CB4N Global Webinar Series

On the Road to COP 31
Key Negotiation Issues under the UNFCCC
Part II

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Cross-cutting topics: Gender and Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE)

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Cross-cutting Issues – Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE)

- A climate policy that nobody understands, nobody helped shape, and nobody knows how to act on **is not implemented**
- ACE is an **enabling framework** providing the conditions under which implementation of climate policies, plans, strategies and measures succeeds
- Refers to efforts related to implementing **Article 6 of the Convention** and **Article 12 of the Paris Agreement**
- Implementation is guided by the **Glasgow work programme on ACE** (2021-2031) containing thematic priority areas to guide the comprehensive implementation of the six ACE elements and its **Action Plan** (2023-2026) containing immediate action through short-term, clear, and time-bound activities, guided by the priority areas in the Glasgow work programme
- List of national ACE focal points: National ACE Focal Points | UNFCCC



https://unfccc.int/topics/education-and-youth/big-picture/ACE

Mastering International Climate Negotiations: All You Need to Know



Mastering International Climate Negotiations: All You Need to Know is an accessible and interactive guide to international climate negotiations. It empowers participants—especially youth—with essential knowledge for meaningful involvement in the UNFCCC process.

Course modules

1. Introduction to the course

1.1. Introduction to climate change and the UNFCCC process

1.2. The science behind it all (Research and Science)

1.3. Where we stand: the Global Stocktake

2. Mitigation

2.1. Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDS)

2.2. Mitigation Work Programme

2.3. Response Measures

2.4. Article 6 on Market and Non-market Mechanisms

3. Adaptation

3.1. Global Goal on Adaptation

3.2. Least Developed Countries

3.3. National Adaptation Plans

3.4. Loss and Damage

3.5. Local Communities and Indigenous People's Platform

4. Transparency

4.1. From the Measurement, Reporting and Verification system to the Enhanced Transparency Framework

4.2. Training programme for expert reviewers

4.3. Support to developing countries

4.4. Together4Transparency

5. Climate Finance

6. Technology Mechanism

7. Capacity Building and Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE)

8. Just Transition

9. Agriculture and Food Security

10. Gender

11. The Ocean

12. In Practice: How to Navigate the UNFCCC Website and App

13. Conclusion

Cross-cutting Issues – Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE)

Mandate

- Midterm review of the Glasgow work progamme on ACE (Decision 18/CP.26; 22/CMA.3)
- Consideration of the annual summary report (Decision 18/CP.26, para. 11; 22/CMA.3)
- Annual Event (COP Presidency ACE Event - Decision 18/CP.26, annex, para. 6(b); 22/CMA.3)

Purpose

- ACE denotes work under Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 og the Paris Agreement.
- The SBI initiated the midterm review of the progress of work under the Glasgow work programme at SB64, to evaluate its effectiveness, identify any emerging gaps and needs, and inform any consideration of improving the work programme, as appropriate.
- The SBI agreed to continue consideration of this matter at SBI 65, on the basis of the informal note prepared by the co-facilitators for this agenda item at this session, with a view to recommending draft decisions on the matter for consideration and adoption by the COP31 and the CMA8.
- At SB64, the SBI invited Parties, observers and other relevant stakeholders to submit via submission portal by 1 October 2026 views on the informal note, including proposals for strengthening existing activities and new elements by streamlining and merging current ideas in order to enhance the effectiveness of a new action plan under the Glasgow work programme and requested the secretariat to prepare a compilation of the submissions, making them available clearly on the UNFCCC website, to inform Parties' consideration at SBI 65.
- Presidencies are invited, with the support of the secretariat, to convene an in-session event, to be held at each session of the COP and CMA, focused on a thematic area relevant to the Convention and the Paris Agreement to promote coherence and strengthen coordination of work on ACE undertaken by constituted bodies and other United Nations entities and under other United Nations processes

Timeline & Outcomes

SB 64:

- ❑ Initiation of the midterm review of the Glasgow work programme on ACE

SB 65/COP 31:

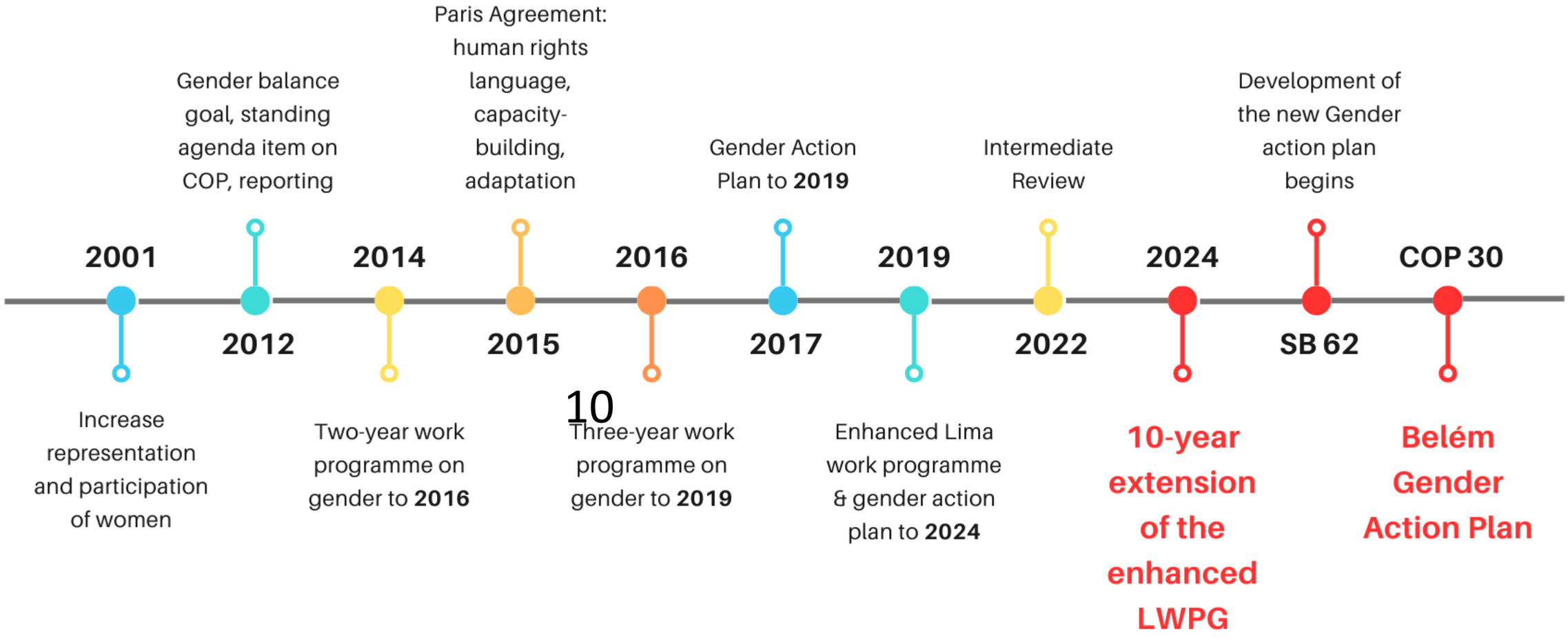
- ❑ To continue consideration of the midterm review of the Glasgow work programme on ACE, with a view to recommending draft decisions on the matter for consideration and adoption by COP31 and CMA8
- ❑ To consider of the annual summary report for 2026

- ❑ An event to be hosted at COP31

Cross-cutting Issues – Children and Youth

Mandate	Purpose	Timeline & Outcomes
• Annual Youth-Led Climate Forum (Decision 1/CP.26, para. 65)	• Invites future Presidencies of the Conference of the Parties, with the support of the secretariat, to facilitate the organization of a youth-led climate forum for dialogue between Parties and youth, to be held in conjunction with the sessions of the Conference of the Parties, in collaboration with the UNFCCC children and youth constituency and other youth organizations with a view to contributing to the implementation of the Glasgow work programme on Action for Climate Empowerment	• An event to be hosted at COP31
• Education Day (Decision 17/CP.22, para 8-9)	• Welcomes the initiative of the Government of Morocco, as the host of the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties and the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, to organize an education day during those sessions; Encourages the Presidencies of subsequent sessions to hold similar thematic events related to Article 6 of the Convention to that referred to in paragraph 8 above	• Incorporated as part of the Thematic Days on 14 November, titled: Children, Youth, Education and Skills

Gender in the UNFCCC process



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Enhanced Lima work programme on gender

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The Belém GAP in a nutshell

- Adopted at COP 30 (Belém gender action plan)
- **Operationalizes** the **enhanced Lima work programme on gender**
- **2026-2034, mid-term review in 2029**
- Same structure of the previous GAP with **5 priority areas**
- **27 activities and 98 deliverables**
- **Implementation:**
  - **By all stakeholders:** governments, civil society, UN entities, relevant organizations
  - **At all levels**, from local to international

- **Focus on implementation**
- **More structured deliverables**
- **Staged approach**
- **Long-term planning and cooperation for implementation**



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Gender at COP 31

- **High-level** event on how Parties are **engaging** all **women and girls**, **men and boys as agents of change for socially just transitions** (A.3.8)
- **In-session dialogue** on **Gender Day** focused on thematic workstreams relevant to **promoting coherence**, reflecting **multidimensional factors** (C.4.1)

- Annual gender composition report **report** (7/CP. 29, 22(b) including information requested in deliverables B.2.3, D.1.3, E.1.2)
- Report on **SB 64 workshop** on the role of National Gender and Climate Change Focal Points (A.2.2)
- Synthesis report based on submissions on experience in implementing **gender-responsive financial instruments and methodologies, and available capacity-building** in this regard (D.1.2)

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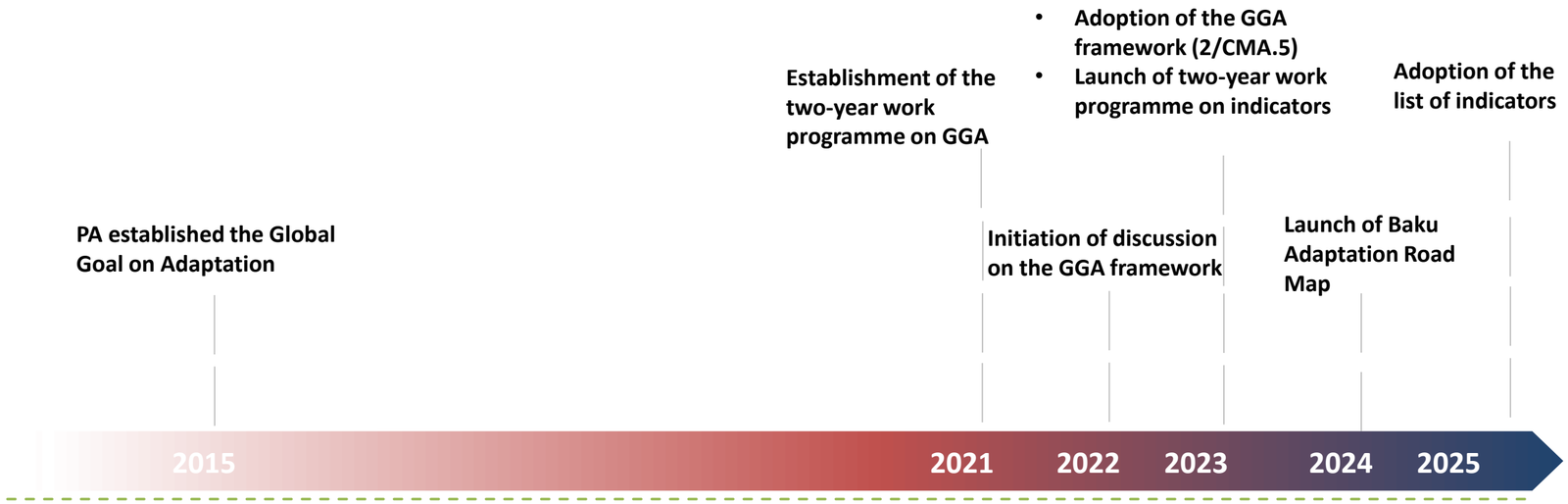
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Advancing the Global Goal on Adaptation

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Evolution



The Paris Agreement, in its Article 7.1, established the global goal on adaptation (GGA) of enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change, with a view to contributing to sustainable development and ensuring an adequate adaptation response in the context of the temperature goal referred to in Article 2 of the Agreement.

Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA)

Mandate

Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA)

•Work under the Belém Vision on Adaptation to be carried out jointly by the SBs (outputs for CMA 9).

•SBs to undertake technical work to improve metadata and methodologies for the Belém Adaptation Indicators (including establishing a technical taskforce).

•Technical paper by the secretariat

•Baku Adaptation Roadmap, first phase.

Purpose

• Policy alignment process under the Belém–Addis vision on adaptation.

• Develop guidance for operationalizing the Belém Adaptation Indicators.

• Conduct technical work to improve the Belém Adaptation Indicators' metadata and methodologies.

Timeline

CMA 9 (November 2027)

2026-2028

Outcomes

- CMA 8 to consider the technical paper
- To advance work under the Belem Vision on Adaptation by providing guidance, for example on technical work on improving metadata and methodologies for the Belém Adaptation Indicators;
- Reflect on the activities under the Baku Adaptation Roadmap

Means of Implementation: Finance, Technology and Capacity-Building

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Means of Implementation – Climate Finance

Mandate

- **Work programme on climate finance**, incl. Art. 9.1 in the context of Art. 9 as a whole
- **Veredas Dialogue** on the implementation of Art 2.1(c) and its complementarity with Art 9 incl. Xingu Finance Talks (11/CMA 7)
- **Long-term finance** HLMD and matters relating to **SCF**
- **GEF/GCF** guidance
- **AF** matters – in particular, transition and membership
- Report of and guidance to the **FRLD** (1/CP.28 and 5/CMA.5; 5/CP.29 and 11/CMA.5)
- **Article 9.5 Biennial communications,** fourth round by 31 Dec 2026
- 7th Review of the **Financial Mechanism** and **2nd Review of the SCF**

Purpose

- To discuss climate finance, including Article 9.1
- Nationally determined implementation, consistent with the agreed safeguards; national and international dimensions of making finance flows consistent
- 100bn update and 7th BA; preparation for 2028 NCQG progress report
- Draft SCF guidance reflecting on GEF-9 and GCF-3
- Effect transition of AF from KP to PA to allow for receipt of Article 6.4 SOPs
- Consider FRLD operationalization, status of funding approvals, first replenishment & resource mobilization
- Highlight need to provide near-term clarity, predictability in light of the NCQG
- FM review pending since COP26

Timeline

- Two-year work programme, facilitated by two co-chairs
- Meeting of Veredas Dialogue at SB64 & Xingu Finance Talks on 11 and 13 October, annual report end-Oct
- SCF annual report incl. 100bn progress, 7th BA report, end-Oct
- Draft SCF guidance, end-Sept
- Continued consideration of AF matters at SBI 65, CMP 21, CMA 8
- FRLD B.8 (April); B.9 (July); B.10 (October) ; First approval of funding request expected by 31 December
- Compilation and synthesis in Q2 2027, in-session workshop SB66
- SCF review (deferred to SB65), FM review (COP31)

Outcomes

- No predetermined form given the mandate: the CFWP outcome could range from a substantive decision to procedural guidance
- CMA decision reflecting on the annual report and/or future guidance on the Veredas Dialogue
- Recognition of 100bn status and BA report summary and recommendations, guidance to SCF
- Send signals on resource mobilization and calls for strong replenishment in line with NCQG
- CMP and CMA decisions on legal and governance arrangements for transition of AF
- COP and CMA decisions containing political signals on FRLD progress and additional guidance as needed
- Launch of FM review and conclusion of SCF functions review

Means of Implementation – Capacity-building and Technology

Mandate

Capacity-building

- Implementation of **PCCB**'s rolling workplan
- Consideration of the annual technical progress report of the PCCB at COP 31

Technology

- Selection of the **new host of the Climate Technology Centre,** including **agreement on the MOU**
- Third independent **review** of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (**CTCN**)
- Joint annual report of the TEC and the CTCN for 2026
- Evaluation report of **the Poznan Strategic Programme** on Technology Transfer (PSP)

Purpose

Capacity-building

- Enhanced effectiveness in delivery of PCCB's mandate
- Consider the work of the PCCB done in the reporting period

Technology

- Uninterrupted delivery of CTCN services to developing countries
- Guidance to the new host of the CTC on further enhancing CTCN operations & impact
- Guidance to the TEC and the CTCN
- Consider the PSP evaluation report

Timeline

Capacity-building

- 2025-2029 (PCCB workplan cycle) Publication of the report
- September: Publication of the ATPR October: First Global Dialogue on Capacity-building

Technology

- SB 64: Recommended UNEP as new host and requested preparation of draft MOU on CTC hosting
- COP 31/CMA 8: Decision on the new CTC host and MOU with the host
- September: Preparation of the joint annual report of the TEC and CTCN
- COP 31: Decision with the aim of supporting the implementation of climate technology priorities and informing the technology implementation programme

Outcomes

Capacity-building

- PCCB focus area-related work, 8th Capacity-building Hub at COP31, development of first State of Capacity-building Report
- Compilation of best practices to advance capacity-building to effectively support developing countries in implementing their NDCs and NAPs

Technology

- Selection of the new CTC host and finalized MOU between COP, CMA and new host
- Possible guidance on further strengthening operation and impact of the CTCN
- Possible guidance to the TEC and CTCN
- Possible conclusion of the PSP

Navigating the UNFCCC Website

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Navigating the UNFCCC website

A few reliable routes through a complex information landscape

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

WHAT IS BEING NEGOTIATED?

WHAT WAS DECIDED?



Know which channel to use during COP

A simplified version of the COP31 information model

UNFCCC website

Official process information

- Blue Zone schedules
- Agendas & official documents
- Decisions and session reports
- Submissions, Thematic and mandated portals and platforms
- Public webcasts & process updates
- UNFCCC news, speeches, visual coverage

Participant platform / app

Personalised Blue Zone experience

- Personal agenda & reminders
- Networking and messaging
- Virtual participation according to badge type
- Sign up for document notifications
- By personal invite

Host-country website and app

Host Country information and initiatives, Green Zone & visitor information, Presidency schedule

- Green Zone programme
- Transport / venue / city information
- Host events
- Visitor services, detailed city information
- Presidency schedule

Information may be surfaced across more than one channel. For official process information, unfccc.int remains the authoritative source.

Three questions, three reliable routes

Use the task in front of you to choose where to start navigating the website

1 What is happening today at COP?

Conference main page updates and official schedule

Find highlighted updates, meetings, rooms and timing, public webcast

2 What is being negotiated?

Sessions & documents section, Session pages

Body agendas, submissions, draft texts, background documents and negotiation updates

3 What was decided?

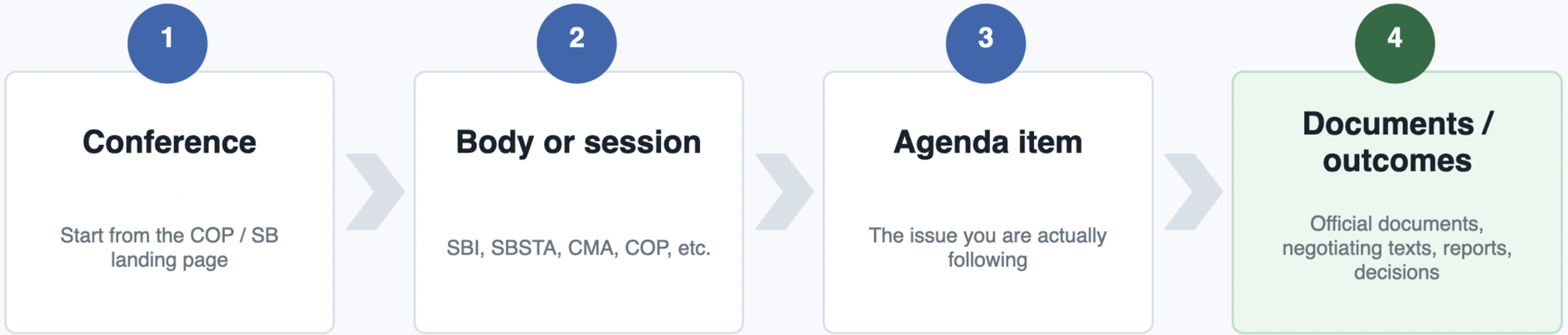
Decisions search + session reports

Adopted outcomes and the formal record

To navigate a COP, you do not need to understand the whole site, you need a few dependable routes through it.

Follow the negotiation, not the global navigation

A practical hierarchy to keep in mind



Useful shortcut: if someone gives you a document symbol, use it in one of the search interfaces — it is effectively the document's unique identifier.
Consider installing the UNFCCC delegate app to be notified by push message when documents are issued.

A 90-second navigation challenge

It is 08:30 on the first Wednesday of a COP.

Your delegation tells you that you are covering an SBI agenda item at 10:00 in a plenary meeting. You need to know where it will take place, what documents became available overnight, and whether there is a webcast.

Where would you start?

Conference / session › Schedule › Agenda item › Documents › Webcast

Three things to remember

A small mental model is more useful than memorising the whole site

1	**What is happening?**	Conference main page + official schedule
2	**What is being negotiated?**	Sessions & documents section, Session pages per body + official documents
3	**What was decided?**	Decisions search + session reports, past conference pages

Formal process information → verify on unfccc.int

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