations of Parties in identifying, developing and implementing non-market approaches;

Option 2 {*No additional text on current functions of NMA Platform*}

{*No text required*}

B. Lessons learned

15. *Recognizes* the limited engagement of some national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8, in relation to non-market approaches and *emphasizes* the importance of further strengthening their role in the implementation of non-market approaches,

Option 1: including by dedicating time at each in-session workshop[3] for national focal points to provide feedback on their respective Parties' priorities and support needs for identifying, developing and implementing non-market approaches;

Option 2: including through recognition of their role in helping to identify their respective Parties' priorities and communicate related support needs;

Option 3: {*No text required*}

16. *Reiterates* its invitation[4] to interested Parties to notify the secretariat of their national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8,

Option 1: noting that many Parties have yet to designate such focal points;

Option 2: and *requests* the secretariat to promote the designation of such focal points;

Option 3: {*No text required*}

17. *Reaffirms* that non-market approaches should continue to be submitted for recording on the NMA Platform through designated national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8;

18. *Notes* that the NMA Platform should:

{*A combination of the below list items can be used, as appropriate*}

(a) Be accessible to developing country Parties and responsive to their circumstances, as well as user-friendly and transparent;

(b) Support Parties in identifying opportunities, barriers, support needs[, good practices] and potential partnerships in relation to non-market approaches;

(c) Avoid creating additional reporting burdens for Parties;

[3] See decision 8/CMA.4, para. 10(a).
[4] Decision 17/CMA.5, para. 5.

{Elements related to recommendations arising from the review of the work programme}

A. Future work

19. *Reaffirms* that the implementation of the work programme will continue to be guided by the activities outlined in chapter V of the annex to decision 4/CMA.3;

20. *Recognizes* that the provision of support for identifying, developing and implementing non-market approaches remains central to the effectiveness of the work programme;

21. *Welcomes* the capacity-building activities and resources relevant to implementing Article 6, paragraph 8, made available to Parties by the secretariat;[5]

Option 1 {*Outreach on existing capacity-building activities*}

22. *Notes* the limited awareness among Parties of the capacity-building activities and resources available under the work programme;

23. *Requests* the secretariat to continue its outreach to Parties, including through national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8, to promote participation in and awareness of the existing capacity-building activities and awareness and use of the available resources;

Option 2 {*Delivery of additional capacity-building activities*}

24. *Requests* the secretariat to develop additional capacity-building activities relevant to implementing Article 6, paragraph 8, including through the regional collaboration centres, by providing training in languages other than English and additional peer-learning opportunities;

{End of option 2}

25. *Recognizes* the importance of enhancing access to support for Parties to identify, develop and implement non-market approaches;

26. *Encourages* Parties to use existing arrangements in their search for support for non-market approaches, including by:

(a) Contacting support providers registered on the NMA Platform for details of available support;

(b) Connecting with other Parties through their national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8, and through the secretariat's support team for the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches;

Option 1 {*Additional support for non-market approaches required*}

27. *Recognizes* the need for additional support to be provided to Parties for implementing non-market approaches, in particular:

{A combination of the below options can be used, as appropriate}

Option 1A: For developing country Parties in the areas of finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building, while preserving the voluntary and Party-driven nature of non-market approaches;

Option 1B: Predictable, adequate, grant-based and concessional finance [from developed to developing country Parties];

Option 2 {*Additional support for non-market approaches not required*}

{No text required}

[5] Available under the "Resources" section of the information hub on the NMA Platform.

B. Areas for improvement

28. *Acknowledges* that clearer guidance is needed on how to use the NMA Platform as part of implementing Article 6, paragraph 8, especially for developing country Parties, including through the provision of clearer templates for non-market approach submissions, regional training, peer-learning activities and simplified procedures for recording non-market approaches;

29. *Emphasizes* the need to strengthen capacity-building for stakeholders for using the NMA Platform, including through the regional collaboration centres;

30. *Recognizes* that existing requests for modifications to the NMA Platform[6] have not yet been fully implemented owing to funding constraints;

Option 1 {*Expanding the functionality of the NMA Platform*}

31. *Decides* to expand the functionality of the NMA Platform with a view to improving its effectiveness in supporting the identification, development and implementation of non-market approaches, including by:

{A combination of the below list items can be used, as appropriate}

(a) Allowing the recording on the Platform of proposed non-market approaches that may not yet involve more than one participating Party but meet all other criteria within the scope of the framework for them[, while recognizing that, should another participating Party not be identified for the non-market approach, it will remain a proposed approach];

(b) Facilitating matchmaking of support with non-market approaches that require it, which would connect support needs with finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building [provided by developed to developing country Parties];

(c) Enabling Parties to voluntarily organize non-market approaches by region through a specific dashboard function;

(d) Establishing a pipeline for projects and programmes under the framework for non-market approaches;

(e) Tracking capacity-building and technical assistance needs of Parties to help to identify gaps in institutional capacity related to identifying, developing and implementing non-market approaches;

(f) Providing a space for sharing knowledge and lessons learned, beyond what is already available under recorded non-market approaches;

(g) Enabling the tagging of safeguards and co-benefits of non-market approaches in submissions to the Platform to improve their visibility;

32. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to recommend specifications for implementing the additional functionalities of the NMA Platform referred to in paragraph 31 above for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its ninth session (November 2027);

Option 2 {*Minor modifications to the NMA Platform*}

33. *Recognizes* that minor modifications to the NMA Platform could support Parties seeking finance to implement their non-market approaches and *decides* that such minor modifications include allowing the recording of proposed non-market approaches on the Platform,

Option 2A: such as projects identified under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme;

Option 2B: such as initiatives related to mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology, capacity-building and other areas relevant to the work programme;

[6] As outlined in decision 21/CMA.7, para. 10(d).

Option 2C: {*No text required*}

Option 3 {*No additional text on functions of NMA Platform*}

{*No text required*}

34. *Encourages* Parties, when submitting non-market approaches to the NMA Platform, to include in the submission form hyperlinks to additional relevant information;

35. *Also encourages* Parties and non-Party stakeholders to enhance the effectiveness of the NMA Platform's discussion forum, including by:

(a) Increasing their participation in and contributions to the discussion forum;

(b) Using the discussion forum as a space for identifying projects that do not yet meet the criteria for non-market approaches under the framework for them;

(c) Using the discussion forum to further develop and coordinate on proposed non-market approaches that do not yet involve international cooperation;

36. *Requests* the secretariat to address, as appropriate, technical issues related to two-factor authentication on the discussion forum that are preventing stakeholders from being able to log in;

{Elements related to the scope of non-market approaches and the recording of proposed non-market approaches}

Option 1 {*Broadening the scope of non-market approaches*}

37. *Decides* to broaden the scope of non-market approaches to include non-market approaches that involve one or more participating Parties[7]

Option 1A: with a view to enabling a broader range of non-market approaches to be recorded on the NMA Platform, including initiatives related to mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology, capacity-building and other areas relevant to the work programme that meet the other criteria for non-market approaches under the framework for them;

Option 1B: with a view to enabling a broader range of non-market approaches to be recorded on the NMA Platform, including projects identified under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme that meet the other criteria for non-market approaches under the framework for them;

Option 1C: with a view to enabling the recording of projects identified under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme on the NMA Platform that meet the other criteria for non-market approaches under the framework for them, thereby enhancing the visibility of such projects and facilitating participation therein and supporting implementation thereof;

Option 1D: {*No text required*}

38. *Requests* the secretariat to make the necessary modifications to the NMA Platform to enable the recording thereon of non-market approaches falling within the scope as broadened pursuant to paragraph 37 above;

Option 2 {*Allow the recording of proposed non-market approaches*}

39. *Decides* that, without altering the existing scope of non-market approaches, initiatives involving only one participating Party may be recorded on the NMA Platform as proposed non-market approaches while that Party seeks cooperation with another Party, and that such recording does not constitute recognition of the initiative as a non-market approach under the framework for them until another participating Party is involved;

[7] As per decision 4/CMA.3, annex, para. 3(b).

40. *Requests* the secretariat to enable the functionality of the NMA Platform referred to in paragraph 39 above

Option 2A: by creating a dedicated section on the Platform for the recording of proposed non-market approaches;

Option 2B: by enabling the recording of proposed non-market approaches in the existing section for non-market approaches on the Platform, but with a label or another visual marker to distinguish them from non-market approaches that meet the criteria under the framework for them;

Option 2C: {*No text required*}

Option 3 {*No changes to the existing scope*}

41. *Acknowledges* that the existing scope of non-market approaches, including the requirement for a non-market approach to involve more than one participating Party, reflects the internationally cooperative nature of non-market approaches;

42. *Encourages* Parties to use existing features of the NMA Platform, including outreach and engagement on the discussion forum, to support the development of non-market approaches;

{Elements related to future institutional arrangements for the framework for non-market approaches}

Option 1 {*Conclusion of the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches meetings*}

43. *Decides* that the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice shall no longer convene the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches and that no further meetings of the Committee shall be held in conjunction with sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice;

44. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to undertake work, with a view to making a recommendation for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its ninth session (November 2027), to determine how the activities under the work programme for the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 4/CMA.3 will continue to be implemented in the absence of the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches

{*A combination of the below options can be used, as appropriate*}

Option 1A: including maintaining the NMA Platform and discussion forum;

Option 1B: including through the development of a monitoring tool for ensuring continued oversight of non-market approaches;

Option 1C: including through the development of a monitoring tool to track progress in the implementation of the work programme and identify areas for improvement;

Option 1D: {*No text required*}

Option 2 {*Reiterate existing mandate*}

45. *Reiterates* that the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice will consider whether institutional arrangements for the framework that will supersede the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches are needed and make recommendations thereon for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its ninth session (November 2027);[8]

Option 3 {*No mention of institutional arrangements*}

[8] As per decision 4/CMA.3, annex, para. 6.

{*No text required*}

{Elements related to decision 13/CMA.7 on the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme}

Option 1 {*Implement changes to the NMA Platform*}

46. *Recalls* paragraph 11 of decision 13/CMA.7;

47. *Decides* that additional functionality shall be implemented for enabling the recording on the NMA Platform of projects identified under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme by

> **Option 1A:** allowing Parties to record such projects on the Platform as proposed non-market approaches where they are seeking cooperation but the projects do not yet involve more than one participating Party, with such projects remaining recorded as proposed non-market approaches until the involvement of at least one additional participating Party has been secured;
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> **Option 1B:** broadening the scope of non-market approaches under the framework for them by removing the requirement for a non-market approach to involve more than one participating Party and thus permitting non-market approaches implemented by a single Party to be recorded on the Platform, with the non-market approach submission form on the Platform to be updated accordingly;

48. *Recognizes* that this additional functionality may also facilitate the recording of projects beyond those identified under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme;

49. *Notes* that all projects submitted for recording on the NMA Platform pursuant to the additional functionality referred to in paragraph 47 above must continue to meet all other criteria for non-market approaches under the framework for them;[9]

50. *Decides* that interconnection between the NMA Platform and other relevant platforms, including national platforms for Parties that request it, shall be enabled by

> **Option 1A:** adding hyperlinks to the other platforms listed in the "Related links" section of the NMA Platform's information hub;
>
> **Option 1B:** creating a "Relevant platforms" section of the NMA Platform's information hub;
>
> **Option 1C:** broadening the function of the NMA Platform to serve as a data aggregator for information related to non-market approaches available on other relevant platforms;

51. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to recommend, for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its ninth session (November 2027):

(a) Specifications for how the additional functionality referred to in paragraph 47 above should be implemented on the NMA Platform;

(b) Criteria for determining which of the other relevant platforms referred to in paragraph 50 above may be considered for interconnection with the NMA Platform;

Option 2 {*No changes to the NMA Platform*}

52. *Recalls* paragraph 11 of decision 13/CMA.7;

53. *Recognizes* that the primary purpose of the NMA Platform is to promote the visibility, development and implementation of non-market approaches;

[9] As outlined in decision 4/CMA.3, annex, paras. 2, 3(a) and 3(c–f).

54. *Emphasizes* the importance of preserving the NMA Platform as a tool dedicated to facilitating cooperation on non-market approaches and supporting the implementation of nationally determined contributions;

55. *Decides* to prioritize the effective use and continued improvement of the existing functionalities of the NMA Platform, rather than the establishment of interconnection between the NMA Platform and other platforms;

Option 3 {*No reference to the decision*}

{*No text required*}

{Other matters}

A. Conclusion of the review of the work programme

{*The options below have been added to give procedural effect to the conclusion of the review. Views on this matter were not expressed by Parties at SBSTA 64*}

Option 1 {*Conclusion of the review*}

56. *Concludes* the review of the work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 4/CMA.3;

57. *Decides* that the conclusion of the review does not prejudge further consideration of the implementation of the review's outcomes, additional functionalities of the NMA Platform or future institutional arrangements under the framework;

Option 2 {*Continuation of the review*}

58. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to continue the review of the work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 4/CMA.3 at its [sixty-sixth (June 2027)] session with a view to concluding the review and forwarding recommendations thereon to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement for consideration and adoption at its [ninth] session [(November 2027)];

B. Next review of the work programme

{*Views on the timing or modalities of the next review were not expressed by Parties at SBSTA 64. The options below are therefore new procedural proposals*}

Option 1 {*Fixed date for the next review*}

59. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to undertake the next review of the work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 4/CMA.3 at its [seventieth (June 2029)] [seventy-fourth (June 2031)] session and to make recommendations thereon for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement by no later than at its [eleventh][thirteenth] session [(November 2029)][(November 2031)];

Option 2 {*Review linked to future institutional arrangements*}

{*This option is linked to the relevant option in paragraph 45 above providing for further consideration of institutional arrangements*}

60. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to consider and propose a timeline for undertaking the next review of the activities of the work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 4/CMA.3 as part of a discussion on institutional arrangements pursuant to paragraph 6 of the annex to decision 4/CMA.3;

C. Resource implications

61. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph[s] [X] above;

62. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.