



**Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting  
of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol**

**Report of the Conference of the Parties serving as the  
meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol on its  
eighteenth session, held in the United Arab Emirates  
from 30 November to 13 December 2023**

**Part one: Proceedings**

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**Part two: Action taken by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its eighteenth session**

**Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol**

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*Decision*

- 1/CMP.18 Guidance relating to the clean development mechanism
- 2/CMP.18 Matters relating to joint implementation
- 3/CMP.18 Matters relating to the Adaptation Fund
- 4/CMP.18 Review of the functions, work programme and modalities of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures, midterm review of the workplan and report of the forum
- 5/CMP.18 Administrative, financial and institutional matters
- 6/CMP.18 Budget for the international transaction log
- 7/CMP.18 Administrative, financial and institutional matters

*Resolution*

- 1/CMP.18 Expression of gratitude to the Government of the United Arab Emirates

## Abbreviations and acronyms

Annex B Party	Party included in Annex I with a commitment inscribed in the third column of Annex B in the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol
CDM	clean development mechanism
CMA	Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement
CMP	Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol
COP	Conference of the Parties
SB	sessions of the subsidiary bodies
SBI	Subsidiary Body for Implementation
SBSTA	Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

## I. Opening of the session

(Agenda item 1)

1. CMP 18, convened pursuant to Article 13, paragraph 6, of the Kyoto Protocol, was held at Expo City Dubai in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 30 November to 13 December 2023.<sup>1</sup> Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber (United Arab Emirates), President of CMP 18, opened the session.

## II. Organizational matters

(Agenda item 2)

### A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda sub-item 2(a))

2. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting,<sup>2</sup> on 30 November, the CMP considered document FCCC/KP/CMP/2023/1/Add.2 containing the supplementary provisional agenda. The President recalled the understanding reached among Parties on the adoption of the agendas for the sessions of the governing and subsidiary bodies, as outlined at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of COP 28.<sup>3</sup>

3. The President proposed that the supplementary provisional agenda for CMP 18 be amended to reflect this understanding, with items 14–15 deleted.

4. On the proposal by the President, the CMP adopted the agenda as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
  - (b) Election of additional officers;
  - (c) Organization of work, including for the sessions of the subsidiary bodies;
  - (d) Approval of the report on credentials.
3. Reports of the subsidiary bodies:
  - (a) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice;
  - (b) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation.
4. Reporting from and review of Parties included in Annex I:<sup>4</sup>
  - (a) National communications;
  - (b) Annual compilation and accounting report for the second commitment period for Annex B Parties under the Kyoto Protocol.
5. Matters relating to the clean development mechanism.
6. Matters relating to joint implementation.
7. Matters relating to the Adaptation Fund.
8. Capacity-building under the Kyoto Protocol.
9. Report of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures.

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<sup>1</sup> CMP 18 was held in conjunction with COP 28 and CMA 5. The proceedings of the COP and the CMA are contained in documents FCCC/CP/2023/11 and FCCC/PA/CMA/2023/16 respectively. The proceedings of the joint meetings of the COP, the CMP and the CMA convened at the sessions are contained in the report of the COP and cross-referenced in the reports of the CMP and the CMA.

<sup>2</sup> Meetings of the governing and subsidiary bodies referred to in this report are plenary meetings.

<sup>3</sup> See document FCCC/CP/2023/11, paras. 7–10.

<sup>4</sup> As defined in Article 1, para. 7, of the Kyoto Protocol.

10. Report of the Compliance Committee.
11. Report on the high-level ministerial round table on increased ambition of Kyoto Protocol commitments.
12. Administrative, financial and institutional matters.
13. High-level segment:
  - (a) Statements by Parties;
  - (b) Statements by observer organizations.
14. Other matters.
15. Conclusion of the session:
  - (a) Adoption of the draft report on the session;
  - (b) Closure of the session.

## **B. Election of additional officers**

(Agenda sub-item 2(b))

5. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the President informed the CMP that, as stated during the 1<sup>st</sup> meetings of COP 28 and CMA 5, Mohamed Nasr (Egypt) had begun consultations on the election of officers to bodies under the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement.
6. The President invited regional groups and constituencies to submit all outstanding nominations by 9 December 2023. On a proposal by the President, the CMP decided to postpone the election until the closing plenary of CMP 18.
7. At the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 13 December, the President informed the CMP that, since all nominees to the Bureau of COP 28 were also from Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, it would not be necessary to elect an additional member of the Bureau at the election taking place at the closing plenary of COP 28.<sup>5</sup>
8. The President also informed the CMP that nominations for election of officers to bodies under the Kyoto Protocol were outstanding and urged regional groups and constituencies to continue consultations and submit the outstanding nominations to the secretariat as soon as possible and by 29 February 2024 at the latest. On a proposal by the President, the CMP agreed that, once the outstanding nominations had been received by the secretariat, the nominees would be deemed elected at CMP 18 in accordance with established practice.

## **C. Organization of work, including for the sessions of the subsidiary bodies**

(Agenda sub-item 2(c))

9. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on a proposal by the President, the CMP agreed to follow the organization of work agreed at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of COP 28.<sup>6</sup>
10. The joint 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of COP 28, CMP 18, CMA 5, SBSTA 59 and SBI 59, on 30 November, was convened to hear opening statements.<sup>7</sup>
11. At the joint 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of COP 28, CMP 18 and CMA 5, on 1 December, the joint high-level segment was opened by the President. The first part of the high-level segment continued on 2 December, while the second part was held on 9 December.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>5</sup> See document FCCC/CP/2023/11, para. 18.

<sup>6</sup> See document FCCC/CP/2023/11, paras. 22–31.

<sup>7</sup> See document FCCC/CP/2023/11, paras. 32–33.

<sup>8</sup> See document FCCC/CP/2023/11, paras. 123–128.

12. At the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, the President recalled that, at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, as part of the understanding reached among Parties on the adoption of agendas referred to in paragraph 2 above, he had proposed to conduct consultations on the way forward regarding the matter “Article 3, paragraph 9, and Article 21 of the Kyoto Protocol”,<sup>9</sup> which was not to be included in the agenda for CMP 18. The consultations were conducted by Tosi Mpanu Mpanu (Democratic Republic of the Congo). Parties engaged in constructive dialogue on the matter, thus facilitating a comprehensive understanding of their positions. However, no consensus could be reached on the way forward.

#### **D. Approval of the report on credentials**

(Agenda sub-item 2(d))

13. At the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 11 December, the President referred to the report on credentials,<sup>10</sup> submitted by the Bureau in accordance with rule 20 of the draft rules of procedure being applied.

14. On the basis of the report of the Bureau, the CMP accepted the credentials of Parties attending the session. In addition, the secretariat received credentials from South Sudan on 15 December 2023 and Colombia on 7 March 2024.

#### **E. Attendance**

15. Information on participation in the sessions in the United Arab Emirates is available in document FCCC/CP/2023/INF.3/Rev.1.

16. According to decision 36/CMP.1, the admission of organizations as observers as decided by the COP also applies to the CMP.<sup>11</sup>

#### **F. Documentation**

17. The documents that were before CMP 18 are available on the UNFCCC website.<sup>12</sup>

### **III. Reports of the subsidiary bodies**

(Agenda item 3)

#### **A. Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice**

(Agenda sub-item 3(a))

18. At the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 8 December, the SBSTA Chair, Harry Vreuls (Kingdom of the Netherlands), introduced the draft report on SBSTA 59<sup>13</sup> and gave an oral report on the results of SBSTA 58 and 59.<sup>14</sup>

19. On a proposal by the President, the CMP took note of the report on SBSTA 58,<sup>15</sup> the draft report on SBSTA 59 and the oral report by the SBSTA Chair. The President expressed his deep appreciation to the SBSTA Chair for his leadership and dedication in guiding the work of the SBSTA and for supporting the Presidency in ensuring the effective management of work under the subsidiary bodies and its smooth transition to the governing bodies.

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<sup>9</sup> See document FCCC/CP/2023/11, para. 9(c).

<sup>10</sup> FCCC/CP/2023/10–FCCC/KP/CMP/2023/8–FCCC/PA/CMA/2023/14.

<sup>11</sup> See document FCCC/CP/2023/3 for the list of organizations admitted as observers.

<sup>12</sup> <https://unfccc.int/event/cmp-18>.

<sup>13</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2023/L.9.

<sup>14</sup> The oral report can be heard at <https://unfccc.int/event/plenary-meeting-of-the-cop/cmp/cma> (starting at 0:04:04).

<sup>15</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2023/4 and Add.1.

20. The President noted that recommendations of the SBSTA would be addressed under the relevant agenda items.

## **B. Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation**

(Agenda sub-item 3(b))

21. At the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, the SBI Chair, Nabeel Munir (Pakistan), introduced the draft report on SBI 59<sup>16</sup> and gave an oral report on the results of SBI 58 and 59.<sup>17</sup>

22. On a proposal by the President, the CMP took note of the report on SBI 58,<sup>18</sup> the draft report on SBI 59 and the oral report by the SBI Chair. The President expressed his deep appreciation to the SBI Chair for his leadership and dedication in guiding the work of the SBI and for supporting the Presidency in ensuring the effective management of work under the subsidiary bodies and its smooth transition to the governing bodies.

23. At its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, on a recommendation of the SBI,<sup>19</sup> the CMP took note of the information in the annual report of the administrator of the international transaction log under the Kyoto Protocol.<sup>20</sup>

24. The President noted that other recommendations of the SBI would be addressed under the relevant agenda items.

## **IV. Reporting from and review of Parties included in Annex I<sup>21</sup>**

(Agenda item 4)

### **A. National communications**

(Agenda sub-item 4(a))

25. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the CMP noted that this matter was on the agenda of the SBI.<sup>22</sup>

26. At the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, the SBI Chair reported that consideration of the matter could not be concluded at this session.<sup>23</sup>

27. At the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, the President informed the CMP that the matter will be included in the provisional agenda for SBI 60 (June 2024) in accordance with rule 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied.

### **B. Annual compilation and accounting report for the second commitment period for Annex B Parties under the Kyoto Protocol**

(Agenda sub-item 4(b))

28. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the President invited the CMP to take note of the information in the annual compilation and accounting reports for the second commitment period for Annex B Parties under the Kyoto Protocol for 2019–2023.<sup>24</sup>

<sup>16</sup> FCCC/SBI/2023/L.13.

<sup>17</sup> As footnote 14 above (starting at 0:09:49).

<sup>18</sup> FCCC/SBI/2023/10 and Add.1 and Corr.1.

<sup>19</sup> See document FCCC/SBI/2023/21, para. 105.

<sup>20</sup> FCCC/KP/CMP/2023/6.

<sup>21</sup> As defined in Article 1, para. 7, of the Kyoto Protocol.

<sup>22</sup> SBI 59 agenda sub-item 3(a), “Status of submission and review of national communications and biennial reports from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention”.

<sup>23</sup> See document FCCC/SBI/2023/21, para. 16.

<sup>24</sup> FCCC/KP/CMP/2019/6 and Add.1; FCCC/KP/CMP/2020/5 and Add.1; FCCC/KP/CMP/2021/3 and Add.1; FCCC/KP/CMP/2022/3 and Add.1; and FCCC/KP/CMP/2023/4 and Add.1.

29. The President informed the CMP that the report for 2023 is the final annual compilation and accounting report for the second commitment period. Subsequently, the CMP noted that it had concluded consideration of this matter.

## V. Matters relating to the clean development mechanism

(Agenda item 5)

30. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the President referred to the CMP being invited to consider, *inter alia*, the annual report of the CDM Executive Board<sup>25</sup> and a technical paper prepared by the secretariat.<sup>26</sup>

31. The President informed the CMP that, subsequent to the publication of that annual report, the Executive Board had met in Dubai from 26 to 28 November 2023 and requested further guidance from the CMP on specific matters.

32. The President thanked Lambert Schneider (Germany), Chair of the CDM Executive Board, and Spencer Thomas (Grenada), Vice-Chair of the Board, for their leadership and the members of the Board for their hard work in 2023.

33. On a proposal by the President, the CMP agreed to consider matters relating to the CDM in a contact group co-chaired by Kazuhisa Koakutsu (Japan) and Alick Muvundika (Zambia).

34. At its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, on a proposal by the President, the CMP adopted decision 1/CMP.18, entitled “Guidance relating to the clean development mechanism”.

35. At its 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, on a proposal by the President, the CMP elected the following members to the CDM Executive Board:

### Executive Board of the clean development mechanism

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
African States	Ephraim Mwepya Shitima (Zambia)	Mamadou Diobe Gueye (Senegal)
Asia-Pacific States	–	Hyun Jung Park (Republic of Korea)
Latin American and Caribbean States	José Domingos Gonzalez Miguez (Brazil)	Spencer Thomas (Grenada)
Western European and other States	Frank Wolke (Germany)	Olivier Kassi (Belgium)

## VI. Matters relating to joint implementation

(Agenda item 6)

36. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the President recalled that CMP 17 had decided to terminate the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee and requested the secretariat to take the necessary steps to conclude matters relating to the operations of the Committee, for consideration at CMP 18.<sup>27</sup>

37. At its 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, on a proposal by the President, the CMP adopted decision 2/CMP.18, entitled “Matters relating to joint implementation”.

<sup>25</sup> FCCC/KP/CMP/2023/5.

<sup>26</sup> FCCC/TP/2023/3.

<sup>27</sup> See decision 3/CMP.17, paras. 4–5.



## VII. Matters relating to the Adaptation Fund

(Agenda item 7)

38. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the President invited the CMP to consider the annual report of the Adaptation Fund Board<sup>28</sup> and thanked the Chair of the Adaptation Fund Board, Antonio Navarra (Italy), and the members and alternate members of the Board for their hard work throughout the reporting period.

39. On a proposal by the President, the CMP agreed to consider matters relating to the Adaptation Fund in a contact group co-chaired by Diann Black-Layne (Antigua and Barbuda) and Louise Rousseau (France).

40. At its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, on a proposal by the President, the CMP adopted decision 3/CMP.18, entitled “Matters relating to the Adaptation Fund”.

41. At its 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, on a proposal by the President, the CMP elected the following members to the Adaptation Fund Board:

	<u>Adaptation Fund Board</u>	
	<b>Member</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
African States	Washington Zhakata (Zimbabwe)	Ali Mohammed (Kenya)
Asia-Pacific States	Albara Tawfiq (Saudi Arabia)	Ahmed Waheed (Maldives)
Latin American and Caribbean States	Kenrick Williams (Belize) Daniela Buchuk (Chile)	Victor Vinas-Nicolás (Dominican Republic)
Small island developing States	Diann Black-Layne (Antigua and Barbuda)	Mani Mate (Cook Islands)
Parties not included in Annex I	Luca Di Paolo (Argentina)	–

## VIII. Capacity-building under the Kyoto Protocol

(Agenda item 8)

42. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the CMP noted that this matter was on the agenda of the SBI.<sup>29</sup>

43. At its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, on a proposal by the President, the CMP took note of the conclusions of SBI 58 on the matter.<sup>30</sup>

## IX. Report of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures

(Agenda item 9)

44. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the CMP noted that this matter was on the agendas of the SBSTA and the SBI.<sup>31</sup>

45. At its 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, the President recalled that the subsidiary bodies had forwarded this matter to the CMP for further consideration.<sup>32</sup> The CMP agreed to further consider this matter. The President requested Georg Børsting (Norway) and Andrei Marcu (Honduras) to undertake consultations on his behalf.

<sup>28</sup> FCCC/KP/CMP/2023/2–FCCC/PA/CMA/2023/6 and Add.1.

<sup>29</sup> SBI 59 agenda item 17, “Matters relating to capacity-building”.

<sup>30</sup> See document FCCC/SBI/2023/10 and Corr.1.

<sup>31</sup> SBSTA 59 agenda item 9 and SBI 59 agenda item 10, “Matters relating to the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures serving the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement”.

<sup>32</sup> See documents FCCC/SBSTA/2023/8, para. 43, and FCCC/SBI/2023/21, para. 53.

46. At its 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, on a proposal by the President, the CMP adopted decision 4/CMP.18, entitled “Review of the functions, work programme and modalities of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures, midterm review of the workplan and report of the forum”.

## X. Report of the Compliance Committee

(Agenda item 10)

47. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the President thanked the Chairpersons of the Compliance Committee, Paulette Bynoe (Guyana) and Kunihiko Shimada (Japan), and the Vice-Chairs, Karoliina Anttonen (Finland) and Lisa Benjamin (Bahamas), for their leadership and its members and alternate members for their hard work throughout the reporting period.

48. On a proposal by the President, the CMP took note of the annual report of the Compliance Committee to the CMP.<sup>33</sup>

49. At its 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, on a proposal by the President, the CMP elected the following members to the Compliance Committee:

### Compliance Committee – enforcement branch

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
African States	Bob Natifu (Uganda)	–
Latin America and Caribbean States	–	Federico Grullon de la Cruz (Dominican Republic)
Western European and other States	Sebastian Nguyen-Bloch (Switzerland)	Karoliina Anttonen (Finland)
Small island developing States	Derrick Oderson (Barbados)	Rensie Panda (Papua New Guinea)

### Compliance Committee – facilitative branch

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
African States	–	Yaw Osafo (Ghana)
Latin America and Caribbean States	Raoul Vital (Haiti)	–
Western European and other States	–	Johan Pettersson (Sweden)
Small island developing States	Christopher Tavoia (Vanuatu)	Robert Branch (Grenada)

## XI. Report on the high-level ministerial round table on increased ambition of Kyoto Protocol commitments

(Agenda item 11)

50. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the President stated that consultations at CMP 17 revealed that views remained divergent on whether further work is needed on this matter.

51. At the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, the President noted that he had requested Iman Ustadi (United Arab Emirates) to conduct consultations on his behalf.

52. The President reported that no consensus could be reached on the way forward with regard to this matter. In accordance with rule 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, the matter will be included in the provisional agenda for CMP 19 (November 2024).

<sup>33</sup> FCCC/KP/CMP/2023/3.

## **XII. Administrative, financial and institutional matters**

(Agenda item 12)

53. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the President noted that these matters were on the agenda of the SBI.<sup>34</sup>

54. At its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, on recommendations of the SBI,<sup>35</sup> the CMP adopted:

- (a) Decision 5/CMP.18, entitled “Administrative, financial and institutional matters”;
- (b) Decision 6/CMP.18, entitled “Budget for the international transaction log”;
- (c) Decision 7/CMP.18, entitled “Administrative, financial and institutional matters”.

## **XIII. High-level segment**

(Agenda item 13)<sup>36</sup>

## **XIV. Other matters**

(Agenda item 14)

55. At its 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, the CMP noted that no other matter had been raised under this agenda item.

## **XV. Conclusion of the session**

(Agenda item 15)

### **A. Adoption of the draft report on the session**

(Agenda sub-item 15(a))

56. At its 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, the CMP considered the draft report on the session<sup>37</sup> and, on a proposal by the President, authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report on the session under the guidance of the President and with the assistance of the secretariat.

57. The secretariat informed the CMP that the decisions it adopted under some agenda items have financial and human resource implications beyond the provisions included in the budget for the biennium 2024–2025, noting that funding estimates and categorization of activities are preliminary and based on the information available at the time.<sup>38</sup>

(a) Under agenda item 5, “Matters relating to the clean development mechanism”, EUR 20,000 is to be provided from existing resources in order to prepare two technical papers. This activity is categorized as temporary or short term;

(b) Under agenda item 9, “Report of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures”, EUR 1.16 million will be required in 2024–2025 for the preparation by the Katowice Committee of Experts on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures of several knowledge products and the organization by its forum of various events and dialogues. This includes activities that are categorized as recurring or long term, and temporary or short term.

<sup>34</sup> SBI 59 agenda item 20, “Administrative, financial and institutional matters”.

<sup>35</sup> See documents FCCC/SBI/2023/10, para. 153, and FCCC/SBI/2023/21, para. 104.

<sup>36</sup> See document FCCC/CP/2023/11, paras. 123–128.

<sup>37</sup> FCCC/KP/CMP/2023/L.1.

<sup>38</sup> See document FCCC/SBI/2023/2, paras. 26–27, for information on the categorization of activities for the purpose of the UNFCCC budget.

## **B. Closure of the session**

(Agenda sub-item 15(b))

58. At its 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, on a proposal by a Party, the CMP adopted resolution 1/CMP.18, entitled “Expression of gratitude to the Government of the United Arab Emirates”.

59. At the joint 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of COP 28, CMP 18 and CMA 5, on 13 December, representatives of Parties and observer organizations made closing statements.<sup>39</sup>

60. Also at the joint 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, the President expressed gratitude to Parties for their hard work during the session and mentioned the adoption of the United Arab Emirates Consensus<sup>40</sup> as a basis for taking transformational action to address climate change.

61. The President then declared CMP 18 closed.

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<sup>39</sup> See document FCCC/CP/2023/11, paras. 134–136.

<sup>40</sup> See document FCCC/PA/CMA/2023/16, para. 16.