

COP 29
Mandated Event
Second Annual High-level Ministerial Roundtable on Just Transition
18 November 2024 - 15:00 – 18:00 (GMT +4)
Meeting Room: 11 Area C

The following are the guiding questions for the HLMRT on JT:

1. How can Parties advance their just transition pathways in the context of preparation and implementation of the next round of NDCs and NAPs? How can international cooperation and support on the full range of means of implementation assist Parties to advance their just transition pathways in the context of NDCs and NAPs?
2. What are the expectations of Parties with regards to the UAE just transition work programme, and how can it serve as an effective tool for assisting Parties in further defining and implementing their climate plans in the context of just transition pathways that promote sustainable development and poverty eradication?

Talking Points for Hon. Minister Trevor Hedley Mahaga
Minister of Environment Climate Change Disaster Management and Meteorology,
Government of Solomon Islands.

Honourable Ministers
Excellencies
Ladies and Gentlemen

1. I am delighted to be part of this Ministerial Roundtable on Just Transition and to engage in this political discussion on the implementation and direction of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Just Transition Work Programme (JTWP).
2. Solomon Islands aligns itself with the statements made by Minister Taina of Tuvalu on behalf of AOSIS.
3. We also acknowledges the progress made to date within the UAE's Just Transition Work Programme, particularly with the convening of its two technical dialogues this year and the first ministerial roundtable at COP28 last year.

4. "While we appreciate the progress made, I want to stress the importance of aligning the topics of the annual dialogues with the objectives of the Joint Technical Work Program (JTWP).
5. Solomon Islands contributes negligible amounts of emissions but have actively worked on outlining our transition pathways through several key strategic instruments: Namely; Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), Long-Term Low Emissions Development Strategy (LT-LEDS), and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs).
6. International cooperation is crucial for both national and global transitions. By fostering meaningful partnerships, it can significantly accelerate progress towards achieving the 1.5°C goal and reaching net-zero emissions.
7. To ensure our most vulnerable communities are meaningfully engaged in just transition actions and decisions, international cooperation must also integrate principles of equality, equity, and inclusion.
8. International cooperation plays a crucial role in enhancing capacity development, fostering knowledge exchange, and promoting the upskilling and reskilling of our workforce.
9. International partners can also benefit by leveraging our centuries-old knowledge to enhance international cooperation and collaboration.
10. The Joint Transition Work Plan (JTWP) should promote collaboration among government bodies, the private sector, and civil society to ensure that transitions are inclusive, transparent, and equitable.
11. As a Party, we advocate for a stronger emphasis on the objectives of the Joint Transition Work Programme (JTWP). This includes establishing a well-defined framework that will assist us in clearly outlining our transition pathways that align with the broader context of sustainable development and the eradication of poverty.
12. Chair I want to emphasize that for the Solomon Islands, achieving the 1.5-degree target, recognizing our unique circumstances, and effectively mobilizing the necessary resources are crucial elements that will ensure

the Just Transition Work Programme (JTWP) is truly equitable for my country."

I thank you.