

SHARM EL-SHEIKH DIALOGUE on Article 2, paragraph 1(c) of the Paris Agreement and its complementarity with Article 9

Launched at the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA), the Sharm el-Sheikh dialogue brought together Parties, relevant organizations and stakeholders to exchange views on and enhance understanding of the scope of Article 2, paragraph 1(c), of the Paris Agreement and its complementarity with Article 9 of the Paris Agreement.

Article 2, paragraph 1(c), is related to making finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development. Article 9 is related to the provision and mobilization of financial support to developing country Parties to implement climate action.

- > **Organization:** The dialogue was organized by the UNFCCC secretariat under the guidance of the Presidency during the 27th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP).
- > **Format and outputs:** Two workshops were organized in 2023, and the secretariat under the guidance of the COP 27 Presidency, prepared a report to the CMA on the deliberations at these workshops.
- > **Participation:** The workshops brought together more than 390 participants from Parties and non-Party stakeholders from international organizations, the financial sector and civil society. Among others, experts from multilateral development banks, Network of Greening the Financial System, Coalition of Finance Ministers for Climate Action, World Trade Organization, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Climate Policy Initiatives, ODI, Net Zero Banking and Asset Owner Alliances and national finance ministries and climate funds engaged in the workshops.

Resources, and further information: Detailed information on the Sharm el-Sheikh Dialogue, its two workshops and submissions received is available at <https://unfccc.int/topics/climate-finance/workstreams/sharm-el-sheikh-dialogue/sharm-el-sheikh-dialogue>

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Bangkok Workshop

- > **Date:** 19 – 20 July 2023
- > **Venue:** United Nations Conference Center Bangkok, Thailand
- > Co-hosted by the Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- > **148 Participants**
- > **Activities:**
 - 3 Keynote interventions
 - 3 Panel discussions including Party representatives, practitioners and experts
 - 2 Breakout group sessions
- > **Topics discussed:**
 - Scope of Article 2, paragraph 1(c)
 - Complementarity with Article 9 and climate finance;
 - Ongoing efforts of making finance flows consistent in the public and private sector, and policies, levers and incentives in achieving Article 2, paragraph 1(c)
 - Role of actors
 - Measuring collective progress of Article 2, paragraph 1(c)



Geneva Workshop

- > **Date:** 3 – 4 October 2023
- > **Venue:** Centre International de Conférences Genève, Geneva, Switzerland
- > Co-hosted by the Federal Office for the Environment, Government of Switzerland, and in collaboration with Building Bridges
- > **245 participants**
- > **Activities:**
 - 2 Keynote interventions
 - 4 Panel discussions and expert roundtables
 - 2 Breakout group sessions
 - Closing remarks by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development Secretary General Rebeca Grynspan
- > **Topics discussed:**
 - State of play of the financial system in relation to achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement, and opportunities to scaling up finance for low greenhouse gas emission and climate resilient development
 - Challenges and opportunities of implementing Article 2, paragraph 1(c), and its complementarity with Article 9, at the international level
 - Mapping the potential intended and unintended consequences of actions to implement Article 2, paragraph 1(c), and potential safeguards
 - Complementarity with Article 9: How to ensure that finance supports country-driven action to realize Article 2 of the Paris Agreement
 - Linkages and how to move forward on Article 2, paragraph 1(c) and its complementarity with Article 9



Outputs and way forward

1. Report

A report on deliberations under the Sharm el-Sheikh Dialogue was prepared by the secretariat under the guidance of the COP 27 Presidency and forwarded to the CMA. It also contains recommendations from the COP 27 Presidency, based on the deliberations at the workshops. It is available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/633427>.

2. Way forward

At the CMA, Parties will deliberate on the report and any potential further action to be taken on enhancing the understanding of the scope of making finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions, climate resilient development, and its complementarity with the provision and mobilization of climate finance under Article 9 of the Paris Agreement.

