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Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security

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Informal note by the co-facilitators

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1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) continued their consideration of the Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security.¹ They welcomed the views submitted by Parties and observers on the elements of that joint work, including on topics for the workshops referred to in paragraph 15(b) of decision 3/CP.27 and on the operationalization of the Sharm el-Sheikh online portal referred to in paragraph 16 of that decision.²
2. The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat to dedicate informal consultation time under this matter at their sixty-first to sixty-fifth sessions to consider a coordination mechanism in relation to the joint work and agreed to include the outcomes of those consultations in the report to COP 31 (November 2026) on the progress and outcomes of the joint work.
3. In order to help with coordination of activities, the SBSTA and the SBI agreed to make use of the Food and Agriculture for Sustainable Transformation Partnership³ and the approach laid out in the United Arab Emirates declaration on sustainable agriculture, resilient food systems, and climate action.⁴ They noted that key recommendations may be captured in conclusions, and that at the end of the joint work, the SBSTA and the SBI could take stock and evaluate the efficiency of making use of the Partnership and the United Arab Emirates declaration for the coordination of activities.
4. The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat to invite relevant international organizations to submit information on activities related to the joint work. They also requested the secretariat to prepare the annual synthesis report referred to in paragraph 15(a) of decision 3/CP.27, taking into account information submitted by relevant international organizations, and to make it available for consideration at the first regular sessions of the subsidiary bodies each year, starting in 2025. They noted that the first annual synthesis report should cover the period starting from 2013 in order to include the implementation of the outcomes of the Koronivia joint work on agriculture and previous activities.
5. The SBSTA and the SBI, recalling paragraph 15(b) of decision 3/CP.27, requested the secretariat to hold hybrid workshops on the topics proposed in annex III in conjunction with the sessions specified in annex II taking into account the guidance on the organization of the workshops contained in annex I, and encouraged observer organizations to participate in the workshops. They further recalled the request to the secretariat to invite representatives of the constituted bodies under the Convention, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the Adaptation Fund, the Least Developed Countries Fund, the Special Climate Change Fund and observers to participate in the workshops.

¹ As per decision 3/CP.27, para. 14.

² In response to decision 3/CP.27, paras. 17–18. The submissions are available at <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx> (in the search field, type “FCCC/CP/2022/L.4”).

³ See <https://www.fao.org/climate-change/action-areas/access-to-climate-finance/fast/en>.

⁴ See <https://www.cop28.com/en/food-and-agriculture>.

6. The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat to prepare a report on each of the workshops referred to in paragraph 5 above for consideration by the subsidiary bodies at their sessions following the respective workshop.
7. The SBI and the SBSTA invited Parties and observers to submit via the submission portal, for each workshop referred to in paragraph 5 above, their views on the subject of that workshop, options for format and suggested speakers by the deadline specified in annex II.
8. The SBSTA and the SBI, recalling paragraphs 9–10 of decision 3/CP.27, noted the vulnerability of rural women and other vulnerable groups, such as Indigenous Peoples and local communities and youth, in relation to climate change, and agreed that one of the objectives of the workshops referred to in paragraph 5 above will be to address their situation and potential to strengthen their role, with a view to eradicating hunger and poverty while ensuring food security.
9. The SBSTA and the SBI also requested the secretariat to develop the Sharm el-Sheikh online portal according to the timeline specified in annex II.
10. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to develop recommendations, at their second regular sessions each year, on the basis of activities related to coordination referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, the annual synthesis report referred to in paragraph 4 above, information shared on the Sharm el-Sheikh online portal, and the reports referred to in paragraph 6 above, recognizing that solutions are context-specific and take into account national circumstances.
11. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to continue consideration of this matter at SB 61 (November 2024).
12. The SBSTA and the SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 2, 4, 5, 6 and 9 above.
13. They requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

Annex I

Guidance on the organization of Workshops under the Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security

1. All workshops organized under the Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security¹ should:
 - (a) Reflect on implementation of climate action and support on agriculture and food security;
 - (b) Consider cooperative avenues and access to finance for agriculture and food security;
 - (c) Consider lessons learned; drivers, gaps, challenges, needs and opportunities; sharing; and scaling up in the area of the joint work;
 - (d) Consider the circumstances of farmers, including women, youth, indigenous peoples and local communities particularly vulnerable to the impacts climate change with a view to strengthen their adaptive capacity and resilience;
 - (e) Consider the needs and challenges of farmers including the pastoralists; and
 - (f) Avoid the duplication of efforts and coordinate work with relevant constituted bodies and workstreams under the UNFCCC process and across the work of relevant partners.
2. The workshops to include interactive modalities such as breakout groups, round tables and World Café sessions to bring together Parties, relevant international organizations and other stakeholders in a focused exchange of views and information on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security.
3. The workshops need to be held before Parties meet under the relevant agenda item of the subsidiary bodies at a particular session so that during their discussions, they can reflect on the findings of the workshops and provide feedback and possible recommendations.
4. Under the broad theme of means of implementation, the workshops could have focused topics or ‘challenges’ related to access to finance, access to technology and access to capacity-building. Within those topics, issues would be examined and time allowed for Parties to exchange experience in various formats: breakout groups, round tables, World Café sessions and pitching events. Possible solutions would be discussed and proposed, taking into account national, regional and local circumstances. Enablers and resources available for the implementation of actions would also be discussed.

Annex II

Road map for organization of the joint work

<i>Timeline</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Between SB 61 and 62 (June 2025)	<p>Submissions on workshop 1 by x March 2025 including format and improved coordination</p> <p>Development of the Sharm el-Sheikh online portal by the secretariat^a</p> <p>Publication of the annual synthesis report for 2024 by the secretariat^b</p>
SB 62 (June 2025)	<p>Workshop 1</p> <p>Consideration of the annual synthesis report for 2024 and development of recommendations on the basis thereof</p> <p>Consideration of coordination in relation to the joint work referred to in decision 3/CP.27, paragraph 14, and paragraph 2 above.</p> <p>Consideration of the operationalisation of the online portal developed by the secretariat, including a presentation of the draft portal by the secretariat</p>
Between SB 62 and 63 (November 2025)	<p>Further development of the online portal by the secretariat</p> <p>Preparation of the report on workshop 1 by the secretariat</p> <p>Issuing of a standing invitation for Parties and observer organizations to share information on projects, initiatives and policies on the online portal</p>
SB 63 (November 2026)	<p>Consideration of the report on workshop 1</p> <p>Further consideration of the online portal developed by the secretariat</p> <p>Consideration of coordination in relation to the joint work referred to in decision 3/CP.27, paragraph 14, and paragraph 2 above</p>
Between SB 63 and 64 (June 2026)	<p>Submissions on workshop 2 by x March 2026</p> <p>Publication of the annual synthesis report for 2025 by the secretariat</p> <p>Standing invitation for Parties and observer organizations to share information on projects, initiatives and policies on the online portal</p>
SB 64 (June 2026)	<p>Workshop 2</p> <p>Consideration of the annual synthesis report for 2025 and</p>

	development of recommendations on the basis thereof
	Consideration of coordination in relation to the joint work referred to in decision 3/CP.27, paragraph 14, and paragraph 2 above.
Between SB 64 and 65 (November 2025)	Preparation of the report on workshop 2 by the secretariat
	Standing invitation for Parties and observer organizations to share information on projects, initiatives and policies on the online portal
SB 65 (November 2026)	Consideration of the report on workshop 2
	Finalization of discussions on the progress and outcomes of the joint work and reporting to COP 31 (2027), as per paragraph 20 of decision 3/CP.27 and paragraph 9 above.

^a Referred to in decision 3/CP.27, paragraph 16.

^b Referred to in decision 3/CP.27, paragraph 15(a).

Annex III

Proposed topics for the workshops

1. Means of implementation: scaling up means of implementation and targeting needs and gaps related to agriculture and food security. (Means of implementation include finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building)
 2. Approaches to sustainable agriculture and food security understanding and cooperation. (Approaches include agroecology, climate-smart agriculture, nature-based solutions, regenerative agriculture, addressing land degradation and desertification, assessment of climate vulnerability, climate-resilient agriculture, family and community agriculture, food systems, biotechnology, artificial intelligence in agriculture, integrated systems for sustainable intensification, standardization of instruments for agriculture and fisheries and aquaculture.)
 3. INTEGRATION of AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS in NDCs, NAPs, Long-Term Strategies, Technology Needs Assessments, Technology Action Plans and NBSAPs: Showcasing the integration and upscaling of the implementation of holistic approaches to mitigation and adaptation related to agriculture, food systems, food security and nutrition in NDCs, NBSAPs, NAPs. .
 4. CAPACITY BUILDING and ACCESS TO MoI: identify modalities for addressing challenges in and exploring opportunities for accessing existing means of implementation: Presentation of best practice approaches and projects on implementation with information on funding options received and/or outstanding stakeholders' involvement. e.g. presentations by GEF, GCF, FAO or IFAD on current financial support structures for climate action. Exchange among Parties on their experiences with the financial mechanism and other finance bodies of the Convention to fund agriculture-related projects. Map out existing funding opportunities related to food systems and agriculture in the UNFCCC.
 5. COORDINATION: Enhancing coherence, synergies, coordination, communication and interaction between Parties, constituted bodies and workstreams, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the Adaptation Fund, the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund in order to facilitate the implementation of action to address issues related to agriculture and food security.
 6. Risk management and risk-sharing tools and approaches, including early warning systems, for agriculture and food security.
 7. Systemic and holistic approaches to climate action in agriculture and food security.
 8. Opportunities to align GHG mitigation in agriculture and food systems with sustainable development, including through addressing non-CO2 GHGs emissions.
 9. Cooperative efforts and opportunities related to measuring, monitoring, reporting and verifying climate action for agriculture and food security.
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