

Decision -/CMA.7

Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,

Recalling the Paris Agreement, including its Articles 2 and 4,

Also recalling decisions 1/CMA.3, 4/CMA.4, 4/CMA.5 and 2/CMA.6,

Further recalling decision 4/CMA.4, paragraph 1, in which it was confirmed that the objective of the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme shall be to urgently scale up mitigation ambition and implementation in this critical decade in a manner that complements the global stocktake,

Recalling decision 4/CMA.4, paragraph 2, in which it was decided that the work programme shall be operationalized through focused exchanges of views, information and ideas, noting that the outcomes of the work programme will be non-prescriptive, non-punitive, facilitative, respectful of national sovereignty and national circumstances, take into account the nationally determined nature of nationally determined contributions and not impose new targets or goals,

Recognizing the importance of the best available science for effective climate action and policymaking,

Noting the assessment of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that the impacts of climate change will be much lower at a temperature increase of 1.5 °C compared with 2 °C,

Reaffirming the nationally determined nature of nationally determined contributions,

Recognizing that Parties have different starting points, capacities and national circumstances,

Highlighting the importance of capacity-building support for developing countries,

1. *Welcomes* the appointment of the co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme for 2025–2026;
2. *Expresses appreciation* to the co-chairs of the work programme and the secretariat for organizing the two global dialogues and investment-focused events in 2025 and to the experts, facilitators and advisory panel members for their contributions to the dialogues and events;
3. *Also expresses appreciation* to the Governments of Panama and Ethiopia for hosting the fifth and sixth global dialogues and investment-focused events respectively in 2025;
4. *Notes* the focused exchange of views, information and ideas during the global dialogues and investment-focused events in 2025 on the topics of enabling mitigation solutions in the forest sector, drawing on national and regional experience, and enabling mitigation solutions in the waste sector, including through circular economy approaches, noting that the topics for the dialogues and events are decided by the co-chairs of the work programme;
5. *Requests* the secretariat to organize, under the guidance of the co-chairs of the work programme, future global dialogues and investment-focused events under the work programme in such a manner as to:
 - (a) Enhance inclusive, geographically balanced and effective engagement of participants, including virtual participants;

- (b) Increase the number of in-person participants from each Party, particularly from developing country Parties;
- (c) Enhance a cooperative matchmaking function under the investment-focused events to assist Parties in accessing finance, including grants and concessional loans, including by:
 - (i) Inviting more multilateral development banks, financial institutions and the private sector to participate in the events;
 - (ii) Inviting the Climate Technology Centre, the Green Climate Fund and the Global Environment Facility to participate in the events in line with their mandates and resources;
 - (iii) Organizing the events in conjunction with other major investment events, while taking into account the need to ensure inclusive and balanced geographical representation of participants;
- 6. *Invites* the Board of the Green Climate Fund and the Council of the Global Environment Facility to consider supporting projects identified in relation to the activities under the work programme in line with their mandates and governing instruments, as appropriate;
- 7. *Recalls* paragraph 9 of decision 4/CMA.4, in which it was decided that other in-person or hybrid dialogues may be held each year in conjunction with existing events, such as the regional climate weeks, at the discretion of the co-chairs of the work programme with a view to ensuring inclusive and balanced geographical representation at the dialogues;
- 8. *Also recalls* paragraph 13 of decision 2/CMA.6, referring to the discussion at the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement regarding the creation of a digital platform to facilitate implementation of mitigation actions by enhancing collaboration between governments, financiers and other stakeholders in developing investable projects in a country-owned and nationally determined manner;
- 9. *Takes note* of the NMA Platform, referred to in decision 4/CMA.3, annex, paragraph 8(b)(i) as the UNFCCC web-based platform for recording and exchanging information on non-market approaches, and *calls upon* Parties to increase their use of the mitigation measures focus area of the NMA Platform, as appropriate;
- 10. *Encourages* Parties to record projects they identify under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme on the NMA Platform;
- 11. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, at its sixty-fourth session (June 2026), in the context of the work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 4/CMA.3, to consider ways to implement additional functionalities in the NMA Platform that would enable Parties to record the projects referred to in paragraph 10 above through their national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement, and enable interconnection between the NMA Platform and other platforms, including national platforms for Parties that request it, with a view to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice recommending a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its eighth session (November 2026);
- 12. *Also requests* the secretariat to prepare a technical paper exploring options for the operationalization of the additional feature and functionality of the NMA Platform for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its sixty-fourth session (June 2026), in the context of the work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 4/CMA.3;

13. *Notes* the key findings, opportunities, barriers, actionable solutions, scale and drivers summarized in the 2025 report on the work programme,¹ recognizing that they do not represent an exhaustive summary of all views and regional priorities or the full diversity of national contexts, capacities and challenges, including:

(a) The critical role of forests, including boreal, temperate and tropical forests, as well as mangroves, as carbon stocks and sinks and in enhancing climate resilience, biodiversity, water and food security, livelihoods in the context of poverty eradication, and sustainable development, as well as food security;

(b) The vital role of Indigenous Peoples and local communities and the need to support them in the sustainable management and use of forests, as well as the importance of recognizing their land rights and traditional knowledge, including as a part of long-term mitigation policies;

(c) The potential for synergies among mitigation, adaptation, biodiversity conservation, combatting desertification, and sustainable development;

(d) The challenges in addressing drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, taking into account the need to be mindful of pursuing sustainable development and food security, and the challenges in addressing increasing climate-related risks such as wildfires, droughts, pests and diseases, and higher temperatures, including through sustainable and climate-adaptive forest management;

(e) The importance of sustainable management of forests in the context of socioeconomic needs;

(f) The importance of waste reduction and management and the social dimensions of waste management, including formalizing the role of informal workers and recognizing their opportunities and challenges;

(g) The co-benefits of waste reduction, management and prevention and circular economy approaches, including benefits related to job creation, poverty eradication and sustainable development;

(h) The important role of multi-stakeholder engagement and multilevel governance pertaining to reuse, recycling, waste collection, waste separation, organic waste and landfill waste disposal;

(i) The potential of innovation in reuse, recycling and waste collection and segregation, comprehensive digital tracking systems connecting waste generators to collectors and recyclers, and waste-to-energy technologies;

(j) The potential for synergies between waste management and other areas, including climate, sanitation, agriculture and sustainable development;

(k) The importance of international cooperation and access to means of implementation, including finance, technology transfer and capacity-building support, for supporting efforts to implement mitigation actions in the forest and waste sectors, including efforts to improve data availability for monitoring, measurement, reporting and verification, and efforts to implement forest conservation and restoration policies;

14. *Emphasizes* that addressing the key findings, leveraging the opportunities, overcoming the barriers and considering the actionable solutions referred to in paragraph 13 above is voluntary and can be enabled by country-specific action in the light of different national circumstances, international cooperation and the mobilization of financial, technology and capacity-building support for developing countries; that there is no single solution that fits all contexts; that not all of the opportunities, barriers and actionable solutions are applicable to every national or regional context; and that opportunities and challenges will vary in accordance with national circumstances, development stage and priorities, as well as the diverse pathways followed by different countries;

15. *Recalls* paragraph 5 of decision 4/CMA.4, in which it was decided that implementation of the work programme will continue until the eighth session of the

¹ FCCC/SB/2025/11.

Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement with a view to adopting a decision on the continuation of the work programme at that session;

16. *Invites* Parties, observers and other stakeholders to submit via the submission portal² by 15 April 2026 views on opportunities, best practices, actionable solutions, challenges and barriers relevant to the continuation, functioning and effectiveness of the work programme, with a view to an exchange of views at the sixty-fourth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June 2026), ensuring that the work programme's objective is to urgently scale up mitigation ambition and implementation in this critical decade, that its continuation shall be operationalized through focused exchanges of views, information and ideas, and that the outcomes of the work programme will be non-prescriptive, non-punitive, facilitative, respectful of national sovereignty and national circumstances, take into account the nationally determined nature of nationally determined contributions and not impose new targets or goals;

17. *Recalls* paragraph 12 of decision 4/CMA.4 and *encourages* Parties, observers and other stakeholders to submit via the submission portal by 1 February 2026 suggested topics in line with the scope of the work programme to be discussed at the global dialogues in 2026;

18. *Recalls* paragraph 13 of decision 4/CMA.4, in which it was decided that the co-chairs of the work programme, considering the submissions referred to in paragraph 15 above, will decide on and communicate by 1 March 2026 the topics to be discussed at each dialogue in 2026, and paragraph 8 of decision 4/CMA.5, in which it was noted that successive global dialogues should cover different topics;

19. *Also recalls* paragraph 14 of decision 4/CMA.4, paragraph 9 of decision 4/CMA.5 and paragraph 10 of decision 2/CMA.6 and *encourages* Parties, observers and other stakeholders to submit views on opportunities, best practices, actionable solutions, challenges and barriers relevant to the topic of each dialogue via the submission portal four weeks before each dialogue;

20. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 5 and 12 above;

21. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

² <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.