

GST Technical Dialogue 1.3
Integrated and Holistic Approaches
USA Intervention

- One of the unique opportunities of the GST is the ability to look comprehensively and synergistically at efforts to date towards achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement.
- It has come out very clearly during this technical assessment that the Paris Agreement has become a “North Star” for a wide range of actors and has helped to accelerate progress towards the long-term goals as others have mentioned. As indicated by the IPCC, the Paris Agreement reshaped international cooperation and is helping to catalyze non-state and sub- and transnational actions at multiple levels and across sectors by sending strong signals to these various actors to create the political, economic, and social enabling conditions for ambitious climate action.
- But despite this important progress, we remain very clear-eyed that there is a lot more work needed and the GST is our opportunity to reinforce the centrality of the Paris Agreement in addressing climate change
- One of the keys to ensuring the integrity of the Paris Agreement is transparency and reporting. To date, reporting is woefully inadequate and the GST should clearly indicate the necessity and role of transparency for building trust in the process.
- The impacts of climate change are pervasive across human and natural systems. We know that there are multiple issues that the global community is trying to address as reflected in the Sustainable Development Goals.
- In this GST context, it is important that we highlight the opportunities for implementing climate actions with synergies across these goals– in our view this is at the heart of climate resilient development.
- Fortunately, these synergies and co-benefits exist but we have to act with intentionality to minimize tradeoffs. One example is the role of nature based solutions in supporting resilience and biodiversity objectives as referenced by several others.
- Further discussion of best available science should include how this improves our collective understanding of mitigation, adaptation, and means of implementation. The emerging messages should also focus on progress on availability, accessibility and useability of climate information.
- In order to maximize the synergies of climate action, the role of non-party stakeholders and enhanced international cooperation are important to emphasize. These do not replace the role of Parties in climate action but rather complement Party efforts. A “whole of society” approach can help to put us on track.
- Moreover, including a wide range of actors in climate action can result in more robust, innovative and durable solutions through inclusive and participatory approaches and by drawing on multiple knowledge sources and experiences.
- In this way, we highlight the valuable contributions of these various actors including young people, women, and Indigenous peoples as well as the private sector and scientific community.
- Building coalitions and partnerships is a central tenet of climate action and can accelerate the necessary system transformations. Through the technical assessment we have identified multiple systems where these opportunities exist for example, improvements with air quality and health that come along with decarbonizing energy sources.
- A strengthening of these messages on meaningful integrated approaches is needed.