

**Conference of the Parties****Report of the Conference of the Parties on its twenty-sixth session, held in Glasgow from 31 October to 13 November 2021****Addendum****Part two: Action taken by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-sixth session**

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Decision 12/CP.26

Annual technical progress reports of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for 2020 and 2021

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 2/CP.17, 1/CP.21, 2/CP.22, 16/CP.22, 16/CP.23, 15/CP.24 and 8/CP.25,

1. *Welcomes* the annual technical progress reports of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for 2020 and 2021¹ and *takes note* of the recommendations contained in the 2021 report;²
2. *Invites* Parties, as appropriate, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the constituted bodies under the Convention, United Nations organizations, observers and other stakeholders to consider the recommendations referred to in paragraph 1 above and to take any necessary action, as appropriate and in accordance with their mandates;
3. *Acknowledges* progress made by the Paris Committee on Capacity-building in implementing its mandate to address gaps and needs, both current and emerging, in implementing capacity-building in developing country Parties and further enhancing capacity-building efforts, including with regard to the coherence and coordination of capacity-building activities under the Convention;
4. *Takes note* of the conclusion of the implementation of the final activities in the rolling workplan of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for 2017–2020;³
5. *Also takes note* of progress made in the implementation of the workplan of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for 2021–2024⁴ on the basis of the priority areas and activities contained in the annex to decision 9/CP.25;
6. *Welcomes* the work of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building in relation to enhancing the coherence and coordination of capacity-building activities under the Convention, including its collaboration with constituted bodies and other actors under the Convention;
7. *Also welcomes* the collaboration of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building with Parties and non-Party stakeholders, including through the PCCB Network, the informal coordination group for capacity-building under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, the Durban Forum on capacity-building, the Capacity-building Hub and social media outreach;
8. *Takes note* of the 2022 focus area of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building of building capacity to facilitate coherent implementation of nationally determined contributions in the context of national development plans and sustainable recovery;⁵
9. *Notes* that capacity gaps and needs still exist in developing countries pertaining to the implementation of the Convention and the Paris Agreement;
10. *Invites* Parties and relevant institutions, as appropriate, to provide support and resources to the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for implementing its workplan for 2021–2024 in the light of the aim of the Committee established in decision 1/CP.21.

*10th plenary meeting
11 November 2021*

¹ FCCC/SBI/2020/13 and FCCC/SBI/2021/10.

² FCCC/SBI/2021/10, paras. 72–81.

³ Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/209801>.

⁴ Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/267207>.

⁵ See document FCCC/SBI/2021/10, para. 15.

Decision 13/CP.26

Fifth review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in countries with economies in transition under the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 3/CP.7, 9/CP.9, 3/CP.10, 2/CP.17, 21/CP.18 and 17/CP.23,

Acknowledging that capacity-building for countries with economies in transition is essential to enabling them to implement effectively their commitments under the Convention,

1. *Recognizes* that:

(a) Significant progress has been made in building the capacity of countries with economies in transition to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and that some recipients of assistance have started to transfer their own expertise, knowledge and lessons learned on capacity-building to Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention;

(b) Parties included in Annex I to the Convention and the Global Environment Facility, within its mandate, have provided adequate resources and assistance for the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in countries with economies in transition established under decision 3/CP.7;

(c) Support was also provided to countries with economies in transition by multilateral development banks and international financial institutions;

(d) Countries with economies in transition that are currently receiving support, notwithstanding the progress made, are in need of further capacity-building, in particular for regularly updating and implementing their emission reduction targets, for regularly updating and implementing their adaptation strategies, and for developing and implementing national long-term low-emission development strategies consistently with their national priorities;

2. *Reaffirms* that the scope of the needs identified in the framework for capacity-building in countries with economies in transition established under decision 3/CP.7 and the key factors identified in decision 3/CP.10 remain relevant and continue to be the basis for, and guide the implementation of, capacity-building activities in countries with economies in transition;

3. *Encourages* the engagement of countries with economies in transition in future discussions at the Durban Forum, as appropriate, to explore potential ways for enhancing capacity-building in countries with economies in transition by sharing examples of best practices and lessons learned;

4. *Invites* Parties to enhance reporting on best practices related to capacity-building in their national communications, biennial reports, submissions and other relevant documents with a view to furthering learning and broadening the impact of capacity-building activities in countries with economies in transition;

5. *Also invites* Parties included in Annex II to the Convention and other Parties in a position to do so, the Global Environment Facility, multilateral and bilateral agencies, international organizations, multilateral development banks, international financial institutions and the private sector or any further arrangements, as appropriate and within their mandates, to continue to provide support for capacity-building activities in countries with economies in transition;

6. *Further invites* Parties and relevant institutions to provide information on capacity-building activities in countries with economies in transition to the secretariat for inclusion in the capacity-building portal;¹

¹ <https://unfccc.int/topics/capacity-building/workstreams/capacity-building-portal>.

7. *Decides* to conclude the fifth review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in countries with economies in transition and *requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its sixty-fourth session (2026), to initiate the sixth review thereof with a view to the Conference of the Parties concluding it at its thirty-first session (2026);

8. *Also requests* the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report on the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in countries with economies in transition to support the sixth review thereof for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its sixty-fourth session.

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Decision 14/CP.26

Revised terms of reference of the Consultative Group of Experts

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 4, paragraphs 1, 3 and 7, and Article 12, paragraphs 1, 4, 5 and 7, of the Convention,

Also recalling Article 13, paragraphs 1, 14 and 15, of the Paris Agreement,

Further recalling decisions 8/CP.5, 3/CP.8, 17/CP.8, 5/CP.15, 1/CP.16, 2/CP.17, 14/CP.17, 17/CP.18, 18/CP.18, 19/CP.19, 20/CP.19, 1/CP.21, 20/CP.22 and 11/CP.24,

Recalling decision 18/CMA.1, paragraphs 12(c) and 15,

Recognizing that the Consultative Group of Experts plays an important role in facilitating the provision of technical advice and support to developing country Parties and in facilitating improved reporting over time, as applicable, in relation to the preparation and submission of national communications, biennial update reports and biennial transparency reports, as relevant,

Noting the 2020 and 2021 progress reports¹ of the Consultative Group of Experts, which identified facilitating the submission of biennial update reports as a priority in its workplans for 2020 and 2021,

1. *Adopts*, pursuant to decision 11/CP.24, paragraph 5, the revised terms of reference of the Consultative Group of Experts contained in the annex;
2. *Decides* that the representative of Parties referred to in decision 11/CP.24, paragraph 3, shall participate in the work of the Consultative Group of Experts in the same capacity as the other members of the Consultative Group of Experts, noting that this does not set a precedent for the consideration of the composition of other bodies under the UNFCCC;
3. *Also decides* to include in the composition of the Consultative Group of Experts, in addition to current members from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, one additional member from the least developed countries and one additional member from small island developing States, noting that this does not set a precedent for the consideration of the composition of other bodies under the UNFCCC;
4. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its sixty-second session (2025), to initiate consideration of the extension of the term of the Consultative Group of Experts after 2026, the composition of the Consultative Group of Experts and its terms of reference, taking into account the needs of developing countries for capacity-building in relation to reporting under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement, with a view to recommending a draft decision on these matters for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its thirtieth session (2025);
5. *Also requests* the secretariat to facilitate the work of the Consultative Group of Experts pursuant to decision 11/CP.24 and this decision;
6. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 5 above;
7. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

¹ FCCC/SBI/2020/15, FCCC/SBI/2020/16, FCCC/TP/2020/1, FCCC/SBI/2021/12, FCCC/SBI/2021/14 and FCCC/TP/2021/2.

Annex

Revised terms of reference of the Consultative Group of Experts

1. The objective of the Consultative Group of Experts shall be to provide technical advice and support to developing country Parties for enhancing their institutional and technical capacity to prepare and submit national communications, biennial update reports, national greenhouse gas inventories and biennial transparency reports, as applicable, with a view to facilitating improvements in their reporting over time. Taking into account decisions 1/CP.21, paragraph 98, 1/CP.24, paragraphs 38 and 43(a–b), and 18/CMA.1, paragraphs 3–4, the Consultative Group of Experts shall ensure that it prioritizes its work in a manner that addresses the challenges, constraints and needs of developing country Parties.

2. In fulfilling its mandate¹ to support implementation of the existing measurement, reporting and verification arrangements under the Convention by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties), the Consultative Group of Experts shall:

(a) Provide, taking into account decision 1/CP.24, paragraphs 38 and 43(a–b), technical assistance and support to non-Annex I Parties to facilitate the process of and the preparation of their national communications² and biennial update reports in accordance with the “Guidelines for the preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention”, contained in the annex to decision 17/CP.8, and the “UNFCCC biennial update reporting guidelines for Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention”, contained in annex III to decision 2/CP.17;

(b) Provide recommendations, as appropriate, on elements to be considered in a future revision of the “Guidelines for the preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention”, taking into account the experience of non-Annex I Parties in preparing their national communications;

(c) Provide technical advice and support to Parties, upon request, on the provision of the information to be reported on steps taken to integrate climate change considerations into relevant social, economic and environmental policies and actions in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 1(f), of the Convention;

(d) Provide guidance and periodic advice to the secretariat to assist it in fulfilling the selection criteria for the composition of teams of technical experts, in accordance with decision 20/CP.19, annex, paragraphs 3–5, taking into account the reports provided by the secretariat in this regard on a semi-annual basis;

(e) Continue updating and organizing, as needed, with the assistance of the secretariat, the training programmes for nominated technical experts for the technical analysis of biennial update reports, on the basis of the most up-to-date training materials of the Consultative Group of Experts, with a view to improving the technical analysis, taking into account the experience of non-Annex I Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, in preparing their biennial update reports, and increasing the representation of the least developed countries and small island developing States in teams of technical experts.

3. In fulfilling its mandate to support implementation of the enhanced transparency framework under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, the Consultative Group of Experts shall:

(a) Facilitate the provision of technical advice and support to developing country Parties, as applicable, including for the preparation and submission of their biennial

¹ Decision 11/CP.24.

² In accordance with decision 1/CP.24, para. 43(a), Parties may submit their national communication and biennial transparency report as a single report in accordance with the modalities, procedures and guidelines contained in the annex to decision 18/CMA.1 for information also covered by the national communication reporting guidelines contained in, as applicable, decisions 4/CP.5 and 17/CP.8.

transparency reports, and facilitate improved reporting over time in accordance with the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement;³

(b) Provide technical advice to the secretariat on the implementation of the training for technical expert review teams referred to in decision 18/CMA.1, paragraph 12(c).

4. The Consultative Group of Experts, in providing technical advice and support, should, to the extent possible:

(a) Give special consideration to the least developed countries and small island developing States, including in the context of the need to improve the ability of experts to participate in technical expert reviews;

(b) Identify and take into account, as appropriate, lessons learned and best practices, and the challenges, constraints and needs of developing country Parties in preparing, as appropriate, the reports referred to in paragraph 1 above, including in relation to financial and other support available, as well as the areas for improvement and capacity-building needs identified in the technical analyses of biennial update reports and the technical expert review of biennial transparency reports;

(c) Seek to promote sectoral, gender and geographical balance among experts from developing countries eligible to participate in technical expert reviews;

(d) Facilitate the development and long-term sustainability of the processes for preparing, as appropriate and relevant, the reports referred to in paragraph 1 above, including by providing technical advice and support on elaborating appropriate institutional arrangements and establishing and maintaining national technical teams;

(e) Provide, upon request, information on existing activities and programmes, including bilateral, regional and multilateral sources of financial and technical assistance, to facilitate and support the preparation, as appropriate, of the reports referred to in paragraph 1 above.

5. The Consultative Group of Experts should collaborate, to the extent possible, with other expert groups and constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement as well as with relevant multilateral programmes and organizations, while avoiding duplication of work.

6. The Consultative Group of Experts shall develop, at its first meeting in 2022, a work programme for 2022–2026.

7. The Consultative Group of Experts shall forward recommendations on the matters referred to in paragraphs 2–3 above for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, as appropriate.

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13 November 2021*

³ Decision 18/CMA.1, annex.

Decision 15/CP.26

Extension of the mandate of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 5/CP.7, 29/CP.7, 7/CP.9, 4/CP.10, 4/CP.11, 8/CP.13, 6/CP.16, 5/CP.17, 12/CP.18, 3/CP.20, 1/CP.21, 19/CP.21, 16/CP.24, 7/CP.25, 11/CMA.1 and 19/CMA.1,

Recognizing Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Convention and the preamble to the Paris Agreement on Parties to it taking full account of the specific needs and special situations of the least developed countries in their actions with regard to funding and transfer of technology,

Noting the importance of adaptation for the least developed countries and the role of national adaptation plans in addressing national, subnational, sectoral and local, as well as regional and transboundary issues,

Having considered the reports on the 37th, 38th, 39th and 40th meetings of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, the report on the stocktaking meeting on the work of the Group, the views of Parties on the work of the Group, and the synthesis report on the progress, need for continuation and terms of reference of the Group and the recommendations contained therein,¹

Having also considered the views shared by Parties during official events on this matter,²

Recognizing the value of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group in providing support for addressing the priority needs of the least developed countries,

Expressing its special appreciation to the Least Developed Countries Expert Group on its twentieth anniversary,

Expressing its appreciation to the Least Developed Countries Expert Group for its successful work in implementing its work programme for 2015–2021 and in supporting the preparation and implementation of national adaptation programmes of action, other elements of the least developed countries work programme, and the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans,

Recognizing the experience of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group in successfully supporting the formulation and implementation of national adaptation programmes of action in the least developed countries,

Also recognizing the value of information provided by the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, in collaboration with other constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, to the least developed countries, and of the engagement of a wide range of organizations, including through the Open NAP initiative and the national adaptation plan technical working group, in supporting the least developed countries,

Noting the importance of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group as a body that provides high-quality information on adaptation for the least developed countries,

¹ FCCC/SBI/2020/6, FCCC/SBI/2020/7, FCCC/SBI/2020/8, FCCC/SBI/2020/14, FCCC/SBI/2021/6 and FCCC/SBI/2021/13.

² The event on enhancing support to the least developed countries: insights from a recent stocktaking meeting of the work of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (for information, see <https://unfccc.int/node/227958>); the technical dialogue with Parties and observers held by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on experience, good practices and lessons learned from work of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to inform the review of the Group (for information, see <https://unfccc.int/node/257183>); and the information event on the work of the Group in supporting the least developed countries on adaptation (for information, see https://unfccc.int/event/info_event_LEG_SB2021).

Recognizing that the least developed countries continue to require support for, inter alia, undertaking the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, applying regional approaches to adaptation, engaging with the Green Climate Fund and implementing the least developed countries work programme,

Noting the need to continue to support the least developed countries in achieving their vision of having produced their first national adaptation plan by the end of 2020 or soon thereafter,

1. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (hereinafter referred to as the Group) under its current terms of reference;³
2. *Also decides* that the next review of the mandate of the Group will take place at its thirty-sixth session (2031);
3. *Further decides* to take stock of the work of the Group in order to review its progress and terms of reference at its thirty-first session (2026), the midway point before the review referred to in paragraph 2 above, as a way to reflect on the evolving needs of the least developed countries;
4. *Invites* the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement to review the progress of the Group as it relates to implementation of the Paris Agreement at its eighth session (2026) as part of the stocktake referred to in paragraph 3 above;
5. *Decides* to outline at its twenty-ninth session (November 2024) the steps for the stocktake referred to in paragraphs 3–4 above;
6. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Group in enhancing the accessibility and transparency of its meetings and information and *requests* it to continue its efforts, building on the experience of other constituted bodies, while taking into account its nature as a technical expert group, and to provide information on these efforts in its reports;
7. *Invites* Parties and relevant organizations to continue to provide resources for supporting implementation of the Group's work programme;
8. *Requests* the Group to continue to provide technical guidance and support to the least developed countries for advancing the formulation and implementation of national adaptation plans, including in relation to the work on improving their access to funding under the Green Climate Fund, to build capacity to measure adaptation outcomes, and to enhance linkages among national adaptation plans, national and subnational development plans and strategies, the Sustainable Development Goals and relevant frameworks;
9. *Invites* the Group to consider under its workplan the possibility of creating, as needed, thematic working groups to expand its technical support in specific areas, building on the experience and success of its national adaptation plan technical working group and taking into account the ongoing workload of the Group and its available resources;
10. *Also invites* the Group, in the context of its outreach activities, to share information on relevant sources of finance for adaptation, including sources other than the UNFCCC Financial Mechanism;
11. *Requests* the Group to continue to support the least developed countries in understanding the modalities for and ways of accessing relevant sources of financing, capacity-building and technology transfer for adaptation in accordance with the Group's mandate;
12. *Also requests* the Group, in collaboration with relevant constituted bodies, to assist the least developed countries in addressing adaptation-related provisions of the Convention and the Paris Agreement, including the submission and updating of adaptation communications in accordance with decision 9/CMA.1;

³ Decisions 29/CP.7, 7/CP.9, 4/CP.11, 8/CP.13, 6/CP.16, 5/CP.17, 12/CP.18, 3/CP.20, 19/CP.21, 8/CP.24, 16/CP.24 and 7/CP.25.

13. *Further requests* the Group to continue to collaborate with the Standing Committee on Finance on matters relating to access to the Green Climate Fund and other funds under the Financial Mechanism by the least developed countries for funding the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;
14. *Requests* the Group to continue to collaborate with the Adaptation Committee and other constituted bodies working on adaptation, as well as on work under the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, in providing support to the least developed countries for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans and to include information thereon in its reports to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;
15. *Encourages* the Group to prioritize elements of its mandate on the basis of the needs of the least developed countries and the availability of resources;
16. *Recognizes* the positive engagement of a broad range of organizations, networks and experts in supporting the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans through the national adaptation plan technical working group;
17. *Requests* the Group to mobilize more partners to address specific priority needs of the least developed countries, as appropriate;
18. *Decides* to adjust the composition of the Group to be as follows:
- (a) Five members from African States that are least developed countries;
 - (b) Two members from Asia-Pacific States that are least developed countries;
 - (c) Two members from small island developing States that are least developed countries;
 - (d) Four members from the least developed country Parties;
 - (e) Four members from developed country Parties;
19. *Requests* the Group to develop, taking into account its current practices and its terms of reference, its draft rules of procedure, for consideration and adoption by the Conference of Parties at its twenty-seventh session (November 2022) and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its fourth session (November 2022);
20. *Also requests* the Group to include in its draft rules of procedure provisions on, inter alia, the nomination, term limits and rotation of its members;
21. *Encourages* Parties, when nominating members to the Group, to take into account, inter alia, gender balance; youth engagement; experience in climate finance; and expertise in project design and implementation, indigenous and traditional knowledge, and education.

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Decision 16/CP.26

Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 1/CP.21 and 2/CP.24,

Also recalling decision 2/CP.23, in particular paragraph 8, in which it recommended that the processes under the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, including its operationalization, take into account, inter alia, the interests and views of local communities and indigenous peoples as well as the following principles proposed by indigenous peoples organizations: full and effective participation of indigenous peoples; equal status of indigenous peoples and Parties, including in leadership roles; self-selection of representatives of indigenous peoples in accordance with their own procedures; and adequate funding from the secretariat and voluntary contributions to enable the functions of the Platform,

Acknowledging that Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity,

Noting the importance of ensuring the integrity of all ecosystems, including oceans, and the protection of biodiversity, recognized by some cultures as Mother Earth, and the importance for some of the concept of 'climate justice' when taking action to address climate change,

Recognizing the role of local communities and indigenous peoples in relation to the stewardship of and living in harmony with nature,

Also recognizing the important role of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform in bringing together Parties and indigenous peoples and local communities to work towards achieving the objectives of the Convention and the Paris Agreement,

Recalling decision 2/CP.24, paragraph 27, in which it decided to adopt, at its session in November 2021, a decision on the outcome of the review of the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice,

1. *Welcomes* the report on the 5th meeting of the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform;¹
2. *Invites* relevant bodies under the Convention to take into account the recommendations of the Facilitative Working Group to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice on the engagement and input of indigenous peoples and local communities across the UNFCCC process;²
3. *Welcomes* the progress in implementing the three functions of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, including implementation of the initial two-year workplan;
4. *Recognizes* the role of the Facilitative Working Group in fostering full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in achieving the objective of the Paris Agreement;
5. *Decides* to continue the mandate of the Facilitative Working Group;

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2021/1.

² FCCC/SBSTA/2021/1, annex V.

6. *Welcomes* the second three-year workplan of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform for 2022–2024;^{3, 4}
7. *Recommends* that the activities under the second three-year workplan facilitate exchange of experience between indigenous peoples and local communities and Parties of approaches to managing all ecosystems, which are key to achieving the objectives of the Convention and the Paris Agreement, in order to enhance national climate policy, including nationally determined contributions;
8. *Requests*, in the context of implementation of the second three-year workplan, the Facilitative Working Group to take into account additional inputs from Parties via submissions through the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform web portal, as appropriate;
9. *Recognizes* that the second three-year workplan facilitates continued collaboration among Parties and indigenous peoples and local communities on addressing and responding to climate change;
10. *Invites* Parties and stakeholders to enhance engagement of indigenous peoples and representatives of local communities in diverse and innovative ways in addressing and responding to climate change;
11. *Requests* the Facilitative Working Group to report on its outcomes, including a draft third three-year workplan of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, and on the activities under the Platform for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-ninth session (November 2024) through the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its sixtieth session (June 2024);
12. *Decides* that the next review of the Facilitative Working Group will be held in 2024, including consideration of the request in decision 2/CP.24, paragraph 4, with a view to the Conference of the Parties adopting a decision on the review at its twenty-ninth session;
13. *Requests* the Facilitative Working Group to invite Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities and other stakeholders to make submissions by the 10th meeting of the Facilitative Working Group (November–December 2023) on the review referred to in paragraph 12 above;
14. *Notes with appreciation* the support provided by Canada, Finland, Germany, New Zealand, the Russian Federation and Sweden for implementing the functions of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, including as part of the initial two-year workplan;
15. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to support and facilitate the work of the Facilitative Working Group;
16. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in this decision;
17. *Invites* interested Parties and organizations to provide financial support for implementation of the functions of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform;
18. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

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³ FCCC/SBSTA/2021/1, annex IV.

⁴ The workplan should not be read as creating new rights or obligations under international law.

Decision 17/CP.26

Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

The Conference of the Parties,

1. *Endorses* decision 19/CMA.3, on the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts and the reports¹ of its Executive Committee, which provides as follows:

“1. *Welcomes* the reports of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts for 2020 and 2021,² including the recommendations contained therein;

“2. *Also welcomes* the continued progress of the Executive Committee in implementing its five-year rolling workplan and that of its expert groups in implementing their plans of action, including in response to the relevant outcomes of the 2019 review of the Warsaw International Mechanism, despite the extraordinary challenges due to the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic;

“3. *Further welcomes:*

(a) The adoption by the Executive Committee of the plans of action of its expert groups on non-economic losses, slow onset events, and action and support, and the continued progress of implementation of the plans of action of the task force on displacement and the technical expert group on comprehensive risk management;

(b) The decision of the Executive Committee to update its five-year rolling workplan in 2022;

(c) The provision of input to the Standing Committee on Finance relating to the draft guidance for the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism;

(d) The progress of the Executive Committee, further to decision 19/CMA.1, in preparing its contribution for the technical assessment component of the global stocktake;

“4. *Encourages* the Executive Committee to:

(a) Include in its contribution referred to in paragraph 3(d) above, to the extent possible, information on challenges, opportunities, best practices and lessons learned in implementing the functions of the Warsaw International Mechanism as well as on activities and products relevant to the loss and damage considerations under the global stocktake, including in the context of decision 19/CMA.1, paragraphs 6(b)(ii) and 36(e);

(b) Consider including in the agendas for its regular meetings a standing item on how the latest climate science can inform policymaking;

“5. *Expresses appreciation* to:

(a) Organizations and other stakeholders that contributed to the success of the work undertaken and to the constituted bodies that collaborated with the Executive Committee and its expert groups in 2020–2021;

(b) Organizations that have submitted information pursuant to decision 2/CMA.2, paragraph 44;

¹ FCCC/SB/2020/3 and FCCC/SB/2021/4 and Add.1–2.

² As footnote 1 above.

“6. *Invites* organizations, bodies, networks and experts to include the following when reporting on the technical assistance provided to developing countries³ with the aim of enhancing the information captured in the reports of the Executive Committee:

- (a) The type of technical assistance provided;
- (b) The developing countries to which technical assistance was provided and when;
- (c) The involvement of and collaboration among stakeholders at the local, subnational, national, regional and international level, as applicable;
- (d) Challenges experienced in providing technical assistance;
- (e) The ways in which countries may access the technical assistance available;

“7. *Encourages*, noting the breadth of topics addressed in the strategic workstreams⁴ of the Executive Committee, a broad range of organizations, bodies, networks and experts from all regions, working at the local, subnational, national, regional and international level, including those in developing countries and those that are represented in the expert groups of the Executive Committee, to engage in the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change while avoiding duplication of their ongoing efforts;

“8. *Acknowledges* that the entities referred to in paragraph 7 above, particularly those that are based in developing countries, may need support, including financial support, in providing technical assistance;

“9. *Decides* that the Santiago network is to have the following functions:

(a) Contributing to the effective implementation of the functions⁵ of the Warsaw International Mechanism, in line with the provisions in paragraph 7 of decision 2/CP.19 and Article 8 of the Paris Agreement, by catalysing the technical assistance of organizations, bodies, networks and experts;

(b) Catalysing demand-driven technical assistance, including of relevant organizations, bodies, networks and experts, for the implementation of relevant approaches to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change by assisting in:

- (i) Identifying, prioritizing and communicating technical assistance needs and priorities;
- (ii) Identifying types of relevant technical assistance;
- (iii) Actively connecting those seeking technical assistance with best suited organizations, bodies, networks and experts;
- (iv) Accessing technical assistance available, including from such organizations, bodies, networks and experts;

(c) Facilitating the consideration of a wide range of topics relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage approaches, including but not limited to current and future impacts, priorities, and actions related to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage pursuant to decisions 3/CP.18 and 2/CP.19, the areas referred to in Article 8, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement and the strategic workstreams of the five-year rolling workplan of the Executive Committee;

(d) Facilitating and catalysing collaboration, coordination, coherence and synergies to accelerate action by organizations, bodies, networks and experts, across communities of practices, and for them to deliver effective and efficient technical assistance to developing countries;

³ As per decision 2/CMA.2, para. 44.

⁴ As contained in the annex to document FCCC/SB/2017/1/Add.1.

⁵ Decision 2/CP.19, para. 5.

(e) Facilitating the development, provision and dissemination of, and access to, knowledge and information on averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage, including comprehensive risk management approaches, at the regional, national and local level;

(f) Facilitating, through catalysing technical assistance of organizations, bodies, networks and experts, access to action and support (finance, technology and capacity-building), under and outside the Convention and the Paris Agreement, relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including urgent and timely responses to the impacts of climate change;

“10. *Also decides* to further develop the institutional arrangements of the Santiago network by:

(a) Inviting Parties and relevant organizations to submit via the submission portal⁶ by 15 March 2022 their views on the following aspects of the Santiago network:

- (i) Operational modalities;
- (ii) Structure;
- (iii) The role of the Executive Committee and its expert groups, task force and technical expert group;
- (iv) The role of loss and damage contact points and other relevant stakeholders at the subnational, national and regional level;
- (v) Possible elements for the terms of reference of a potential convening or coordinating body that may provide secretarial services to facilitate work under the Santiago network;

(b) Requesting the secretariat to organize a technical workshop⁷ prior to the fifty-sixth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June 2022), under the guidance of the Chairs of those bodies, with inputs from the Executive Committee and the participation of Parties and relevant organizations, bodies, networks and experts, to elaborate on the submissions referred to in paragraph 10(a) above;

(c) Requesting the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at their fifty-sixth sessions, to consider the submissions referred to in paragraph 10(a) above and the discussions at the technical workshop referred to in paragraph 10(b) above with a view to providing recommendations for consideration and adoption by the governing body at its next session or the governing bodies at their next sessions;

“11. *Requests* the secretariat to continue providing support for developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change that may seek or wish to benefit from the technical assistance available from organizations, bodies, networks and experts under the Santiago network, without prejudice to the outcomes of the consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation of matters relating to the network;

“12. *Encourages*, recognizing the urgent need for scaling-up action and support, as appropriate, including finance, technology and capacity-building, for the implementation of relevant approaches⁸ to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, the Executive Committee, on the basis of its recommendations, to:

(a) Continue engaging and strengthening its dialogue with the Standing Committee on Finance, including by providing input to the Standing Committee on Finance when, in accordance with its mandate, it provides information, recommendations

⁶ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

⁷ With the workshop to be held in a hybrid in-person and virtual format to encourage broad participation.

⁸ Approaches relevant to, inter alia, slow onset events, non-economic losses and human mobility.

and draft guidance relating to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, as appropriate;

(b) Commence, continue and/or explore potential ways to enhance, as appropriate, collaboration with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism to inform the work of the Executive Committee and its expert group on action and support;

“13. *Notes* that considerations related to the governance of the Warsaw International Mechanism will continue at its fourth session (November 2022);⁹

“14. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in this decision;

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

2. *Notes* that considerations related to the governance of the Warsaw International Mechanism will continue at its twenty-seventh session (November 2022).¹⁰

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13 November 2021*

⁹ It is noted that discussions on the governance of the Warsaw International Mechanism did not produce an outcome; this is without prejudice to further consideration of this matter.

¹⁰ As footnote 9 above.

Decision 18/CP.26

Glasgow work programme on Action for Climate Empowerment

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

Recalling Articles 4 and 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement,

Also recalling decisions 15/CP.18, 19/CP.20, 17/CP.22, 15/CP.25 and 17/CMA.1,

Further recalling decisions 17/CP.22 and 17/CMA.1, in which it was decided that efforts related to implementing Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement should be referred to as Action for Climate Empowerment,

Reaffirming the importance of all six elements of Action for Climate Empowerment – education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information and international cooperation on climate change – to achieving the objective of the Convention and the purpose and goals of the Paris Agreement,

Recognizing that Action for Climate Empowerment plays a key role in promoting the changes in lifestyles, attitudes and behaviours needed to foster low-emission, climate-resilient and sustainable development,

Reaffirming the key role that a broad range of stakeholders, such as national, regional and local governments, educational and cultural institutions, museums, the private sector, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, international organizations, decision makers, scientists, the media, teachers, youth, women and indigenous peoples, play in ensuring Action for Climate Empowerment,

Acknowledging the importance of linkages between activities undertaken to support Action for Climate Empowerment and other relevant international arrangements, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Education for Sustainable Development for 2030, as well as regional agreements,

Noting with appreciation the contributions of Parties and observers, including the members of the United Nations Alliance on Climate Change Education, Training and Public Awareness, to supporting Action for Climate Empowerment work undertaken to date,

Recognizing the importance of taking a long-term, strategic and country-driven approach to Action for Climate Empowerment at the local, national, regional and international level, including strengthening support for local, national and regional institutional and sectoral expertise and capacity for its implementation,

Acknowledging the growing interest and engagement of youth in climate action and the critical role of youth as agents of change and *calling for* further enhancement of youth participation in climate change processes and in unleashing the potential of Action for Climate Empowerment,

Recognizing that ensuring the availability of and access to sufficient financial resources and technical support for adequately implementing Action for Climate Empowerment continues to be a challenge for all Parties, but particularly for developing country Parties,

Having completed the review of the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the relevant submissions from Parties and relevant organizations¹ and the relevant reports prepared by the secretariat;²

¹ As per decision 15/CP.25, paras. 2–4.

² FCCC/SBI/2020/9, FCCC/SBI/2020/INF.4 and FCCC/SBI/2021/1.

2. *Acknowledges* that the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention provided good guidance for action on implementing the six elements of Action for Climate Empowerment;
3. *Recognizes* the importance of enhancing the implementation of Action for Climate Empowerment across all relevant areas of implementation of the Convention and the Paris Agreement;
4. *Adopts* the 10-year Glasgow work programme on Action for Climate Empowerment, contained in the annex, taking into account the elements identified as effective in supporting implementation as well as gaps, needs and opportunities for improvement;
5. *Invites* Parties and relevant non-Party stakeholders to engage in and support implementation of the Glasgow work programme while maintaining a country-driven approach;
6. *Also invites* multilateral and bilateral institutions and organizations, including the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, as appropriate, to provide financial support for activities related to implementing Action for Climate Empowerment;
7. *Encourages* Parties to strengthen the integration of Action for Climate Empowerment into the development and implementation of national climate policies, plans, strategies and action, including by developing and implementing a national strategy that covers all six elements of Action for Climate Empowerment and facilitates broad cross-sectoral coordination and collaboration;
8. *Also encourages* Parties to continue designating, assigning responsibilities to, and providing support, including technical and financial support, and access to information and materials to national Action for Climate Empowerment focal points;
9. *Further encourages* intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in a position to do so to provide technical or financial support for Action for Climate Empowerment activities;
10. *Requests* the secretariat to promote partnerships with other organizations, the private sector and donors in order to support implementation of the Glasgow work programme;
11. *Also requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to:
 - (a) Facilitate implementation of the Glasgow work programme under the guidance of its Chair, subject to the availability of financial resources;
 - (b) Hold an annual in-session Action for Climate Empowerment dialogue at its first regular session of each year with the participation of Parties, representatives of relevant constituted bodies, and relevant experts, practitioners and stakeholders that focuses on the progress of implementation of the Glasgow work programme and on its four priority areas: policy coherence; coordinated action; tools and support; and monitoring, evaluation and reporting;
 - (c) Focus the first in-session dialogue, to be held at its fifty-sixth session (June 2022), on the engagement of children and youth in implementation of the four priority areas of the Glasgow work programme referred to in paragraph 11(b) above;
 - (d) Consider, at its second regular session of each year, the annual summary report to be prepared by the secretariat on progress in implementing activities under the Glasgow work programme (see para. 12(a) below);
 - (e) Undertake the development of an action plan at its fifty-sixth session focusing on immediate action through short-term, clear and time-bound activities, guided by the priority areas set out in the Glasgow work programme, with a view to recommending a draft decision on this matter for adoption by Conference of the Parties at its twenty-seventh session (November 2022) and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its fourth session (November 2022);
 - (f) Convene at its fifty-sixth session an in-session technical workshop for Parties on how the priority areas listed in paragraph 11(b) above can guide implementation of the six elements of Action for Climate Empowerment, through a short-term action plan guiding,

inter alia, the organization of the annual in-session Action for Climate Empowerment dialogue;

(g) Undertake a midterm review of progress at its sixty-fourth session (2026) and a final review of progress at its seventy-fourth session (2031) of the Glasgow work programme to evaluate its effectiveness, identify any emerging gaps and needs, and inform any consideration of improving the work programme, as appropriate;

12. *Further requests* the secretariat to assist the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation with activities related to the facilitation of implementation referred to in paragraph 11(a) above and, under the guidance of the Chair, to:

(a) Prepare an annual summary report on progress in implementing activities under the Glasgow work programme for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its second regular session of each year;

(b) Prepare a synthesis report ahead of the midterm review and the final review of the Glasgow work programme on the integration of Action for Climate Empowerment into relevant reports and communications submitted by Parties to the secretariat as part of the UNFCCC process for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its sixty-fourth and seventy-fourth sessions, respectively;

13. *Invites* Parties and observers to submit their views on matters to be addressed at the in-session workshop referred to in paragraph 11(f) above via the submission portal³ by 28 February 2022;

14. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 12 above and paragraphs 6(b–c) and 11 of the annex;

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

³ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

Annex

Glasgow work programme on Action for Climate Empowerment

I. Guiding principles

1. The Glasgow work programme on Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) sets out the scope of and provides the basis for activities related to implementing ACE in accordance with the provisions of the Convention and the Paris Agreement. The work programme serves as a flexible framework for country-driven action that addresses the specific needs and circumstances of Parties and reflects their national priorities and initiatives while building long-term capacity and expertise in developed and developing countries for implementing ACE, including by promoting strong domestic enabling environments.
2. The Glasgow work programme builds on work undertaken in response to relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA).¹
3. The Glasgow work programme shall be guided by:
 - (a) A country-driven approach;
 - (b) Cost-effectiveness;
 - (c) Flexibility;
 - (d) A gender and intergenerational approach;
 - (e) A phased approach that integrates activities under Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement into climate change programmes and strategies;
 - (f) The promotion of partnerships, networks and synergies, in particular synergies among conventions;
 - (g) An interdisciplinary multisectoral, multi-stakeholder and participatory approach;
 - (h) A holistic systematic approach;
 - (i) The principles of sustainable development.

II. Scope

4. The Glasgow work programme comprises activities under four action-oriented priority areas and the six ACE elements that Parties, taking into account national circumstances, and non-Party stakeholders may carry out to enhance implementation of ACE, including through cooperation, collaboration and partnerships.

III. Priority areas

5. Four thematic priority areas have been identified as relevant to addressing gaps and challenges in implementing the six ACE elements and for creating opportunities to accelerate that implementation.

¹ Decisions 15/CP.18, 19/CP.20, 17/CP.22, 15/CP.25 and 17/CMA.1.

A. Policy coherence

6. Recognizing that activities related to ACE are also carried out under workstreams that are part of the UNFCCC process, as well as under frameworks and processes of the United Nations system and in multiple sectors and strategies at the national level, the priority area of policy coherence has the aim of strengthening coordination of work under ACE. Efficient and effective ACE implementation can be enabled by undertaking the following at the international level:

(a) Inviting all constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement to include in their regular reports information on how ACE is implemented under their respective workstreams;

(b) Inviting the Presidencies of the COP and the CMA, with the support of the secretariat, to convene an in-session event at each of their sessions 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;

(c) Encouraging the secretariat and other United Nations and intergovernmental organizations to strengthen their collaboration with a view to ensuring the provision of coordinated support to Parties for their activities related to ACE and avoiding duplication of work.

7. At the national level, Parties are encouraged to strengthen integration of ACE into the development and implementation of national climate policies, plans, strategies and action, including by developing and implementing a national strategy that covers all six ACE elements and facilitates broad cross-sectoral coordination and collaboration.

8. In addition, at the national level, Parties are also encouraged to continue designating, assigning responsibilities to, and providing support, including technical and financial support, and access to information and materials to national ACE focal points. Such responsibilities could include identifying areas for possible international cooperation and opportunities for strengthening synergies with action under other conventions, and coordinating the preparation of the chapter on ACE in national communications, ensuring that relevant contact information, including weblinks, is provided therein.

B. Coordinated action

9. This priority area has the aim of continuing to build long-term, strategic, operational, multilevel, multi-stakeholder, intergenerational partnerships that bring together different expertise, resources and knowledge to accelerate ACE implementation. Such partnerships can be fostered by undertaking the following activities at the international level:

(a) Holding an annual in-session ACE dialogue at the first regular session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation each year with the participation of Parties, representatives of relevant constituted bodies, and relevant experts, practitioners and stakeholders that focuses on the progress of implementation of the Glasgow work programme and on its four priority areas:

- (i) Policy coherence;
- (ii) Coordinated action;
- (iii) Tools and support;
- (iv) Monitoring, evaluation and reporting;

(b) Organizing an annual youth forum in collaboration with children and youth organizations, including the constituency of youth non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other youth NGOs;

(c) Inviting Parties and stakeholders to develop international, regional and national programmes and activities, including the preparation of training and education materials and tools, using local languages where applicable and practical.

10. At the national level, Parties are encouraged to:

(a) Prepare assessments of needs specific to national circumstances in the area of ACE implementation, including use of social research methods and other relevant instruments to determine target audiences and partnerships;

(b) Strengthen in-country coordination and institutional arrangements at different levels to avoid duplication of efforts, promote knowledge-sharing, foster local networks and enhance collaboration among all stakeholders in relation to ACE implementation.

C. Tools and support

11. This priority area is aimed at enhancing access to tools and support for building capacity and raising awareness among Parties, national ACE focal points and non-Party stakeholders with regard to ACE. ACE implementation can be enhanced by undertaking the following activities at the international level:

(a) Requesting the secretariat to:

(i) Strengthen the network of national ACE focal points at the international and regional level, including by facilitating regular exchanges of views, good practices and lessons learned to build and strengthen capacity and skills, and by facilitating peer support for ACE implementation;

(ii) Raise awareness of and promote bilateral and multilateral initiatives and programmes related to ACE implementation;

(iii) Enhance communication and information-sharing about ACE and its six elements through existing UNFCCC web-based resources and communication activities;

(b) Inviting relevant international organizations, including United Nations organizations, and other non-Party stakeholders to:

(i) Support implementation of ACE activities through their work programmes and through specific programmes focused on climate change, including, as appropriate, by providing and disseminating information and resources, such as visual materials that could be easily translated and adapted, and by providing financial and technical support;

(ii) Facilitate partnerships and networking among Parties, intergovernmental organizations, NGOs, academia, the private sector, state and local governments and community-based organizations with the aim of jointly designing, implementing and evaluating ACE activities and policies;

(iii) Contribute to implementation of the Glasgow work programme in their areas of competence;

(iv) Support Parties in developing long-term, strategic and country-driven approaches to ACE that are linked to national climate change objectives, and in strengthening relevant national institutions;

(v) Design and implement training programmes, develop guidelines and provide other direct support to national ACE focal points;

(vi) Facilitate, in partnership with Parties and civil society actors, the organization of global, regional, subregional and national workshops focusing on specific priority areas of the Glasgow work programme.

12. At the national level, Parties are encouraged to determine the most efficient and cost-effective way to implement ACE activities, and to develop funding instruments at the national

level, where appropriate, to support such activities, in particular at the subnational and local level.

13. Parties are also encouraged to establish partnerships with other Parties, as well as with intergovernmental organizations, NGOs and other stakeholders, to facilitate implementation of ACE activities, including with a view to developing institutional and technical capacity to:

- (a) Identify gaps and needs related to ACE implementation;
- (b) Assess the effectiveness of ACE activities;
- (c) Consider linkages between ACE activities, implementation of policies and measures to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and other means of implementation under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, such as technology transfer and capacity-building.

14. Parties are further encouraged to build the capacity of youth to embark on and lead ACE implementation and promote youth participation in relevant climate processes at the national and international level, including by including youth in national delegations at UNFCCC meetings.

D. Monitoring, evaluation and reporting

15. This priority area is aimed at strengthening monitoring, evaluation and reporting of the implementation of all six ACE elements at all levels, according to Parties' specific priorities, needs and national circumstances. Monitoring, evaluation and reporting can be strengthened by undertaking the following activities at the international level:

(a) Inviting Parties to provide information in their national communications, where possible, and in other reports on activities and policies involving ACE implementation, reporting on accomplishments, lessons learned, experience, and challenges and opportunities, noting that the six ACE elements provide a useful guide for this reporting;

(b) Inviting United Nations agencies, intergovernmental organizations and other non-Party stakeholders to submit information to the secretariat on ACE implementation at all levels for inclusion in the annual summary report on progress in implementing activities under the Glasgow work programme.

16. At the national level, Parties are encouraged to share with the public and all stakeholders the findings contained in their national communications and national action plans or domestic programmes on climate change regarding ACE implementation, using tools such as social media to reach and engage multiple stakeholders, as appropriate. Parties are also encouraged to promote greater involvement of non-Party stakeholders to support them in monitoring, evaluating and reporting ACE activities.

IV. Implementing the six elements of Action for Climate Empowerment

A. Parties and non-Party stakeholders

17. As part of their national programmes to implement the Convention and the Paris Agreement, and taking into account national circumstances, Parties and non-Party stakeholders are encouraged to undertake activities under the six ACE elements, which are listed in paragraphs 18–23 below.

1. Education

18. Parties and non-Party stakeholders are encouraged to collaborate on, promote, facilitate, develop and implement formal and non-formal education and training programmes focused on climate change at all levels, targeting the involvement of women and youth in

particular, including by organizing exchanges or secondments of personnel to provide training for experts.

2. Training

19. Parties and non-Party stakeholders are encouraged to collaborate on, promote, facilitate, develop and implement training programmes focused on climate change for groups with a key role in climate action, such as scientific, technical and managerial personnel, journalists, teachers and community leaders at the international, national, regional, subregional and local level, as appropriate. Technical skills and knowledge are required to adequately address and respond to climate change issues.

3. Public awareness

20. Parties and non-Party stakeholders are encouraged to cooperate in, promote, facilitate, develop and implement public awareness programmes on climate change and its effects at the national and, as appropriate, subregional, regional and international level by, inter alia, encouraging individuals to contribute to and take their own action to address climate change, supporting climate-friendly policies and fostering behavioural change, including through the use of popular media, noting the important role that social media platforms and strategies can play in this context.

4. Public access to information

21. Parties and non-Party stakeholders are encouraged to facilitate public access to data and information by providing information on climate change initiatives, policies and results of actions that enables the public and other stakeholders to understand, address and respond to climate change. This should take into account such factors as quality of Internet access, level of literacy and language differences.

5. Public participation

22. Parties and non-Party stakeholders are encouraged to promote public participation in addressing climate change and its effects and in developing adequate responses by facilitating feedback, debate and partnership in relation to climate change activities and relevant governance, noting the important role that social media platforms and strategies can play in this context.

6. International cooperation

23. Parties and non-Party stakeholders are encouraged to promote subregional, regional and international cooperation in undertaking activities within the framework of the Glasgow work programme, which has the potential to enhance the collective ability of Parties to implement the Convention and the Paris Agreement. Intergovernmental organizations and NGOs can also contribute to its implementation. Such cooperation can further enhance synergies of action under different conventions and improve the effectiveness of all sustainable development efforts.

B. Parties

24. As part of their national programmes and activities in implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement, and within the framework of the Glasgow work programme, Parties could undertake the activities listed in paragraphs 25–30 below, as appropriate.

1. Education

25. Parties are encouraged to:

(a) Integrate climate change learning into the curricula of schools and other institutions that provide formal education, and support non-formal and informal education on climate change, including respect for and inclusion of indigenous and traditional knowledge;

(b) Strengthen education, training and skills development in national institutions to deliver action on climate change learning.

2. Training

26. Parties are encouraged to:

(a) Develop tools and methodologies for supporting climate change training and skills development through collaboration, and provide training programmes for groups with a key role in climate change communication and education, including journalists, teachers, academics, youth, children and community leaders;

(b) Enhance the capacity of teachers and academics to integrate climate into their curricula by developing materials and promoting training focused on climate change at the regional and international level, where appropriate;

(c) Train government officials from different ministries and departments, including those working in local government, on how climate change relates to their respective areas of work with a view to strengthening institutional and technical capacity.

3. Public awareness

27. Parties are encouraged to:

(a) Inform the public on the causes of climate change and sources of greenhouse gas emissions, as well as on actions that can be taken at all levels to address climate change;

(b) Encourage the public to contribute to mitigation and adaptation actions as part of public awareness programmes;

(c) Develop strategies for communicating on climate change on the basis of targeted sociological research with a view to encouraging behavioural change;

(d) Conduct surveys, including of knowledge, attitudes, behaviour and practices, to establish the level of public awareness of climate issues, which can serve as a basis for further work and support the monitoring of the impact of activities;

(e) Develop criteria for identifying good practices for ACE and disseminate information thereon, at the national or regional level according to national circumstances and capacities, and promote the sharing of such practices;

(f) Conduct government campaigns to inform the public on issues such as climate change, climate action and vulnerabilities, including through social media, electronic communication, festivals and cultural events, or by partnering with urban and rural local communities;

(g) Create communities of practice, knowledge and learning that are available and accessible to a wide range of stakeholders, including women, children and youth, the elderly and persons with disabilities.

4. Public access to information

28. Parties are encouraged to:

(a) Increase the availability of copyright-free and translated material on climate change, in accordance with laws and standards relating to the protection of copyrighted material;

(b) Seek opportunities to widely disseminate information on climate change. Measures could include translating information into other languages, as appropriate, and distributing simplified versions of key documents on climate change, including Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Assessment Reports;

(c) Include accurate information on climate change science and mitigation on national and subnational government websites;

(d) Make scientific information on climate change mitigation and adaptation freely available and accessible to the public;

(e) Make national climate reports available in local languages for vulnerable communities, including people with special needs;

(f) Improve public access to information on climate change at the national and local level using a range of methods and tools, taking into account the different ways particular communities, groups and individuals, including women and children and youth, may be impacted by climate change.

5. Public participation

29. Parties are encouraged to:

(a) Seek public participation and input, including from youth, women, civil society organizations and other groups, in formulating and implementing efforts to address climate change and in relation to preparing national communications, and encourage the involvement and participation of representatives of all stakeholders and major groups in the climate change negotiation process;

(b) Foster the participation of all stakeholders in ACE implementation and invite them to report thereon. In particular, enhance the active participation of youth, women, civil society organizations and the media;

(c) Establish public–private or public–non-profit partnerships between national ACE focal points for implementing ACE activities (e.g. university partnerships);

(d) Hold frequent, inclusive civil society consultations on climate decision-making, including follow-up processes with specific outcomes such as feedback surveys that enable participants to express how they feel their input was used;

(e) Develop guidelines for enhancing public participation in climate change decision-making and the inclusion of children and youth, and for assisting local governments and the public in climate change decision-making.

6. International cooperation

30. Parties are encouraged to:

(a) Seek to enhance cooperation and coordination in developing and implementing ACE activities at the international and regional level. This includes identifying partners and building networks with other Parties, intergovernmental organizations, NGOs, the private sector, provincial and local governments, and community-based organizations. Parties should also promote and facilitate the exchange of information and materials and the sharing of experience and good practices;

(b) Promote and encourage regional programmes and projects developed by Parties, intergovernmental organizations, NGOs, the private sector, provincial and local governments, and community-based organizations that support the implementation of ACE and promote the sharing of experience, including through the dissemination of best practices and lessons learned and the exchange of information and data.

*10th plenary meeting
11 November 2021*

Decision 19/CP.26

Matters relating to the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures

The Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol,

Recalling decisions 7/CP.24, 4/CP.25, 3/CMP.14, 4/CMP.15 and 7/CMA.1,

1. *Welcome with appreciation* the annual report of the Katowice Committee of Experts on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures (hereinafter referred to as the Katowice Committee on Impacts) for 2020–2021¹ and the progress of the Katowice Committee on Impacts in supporting the work of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures (hereinafter referred to as the forum), noting that, on an exceptional basis, the 2020–2021 annual report was considered before consideration of the 2020 annual report and continuation of consideration of the 2019 annual report;
2. *Welcome* the informal event and technical expert meetings held virtually in 2020 and 2021² by the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, which served as input to the forum's work on implementing the relevant activities in the workplan of the forum and its Katowice Committee on Impacts,³ and *underscore* the challenges experienced with participating in meetings in a virtual setting in 2020 and 2021;
3. *Note* the limitations to progress and limited progress in the implementation of the functions and modalities of the forum and of certain activities in the workplan by the forum, including due to the exceptional circumstances, and therefore *request* the secretariat to hold a two-day workshop in conjunction with the fifty-sixth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June 2022) to further advance the implementation of workplan activities 3, 4 and 11;
4. *Welcome* the progress made by the Katowice Committee on Impacts in implementing the workplan and the inputs of experts, practitioners and relevant organizations to the work of the forum and its Katowice Committee on Impacts;
5. *Adopt* the recommendations pertaining to activity 1 of the workplan contained in annex I, forwarded by the forum in the 2020–2021 annual report of the Katowice Committee on Impacts, and *invite* Parties to implement them, as applicable;
6. *Adopt* the revised rules of procedure of the Katowice Committee on Impacts contained in annex II;
7. *Recall* decision 7/CMA.1 and the functions of the forum and *note* that the forum, when considering the annual reports of the Katowice Committee on Impacts and the recommendations contained therein, should consider ways to promote actions to minimize the adverse impacts and maximize the positive impacts of the implementation of response measures;
8. *Request* the forum, at the fifty-sixth sessions of the subsidiary bodies, to consider ways to promote actions to minimize the adverse impacts and maximize the positive impacts of the implementation of response measures on the recommendations contained in annex I;
9. *Recall* the rules of procedure of the Katowice Committee on Impacts⁴ and *encourage* groups to nominate members to the Katowice Committee on Impacts taking into account the goal of achieving gender balance;

¹ Katowice Committee on Impacts document KCI/2021/4/8. Available at <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/KCI>.

² See <https://unfccc.int/topics/mitigation/workstreams/response-measures/workshops-and-events>.

³ Contained in annex II to decisions 4/CP.25, 4/CMP.15 and 4/CMA.2.

⁴ Decision 4/CMA.2, annex I.

10. *Request* the secretariat to organize a regional workshop on activity 3 of the workplan before the fifty-sixth sessions of the subsidiary bodies in collaboration with relevant organizations and stakeholders to address regional needs and acknowledge the work that is being carried out by the Katowice Committee on Impacts and *note* that further regional workshops on activity 3 could be decided by the forum;

11. *Invite* Parties and observers to submit via the submission portal⁵ by April 2022 their views on the elements of the midterm review of the workplan of the forum and its Katowice Committee on Impacts and *request* the secretariat to prepare a summary of the submissions with a view to informing Parties' discussion on the midterm review starting at the fifty-sixth sessions of the subsidiary bodies;⁶

12. *Take note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 3 and 11 above;

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

⁵ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

⁶ As per decision 19/CMA.1, para. 24.

Annex I

Recommendations forwarded by the forum pertaining to activity 1 of the workplan: exploring approaches to inform the development and implementation of climate change mitigation strategies, plans, policies and programmes that maximize the positive and minimize the negative impacts of response measures

1. Encourage Parties to engage relevant stakeholders at each step of the process of designing and implementing climate mitigation policies and policies to achieve sustainable development, including through social dialogue, when possible and subject to national circumstances. The relevant stakeholders among others include workers, employers, organizations, academia, the public and private sectors, women and civil society.
2. Encourage Parties to explore complementary policies, such as economic policies, social protection and labour policies, to help strengthen the outcomes of the implementation of mitigation strategies, plans, policies and programmes, including nationally determined contributions and low-emission development strategies.
3. Encourage Parties to strengthen international and regional cooperation as it contributes to planning and implementation of mitigation policies with environmental and socioeconomic benefits, for example to help facilitate technology development and transfer in accordance with Article 10 of the Paris Agreement, and strive towards harmonized regional approaches.
4. Encourage Parties to use existing qualitative and quantitative assessment methodologies and tools to understand social, economic and employment effects of proposed mitigation measures as a way to inform and guide climate policies and to maximize the positive and minimize the negative effects of the implementation of response measures. More analysis of impacts, including, inter alia, sectoral, national, subnational, domestic and cross border, would be useful for informing climate policies and understanding how to maximize the positive and minimize the negative effects of the implementation of response measures.
5. Encourage the forum and its Katowice Committee of Experts on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures to enhance the capacity of Parties, particularly developing country Parties, through training and capacity-building efforts, including existing initiatives. This will enable Parties to carry out their own assessments and analyses of the impacts of response measures.

Annex II

Revised rules of procedure of the Katowice Committee of Experts on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures

I. Scope

1. These rules of procedure shall apply to the Katowice Committee of Experts on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures (KCI) in accordance with decision 7/CMA.1 and its annex.

II. Mandate

2. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA), by decision 7/CMA.1, decided to establish the KCI to support the work of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures in implementing its work programme and operating in accordance with the terms of reference contained in the annex to that decision.

3. The forum and the KCI may use the following modalities, as appropriate and as decided on a case-by-case basis, to carry out the work programme of the forum:

- (a) Building awareness and enhancing information-sharing through the exchange and sharing of experience and best practices;
- (b) Preparing technical papers, case studies, specific examples and guidelines;
- (c) Receiving inputs from experts, practitioners and relevant organizations;
- (d) Organizing workshops.

III. Members

4. The CMA, by decision 7/CMA.1, decided that the KCI shall be composed of 14 members, of which:

- (a) Two members from each of the five United Nations regional groups;
- (b) One member from the least developed countries;
- (c) One member from the small island developing States;
- (d) Two members from relevant intergovernmental organizations.¹

5. By the same decision, the CMA also decided that members shall be nominated by their respective groups. Groups are encouraged to nominate members taking into account the goal of achieving gender balance. The Chairs of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) shall be notified of these appointments.²

6. The CMA further decided that members shall serve in their expert capacity and should have relevant qualifications and expertise in the technical and socioeconomic fields related to the areas of the work programme of the forum.³

¹ Decision 7/CMA.1, annex, para. 4(b).

² Decision 7/CMA.1, annex, para. 4(d).

³ Decision 7/CMA.1, annex, para. 4(c).

7. Further, the CMA decided that members shall serve a term of two years and be eligible to serve a maximum of two consecutive terms in office.⁴ The following rules shall apply:

(a) Half of the members shall be nominated initially for a term of three years and half of the members for a term of two years;

(b) Thereafter, members are nominated for a term of two years;

(c) The members shall remain in office until their successors are nominated. In such a case, the KCI shall notify the Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI.

8. The term of office of a member shall commence at the first meeting of the KCI in the calendar year of their appointment and end immediately before the first meeting of the KCI in the calendar year after their second calendar year⁵ in office.

9. If a member of the KCI resigns or is otherwise unable to complete the assigned term of office or to perform the functions of that office, the KCI shall request the group that nominated the member to nominate another member for the remainder of the unexpired term, in which case the appointment shall count as one term. In such a case, the KCI shall notify the Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI.

10. If a member is unable to participate in two consecutive meetings of the KCI or unable to perform the functions and tasks set by the KCI, the Co-Chairs of the KCI will bring this matter to the attention of the KCI and seek clarification from the group that nominated that member on the status of their membership.

IV. Conflict of interest

11. The KCI members must promptly disclose, and recuse themselves from, any deliberations or decision-making that could have a bearing on their personal or financial interests, in order to avoid a conflict of interest or the appearance of one. Further, KCI members shall not disclose any information deemed by the KCI as confidential which they receive in the course of their duties, even after leaving the KCI.

V. Co-Chairs

12. The CMA decided that the KCI shall elect, on a consensus basis, two members from among its members to serve as Co-Chairs for a term of two years each, taking into account the need to ensure equitable geographical representation.⁶

13. The CMA also decided that if one of the Co-Chairs is temporarily unable to fulfil the obligations of the office, another member designated by the KCI shall serve as Co-Chair.⁷

14. If one of the Co-Chairs is unable to complete the term of office, the KCI shall elect a replacement from among its members of the relevant group of the incumbent Co-Chair, if available, to complete that term of office.

15. The Co-Chairs shall collaborate in chairing meetings of the KCI and in facilitating the work of the KCI throughout the year, in accordance with the workplan of the forum and its KCI, to ensure coherence between meetings.

16. Following the completion of the Co-Chairs' two-year term of office, the KCI shall nominate two members as Co-Chairs to serve the next two-year term of office.

17. The Co-Chairs shall declare the opening and closing of meetings of the KCI, ensure the observance of these rules of procedure and rule on points of order.

⁴ Decision 7/CMA.1, annex, para. 4(e).

⁵ Third calendar year for members serving an initial term of three years in accordance with para. 7(a) above.

⁶ Decision 7/CMA.1, annex, para. 4(f).

⁷ Decision 7/CMA.1, annex, para. 4(g).

18. The Co-Chairs shall call upon speakers at meetings of the KCI in the order in which they signify their desire to speak. The secretariat shall maintain a list of speakers. The Co-Chairs may call a speaker to order if their remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.

19. The KCI may further define additional roles and responsibilities for the Co-Chairs.

20. In exercising their functions, the Co-Chairs shall remain under the authority of the KCI.

VI. Secretariat

21. The secretariat shall support and facilitate the work of the KCI, by:

(a) Making the necessary arrangements for the meetings of the KCI, including announcing meetings, issuing invitations, making the necessary travel arrangements for members eligible for funding for their participation in meetings and making available relevant documents for meetings;

(b) Maintaining meeting records and arranging for the storage and preservation of documents of meetings of the KCI;

(c) Making documents of meetings of the KCI available to the public, unless otherwise decided by the KCI.

22. The secretariat shall assist the KCI in tracking its actions, in accordance with the workplan of the forum and its KCI, in its annual report.

23. In addition, the secretariat shall perform any other functions assigned by the KCI, in accordance with the workplan of the forum and its KCI.

VII. Meetings

24. The KCI shall meet twice per year, for two days per meeting, in conjunction with the sessions of the subsidiary bodies.

25. At least nine members of the KCI must be present to constitute a quorum.

26. Members are requested to confirm their attendance at meetings of the KCI as early as possible, and at least four weeks prior to a meeting for members eligible for funding for their participation, to enable sufficient time for the secretariat to make the necessary travel arrangements.

27. Should technical and financial resources permit, open meetings of the KCI shall be webcast on the UNFCCC website.

28. At each of its meetings, the KCI shall propose the dates of its next meeting. The Co-Chairs will agree the dates of the next meeting in consultation with the secretariat.

VIII. Agenda and documentation for meetings

29. The Co-Chairs, assisted by the secretariat, shall prepare the provisional agenda and provisional annotated agenda for each meeting of the KCI in accordance with the workplan of the forum and its KCI. The Co-Chairs will prepare a report on the meeting, to be agreed by members, and this will be made available on the UNFCCC website. The Co-Chairs will report back to the forum on the meeting of the KCI.

30. The provisional agenda and provisional annotated agenda for each meeting shall be transmitted to the members of the KCI at least four weeks in advance of the meeting.

31. Members may propose additions or changes to the provisional agenda and provisional annotated agenda, in writing, to the secretariat within one week of receiving the documents,

and these additions or changes shall be considered for a revised provisional agenda and provisional annotated agenda by the secretariat in agreement with the Co-Chairs.

32. The secretariat shall transmit the provisional agenda and provisional annotated agenda and any supporting documentation to the members at least two weeks prior to a meeting. Documents may be transmitted after that date with the approval of the Co-Chairs.

33. Documents for a meeting shall be published on the UNFCCC website at least two weeks prior to that meeting, to the extent possible.

34. The KCI shall, at the beginning of each meeting, adopt the agenda for that meeting.

35. The CMA decided that members of the KCI shall prepare an annual report for consideration by the forum with a view to making recommendations for consideration by the SBSTA and the SBI, which, in turn, are to recommend actions to the Conference of the Parties (COP), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) and the CMA for their consideration and adoption.⁸

36. The annual report shall be made available on the UNFCCC website before the relevant sessions of the COP, the CMP and the CMA.

IX. Decision-making

37. The CMA decided that the KCI shall operate on the basis of consensus of its members.⁹

38. The KCI may use electronic means to facilitate its work, as appropriate and in accordance with the workplan of the forum and its KCI.

X. Working language

39. The working language of the KCI shall be English.

XI. Participation of expert advisers in meetings

40. The KCI, in fulfilling its mandate, should draw upon outside expertise at its meetings.

41. The Co-Chairs may, in consultation with the KCI, invite representatives of international organizations, the private sector, academia and/or civil society to participate in a meeting of the KCI as expert advisers on specific issues under consideration at the meeting.

XII. Participation of observers

42. The CMA decided that meetings of the KCI shall be open to attendance as observers by all Parties and accredited observer organizations, unless otherwise decided by the KCI.¹⁰

43. The KCI may decide to close a meeting or part thereof to observers at any time.

44. The secretariat shall make the dates and venues of the meetings available to the public to enable participation by observers.

45. Observers may, with the agreement of the KCI, be invited to address the KCI on matters under consideration by the KCI. The Co-Chairs shall notify the KCI one week in advance of the meeting of any proposed interventions by observers.

46. The KCI may request interventions from observers throughout the meeting, as appropriate.

⁸ Decision 7/CMA.1, para. 12, and annex, para. 4(j).

⁹ Decision 7/CMA.1, annex, para. 4(i).

¹⁰ Decision 7/CMA.1, annex, para. 4(h).

XIII. Use of electronic means of communication

47. The KCI shall use electronic means of communication to facilitate intersessional work, as appropriate and in accordance with the workplan of the forum and its KCI. The secretariat shall ensure that a secure and dedicated web interface is established and maintained to facilitate the work of the KCI.

XIV. Working groups

48. The KCI may establish working groups among its members to support the forum in performing its functions. The working groups may receive inputs from experts, practitioners and relevant organizations in accordance with the workplan of the forum and its KCI and in line with paragraphs 40–41 above.

XV. Workplan

49. The KCI will support the work of the forum in line with the workplan of the forum and its KCI.

XVI. Amendments to the rules of procedure

50. The KCI may recommend amendments to these rules of procedure for consideration by the forum and approval by the subsidiary bodies.

51. Proposals and amendments to proposals for the rules of procedure may be introduced and submitted to the secretariat in writing by KCI members; such proposals and amendments shall be circulated for consideration by all members of the KCI.

52. No proposal for the rules of procedure shall be discussed or put forward for a decision at any meeting unless copies have been circulated to the KCI members no later than two weeks before the meeting.

XVII. Overriding authority of the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement

53. In the event of a conflict between any provision of these rules and any provision of the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol or the Paris Agreement, the provision of the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol or the Paris Agreement shall take precedence.

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Decision 20/CP.26

Gender and climate change

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 36/CP.7, 1/CP.16, 23/CP.18, 18/CP.20, 1/CP.21, 21/CP.22, 3/CP.23 and 3/CP.25, the Paris Agreement and the Katowice climate package,

Expressing its appreciation for the contributions received from Parties and observers in support of gender mainstreaming work undertaken through the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan to date,

Acknowledging with appreciation the constructive, ongoing engagement in virtual meetings and workshops in support of gender action plan activities A.2 and D.6¹ and *taking note* that, while participation has broadened beyond the UNFCCC process as a result of the virtual format of meetings and workshops, some participants, particularly those in developing countries, continue to experience significant challenges related to Internet access and connectivity and the technological equipment required for virtual participation,

Recognizing with concern the unprecedented crisis caused by the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic, the uneven nature of the global response to the pandemic and the pandemic's multifaceted effects on all spheres of society, including the deepening of pre-existing inequalities, including gender inequality, and resulting vulnerabilities, which may negatively impact the implementation of effective gender-responsive climate action and *urging* Parties to accelerate their efforts to advance implementation of the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan,

Acknowledging the important role of the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan² in advancing gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in the UNFCCC process,

Reminding Parties of its encouragement to appoint and provide support for a national gender and climate change focal point for climate negotiations, implementation and monitoring³ and *noting* that 94 countries have appointed such a focal point to date,

Recognizing that the full, meaningful and equal participation and leadership of women in all aspects of the UNFCCC process and in national- and local-level climate policy and action is vital for achieving long-term climate goals⁴ and *inviting* Parties to engage youth and indigenous peoples in climate action, including by considering their inclusion in Party delegations,

Noting the engagement of Parties, the secretariat and other relevant stakeholders in activities and events under the United Nations system related to gender equality and climate change and in line with the gender action plan priority areas,

Taking note of Parties' efforts in integrating gender considerations into their nationally determined contributions⁵ and *encouraging* Parties to make greater efforts in integrating gender into nationally determined contributions and national climate change policies, plans, strategies and action,

1. *Recalls* that the intermediate review of the progress of implementation of the activities contained in the gender action plan is due at the fifty-sixth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (June 2022);⁶

¹ See decision 3/CP.25, annex, tables 1 (activity A.2) and 4 (activity D.6).

² Decision 3/CP.25.

³ See decision 3/CP.25, para. 11.

⁴ See decision 3/CP.25, para. 7.

⁵ FCCC/PA/CMA/2021/8/Rev.1, paras. 106–113.

⁶ See decision 3/CP.25, para. 10.

2. *Invites* Parties, United Nations entities, other stakeholders and implementing entities, in accordance with their respective mandates and priorities, to take stock of and map progress in advancing gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in line with the priority areas of the gender action plan;
3. *Also invites* Parties and observers to submit via the submission portal,⁷ by 31 March 2022, information on the progress of implementation of the activities contained in the gender action plan, areas for improvement and further work to be undertaken, including, as appropriate, information on the multidimensional impacts of the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic on progress, and consideration of other diverse challenges that may impact future implementation of the gender action plan at all levels;
4. *Further invites* the International Labour Organization to prepare a technical paper exploring linkages between gender-responsive climate action and just transition for promoting inclusive opportunities for all in a low-emission economy, and to submit the paper to the secretariat by 31 March 2022;
5. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report on the submissions referred to in paragraph 3 above, information and recommendations arising from virtual and in-person workshops and events held between 1 December 2019 and 31 March 2022, and any relevant research conducted in preparation for the fifty-sixth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;
6. *Takes note* of the annual reports on gender composition for 2020 and 2021,⁸ which highlight the persistent lack of progress in in-person participation, the challenges identified in promoting women's full, equal and meaningful participation in virtual forums, and the urgent need for improving the representation and leadership of women in Party delegations and in all bodies established under the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement and *welcomes* the strengthened reporting on two case studies, including data disaggregated by sex that provide further information on the participation of women in Party delegations;
7. *Requests* the secretariat to explore ways of automating the analysis of data disaggregated by sex on speaking times at UNFCCC meetings in order to continue to strengthen the annual report on gender composition, and to report on its findings at the fifty-sixth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;
8. *Encourages* Parties and constituted bodies under the Convention to consider the case studies referred to in paragraph 6 above and promote the full, meaningful and equal participation of women in the UNFCCC process;
9. *Reminds* Parties and observers of the invitation for submissions, by 31 March 2022, on the gender-differentiated impacts of climate change, the role of women as agents of change and opportunities for women;⁹
10. *Takes note* of the report on progress of constituted bodies in integrating gender considerations into their respective workstreams¹⁰ and of their efforts to institutionalize such integration in their work and *encourages* constituted bodies to continue to strengthen their efforts in this area and promote coordination and coherence in the context of this work, taking into consideration the recommendations contained in the report;
11. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare an informal summary report prior to the fifty-sixth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation reflecting clearly the proposed responsibilities of and support for national gender and climate change focal points to enable them to perform their role, taking into account the multifarious, evolving and Party-driven nature of the work and role of such focal points;

⁷ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

⁸ FCCC/CP/2020/3 and FCCC/CP/2021/4.

⁹ See decision 3/CP.25, annex, table 1, activity A.4.

¹⁰ FCCC/CP/2021/5.

12. *Takes note* of the recommendations arising from the workshop on the role of national gender and climate change focal points¹¹ and *invites* Parties to consider those recommendations and take action, as appropriate, to provide support for the focal points in undertaking their activities;
13. *Encourages* Parties to be more explicit about the gender-responsiveness of climate finance with a view to strengthening the capacity of women and furthering work under the gender action plan in order to facilitate access to climate finance for grass-roots women's organizations as well as for indigenous peoples and local communities;
14. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 5, 7 and 11 above;
15. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

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11 November 2021*

¹¹ See decision 3/CP.25, annex, table 1, activity A.2. The workshop was held in two parts: virtually on 22 October 2020 and in person from 1 to 2 November 2021 in Glasgow.

Decision 21/CP.26

Dates and venues of future sessions

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Convention,

Also recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985 on the pattern of conferences,

Further recalling rule 22, paragraph 1, of the draft rules of procedure being applied regarding the rotation of the office of President among the five United Nations regional groups,

I. 2022

1. *Accepts with appreciation* the offer of the Government of Egypt to host the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties, the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement from Monday, 7 November, to Friday, 18 November 2022;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue consultations with the Government of Egypt and to conclude a Host Country Agreement for convening the sessions, pursuant to United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243 and the provisions of United Nations administrative instruction ST/AI/342, including its annex, containing the model conference agreement, with a view to signing the Host Country Agreement as soon as possible, preferably before the fifty-sixth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June 2022), so as to allow for its prompt implementation;

3. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to provide the host country with technical support and guidance on UNFCCC policies and requirements, taking into account the issues raised by Parties regarding the organization of sessions, and to report back regularly to the Bureau of the governing bodies;

II. 2023

4. *Accepts with appreciation* the offer of the Government of the United Arab Emirates to host the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties, the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement from Monday, 6 November, to Friday, 17 November 2023;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to initiate consultations with the Government of the United Arab Emirates and to conclude a Host Country Agreement for convening the sessions, pursuant to United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243 and the provisions of United Nations administrative instruction ST/AI/342, including its annex, containing the model conference agreement, with a view to signing the Host Country Agreement as soon as possible, preferably before the fifty-eighth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June 2023), so as to allow for its prompt implementation;

6. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to provide the host country with technical support and guidance on UNFCCC policies and requirements, taking into account the issues raised by Parties regarding the organization of sessions, and to report back regularly to the Bureau of the governing bodies;

III. 2024

7. *Notes* that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among the United Nations regional groups, the President of the twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties, the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (November 2024) would come from the Eastern European States;

8. *Invites* Parties to come forward with offers to host the sessions referred to in paragraph 7 above, which will be held from Monday, 11 November, to Friday, 22 November 2024, noting the logistical and financial risks associated with delays in selecting a host country and the need for the secretariat to conduct fact-finding missions to the host country in a timely manner;

9. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its fifty-sixth session, to consider the issue of the host of the sessions referred to in paragraph 7 above and to recommend a draft decision on the matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-eighth session (November 2023).

*10th plenary meeting
11 November 2021*

Decision 22/CP.26

Programme budget for the biennium 2022–2023

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling paragraphs 4 and 7(a) of the financial procedures for the Conference of the Parties, its subsidiary bodies and the secretariat,¹

Having considered the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2022–2023 prepared by the Executive Secretary,²

Noting with appreciation the methodology applied by the secretariat in developing the programme budget for the biennium 2022–2023, including the early engagement with Parties,³

1. *Approves* the programme budget for the biennium 2022–2023, amounting to EUR 62,347,351, for the purposes specified in table 1;
2. *Requests* the secretariat, in implementing its work programme for the biennium 2022–2023 on the basis of the programme budget approved in paragraph 1 above, to seek to allocate adequate resources to constituted bodies in support of their response to the mandates given by the governing bodies and to transparency- and adaptation-related activities while continuing to apply the established budget methodology, including to any new mandate;
3. *Notes with appreciation* the annual contribution of EUR 766,938 of the Host Government to the core budget;
4. *Approves* the staffing table (see table 2) for the programme budget;
5. *Notes* that the programme budget contains elements relating to the Convention and the Paris Agreement as well as to the Kyoto Protocol;
6. *Adopts* the indicative scale of contributions contained in the annex;
7. *Notes* that the indicative scale of contributions covers 89 per cent of the contributions specified in table 1;
8. *Invites* the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, at its sixteenth session, to endorse the elements of the recommended budget as it applies to the Kyoto Protocol;
9. *Also invites* the United Nations General Assembly to decide, at its seventy-sixth and seventy-seventh sessions, on the issue of meeting the conference services expenses from its regular budget as a continuation of existing practice;
10. *Approves* a contingency budget for conference services, amounting to EUR 7,597,840, to be added to the programme budget for the biennium 2022–2023 in the event that the United Nations General Assembly decides not to provide resources for these activities in the United Nations regular budget (see table 3);
11. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on the implementation of matters referred to in paragraphs 9–10 above, as necessary;
12. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary to make transfers between each of the appropriation lines set out in table 1, up to an aggregate limit of 15 per cent of total estimated expenditure for those appropriation lines, provided that a further limitation of up to –25 per cent of each such appropriation line shall apply, while ensuring no negative impacts on the activities under each division;

¹ Decision 15/CP.1, annex I, as amended by decision 17/CP.4, para. 16.

² FCCC/SBI/2021/4 and Add.1–2.

³ See document FCCC/SBI/2021/4, chap. III.C.

13. *Decides* to maintain the level of the working capital reserve at 8.3 per cent of the estimated expenditure;
14. *Urges* Parties that have not made contributions in full to the core budget for the current and/or previous bienniums to do so without further delay;
15. *Invites* all Parties to the Convention to note that each Party shall, prior to 1 January of each year, inform the secretariat of the contribution it intends to make that year and of the projected timing of that contribution in accordance with paragraph 8(a) of the financial procedures for the Conference of the Parties, its subsidiary bodies and the secretariat, and that contributions to the core budget are due on 1 January of each year in accordance with paragraph 8(b) of the financial procedures, and to pay promptly and in full, for each of the years 2022 and 2023, the contributions required to finance the expenditures approved in paragraph 1 above and any contributions required to finance the expenditures arising from the decision referred to in paragraph 9 above on the contingency budget;
16. *Takes note* of the funding estimates of EUR 10.6 million for the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process specified by the Executive Secretary for the biennium 2022–2023;⁴
17. *Invites* Parties to make contributions to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process;
18. *Takes note* of the funding estimate of EUR 68.5 million for the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities specified by the Executive Secretary for the biennium 2022–2023 (see table 4);
19. *Invites* Parties to make contributions to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities with a view to enabling the implementation of activities envisaged under the Fund;
20. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to propose to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-seventh session (November 2022) any adjustments that might be needed to the programme budget for the biennium 2022–2023 and to support any such proposal with a report on income and budget performance for the period 1 January to 30 June 2022;
21. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to apply the budget methodology used by the secretariat to develop the programme budget for the biennium 2022–2023 to future bienniums and to continue engaging Parties early in the budget process;
22. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to further enhance the transparency of future proposed budget documentation by including in the work programme a breakdown of staff per objective and output;
23. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to publish future proposals on the programme budget, including the work programme, at least 60 days before the start of the first session of the year of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at which the budget is to be discussed;
24. *Also requests* the secretariat to enhance the provision of information in future budget performance reports regarding:
- (a) Efficiency gains and any savings, including as a result of any impact on the implementation of the work programme due to the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic;
 - (b) Comparison of budgets and actuals;
 - (c) Any action taken by the secretariat in response to evolving requirements;

⁴ As noted in the report of the Conference of the Parties on its nineteenth session (FCCC/CP/2013/10, para. 145): “At the resumed 10th meeting, the Executive Secretary requested that the following statement be reflected in the report of the session: ‘Since its inception, the secretariat has applied a consistent policy for the funding of representatives from developing country Parties across all relevant trust funds. In light of decisions taken in Cancun and Doha, it has been decided to adjust the policy as follows: representatives from developing country Parties designated by their respective regional groups to participate in meetings of the constituted bodies established under the Convention, and elected by parent bodies, will be eligible for funding under the Trust Fund for the UNFCCC Core Budget and the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities’”.

(d) Details and rationale on any budget reallocations in line with the Executive Secretary's authorization.

Table 1
2022–2023 core budget by appropriation line
(Euros)

	2022	2023	2022–2023
A. Appropriations			
Executive	1 916 780	1 916 780	3 833 560
Programmes	15 118 618	14 776 284	29 894 902
Programmes Coordination	256 940	256 940	513 880
Adaptation	3 255 039	3 255 039	6 510 077
Mitigation	1 870 091	1 870 091	3 740 182
Means of Implementation	3 313 247	2 970 913	6 284 160
Transparency	6 423 302	6 423 302	12 846 603
Operations	6 412 137	6 412 137	12 824 274
Operations Coordination	612 178	612 178	1 224 356
Secretariat-wide costs ^a	1 435 293	1 435 293	2 870 586
AS/HR/ICT ^b	1 877 106	1 877 106	3 754 211
Conference Affairs	1 300 600	1 300 600	2 601 200
Legal Affairs	1 186 960	1 186 960	2 373 920
Cross-cutting	4 066 201	4 066 201	8 132 401
Intergovernmental Support and Collective Progress	2 021 362	2 021 362	4 042 724
Communication and Engagement	2 044 839	2 044 839	4 089 677
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change^c	244 755	244 755	489 510
Total appropriations	27 758 490	27 416 157	55 174 647
B. Programme support costs^d	3 608 604	3 564 100	7 172 704
Total budget	31 367 094	30 980 257	62 347 351
C. Adjustment to working capital reserve^e	103 470	–	103 470
Required contributions (A+B+C)	31 470 564	30 980 257	62 450 821
Income			
Contribution from the Host Government	766 938	766 938	1 533 876
Contributions from all Parties	30 703 626	30 213 319	60 916 945
Total income	31 470 564	30 980 257	62 450 821

Abbreviations: AS = Administrative Services; HR = Human Resources; ICT = Information and Communication Technology.

^a Secretariat-wide costs are pooled costs of staff and facilities managed by AS and HR on behalf of all divisions.

^b AS and HR are funded from programme support costs (overhead), and ICT is funded from the core budget, the supplementary budget and cost recovery.

^c Provision for an annual grant to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

^d Standard 13 per cent applied for administrative support.

^e In accordance with the financial procedures (decision 15/CP.1), the core budget is required to maintain a working capital reserve of 8.3 per cent (one month of operating requirements). The working capital reserve amounts to EUR 2,587,415 in 2022 and in 2023.

Table 2
Secretariat-wide staffing funded from the core budget for 2022–2023

<i>Grade of post</i>	2021	2022	2023
Professional category and above			
USG	1	1	1
ASG	1	1	1
D-2	2	2	2
D-1	8	8	8
P-5	18	18	18
P-4	34	35	35
P-3	44	44	44
P-2	19	19	19
Subtotal Professional category and above	127	128	128
Subtotal General Service category	53.5	53	53
Total	180.5	181	181

Abbreviations: ASG = Assistant Secretary-General; D = Director; P = Professional; USG = Under-Secretary-General.

Table 3
Resource requirements for the conference services contingency for 2022–2023
 (Euros)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	2022	2023	2022–2023
Interpretation	1 149 094	1 183 567	2 332 661
Documentation			
Translation	1 014 435	1 044 868	2 059 303
Reproduction and distribution	779 935	803 333	1 583 268
Meetings services support	234 878	241 925	476 803
Subtotal	3 178 342	3 273 693	6 452 035
Overhead charge	413 185	425 580	838 765
Working capital reserve	298 097	8 943	307 040
Total	3 889 624	3 708 216	7 597 840

Table 4
Overview of projects and funding requirements from the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities for the biennium 2022–2023

<i>Project number</i>	<i>Project/subproject</i>	<i>Resource requirements for 2022–2023</i>		
		<i>EUR</i>	<i>P staff</i>	<i>GS staff</i>
SB101-000	Intergovernmental engagement	4 922 000	6.1	4.6
SB101-002	Enhanced support for negotiations for SBSTA and CMA agenda items on cooperative approaches and the mechanisms under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement	552 000	1.6	0.3
SB101-003	Consultancies to support the periodic assessment of the Technology Mechanism	113 000	–	–
SB101-005	Enhanced coordination and operational support for Presidency teams	908 000	2	2
SB101-006	Oversee and manage mandated activities relating to observer engagement, high-level engagement on climate action, Marrakech Partnership, gender, ACE and other stakeholder engagement activities	923 000	1	1
SB101-007	Enhanced legal support for presiding officers	500 000	1.5	0.3
SB101-009	Enhanced capacity for conferences and workshops	68 000	–	–
SB101-012	Continued development and further enhancement of the Digital Platform for Climate Change Events	1 858 000	–	1
SB102-000	Intergovernmental processes	14 681 000	18.5	3.7

Project number	Project/subproject	Resource requirements for 2022–2023		
		EUR	P staff	GS staff
SB102-001	Enhanced support for established work programmes, including the NWP, NAPs and adaptation-related work on transparency and the global stocktake	1 850 000	1.6	0.5
SB102-002	Enhanced support for activities relating to the impact of the implementation of response measures and workshops on LT-LEDS	1 017 000	2.6	0.1
SB102-003	Enhanced support, engagement and outreach in support of the development of the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows, including in relation to Article 2, paragraph 1(c), of the Paris Agreement, and determination of the needs of developing countries	1 390 000	1.6	1.2
SB102-004	Full support for the technical reviews of national reports (including REDD+) under the MRV/transparency processes, and training of review experts	8 396 000	10.8	1.9
SB102-005	Enhanced support for the second periodic review under the Convention, the global stocktake, and research and systematic observation	564 000	–	–
SB102-006	Mandated climate action events at COP and annual updates and highlights of thematic and sectoral climate action through events, interviews and publications	1 128 000	2	–
SB102-012	Enhanced support for the intergovernmental process through the provision of authoritative, readily accessible and easily understandable audiovisual recordings	336 000	–	–
SB200-000	Constituted bodies	15 503 000	19.7	5.3
SB200-001	Support for the full extent of activities envisaged in the workplans of the AC, the FWG of the LCIPP, the LEG and the WIM Executive Committee	4 717 000	3.4	1.8
SB200-002	Support for the full extent of activities envisaged in the workplans of the KCI and contingency for any institutional arrangements related to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement	3 172 000	8.7	1.5
SB200-003	Support for the full extent of activities envisaged in the workplans of the SCF, the TEC and the Paris Committee on Capacity-building	1 105 000	2	0.5
SB200-004	Support for developing countries to implement MRV and the ETF, including through the work of the CGE	5 919 000	4.7	1.5
SB200-007	Support for the full extent of activities of the compliance committees under the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement	590 000	1	–
SB300-000	Data and information management	10 286 000	12.4	2.5
SB300-001	Development and enhancement of adaptation-related data portals	875 000	1.7	0.7
SB300-002	Development and enhancement of mitigation-related data portals and data management systems, including an information portal on LT-LEDS and a contingency system for a corresponding adjustment under Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement	92 000	0.3	–
SB300-003	Development and enhancement of support for means of implementation data portals, in particular the finance, TT:CLEAR and capacity-building portals	553 000	0.8	0.9
SB300-004	Development of the information hub and related reporting and review systems and tools used under the ETF and streamlining of the existing data management systems and tools used under the current transparency arrangements	2 171 000	1.1	0.1
SB300-006-1	Enhancement of digital communication capabilities for effective engagement with Parties, non-Party stakeholders and the public	2 380 000	6	0.5
SB300-006-2	Participation in climate action globally is enabled, enhanced and recognized through the GCA portal	1 152 000	2	–
SB300-007	Enhancement of the elections portal and database	342 000	0.5	0.3
SB300-009	Enhancement and modernization of platforms and strengthening security of infrastructure and platforms	2 373 000		
SB300-012	Enhancement of the management of official business records, information and archives of the secretariat and the intergovernmental process	348 000	–	–
SB400-000	Enhanced engagement	19 502 000	24.4	5.5
SB400-001	Enhanced engagement with respect to climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation	221 000	0.4	–
SB400-002	Enhanced engagement of stakeholders through capacity-building to enhance regional action towards implementation of the Paris Agreement	7 932 000	8.9	1.1

Project number	Project/subproject	Resource requirements for 2022–2023		
		EUR	P staff	GS staff
SB400-003	Enhanced engagement with Parties and other stakeholders to strengthen the capacities of developing countries with respect to the implementation of NDCs and NAPs	2 060 000	0.6	1.4
SB400-004	Additional support and enhanced engagement for the development and implementation of the ETF	3 612 000	2.5	0.5
SB400-006-1	Digital communication campaigns for promoting achievements in the UNFCCC process; and multilingual content for the UNFCCC website, mobile app and social media	2 173 000	6	–
SB400-006-2	Catalysing and supporting climate action among Parties and non-Party stakeholders through sectoral partnerships, facilitation of climate action initiatives and support for new tools and standards to ensure alignment with UNFCCC process requirements	1 635 000	2	1.5
SB400-006-3	Facilitating observer engagement through planning and organizing side events, exhibits and Climate Action Studio interviews by Parties and observer organizations, including their live broadcasting and web posting	652 000	2	–
SB400-007	Enhanced engagement with and support of legislators and policymakers through information exchange and knowledge management with respect to climate change legislation	587 000	1	1
SB400-010	Enhanced engagement by the Executive Secretary and Deputy Executive Secretary in United Nations wide management and coordination activities	630 000	1	–
SB500-000	Oversight and management	1 811 000	1	1.4
SB500-007	Provision of institutional legal review and advice with respect to all activities and operations of the secretariat	434 000	1	0.4
SB500-009	Enhancement and modernization of infrastructure, networks and end-user equipment and productivity tools	791 000	–	–
SB500-012	Coordination of innovation activities and operational efficiency improvements	586 000	–	1
SB600-000	Cross-cutting (projects supporting multiple objectives)	1 815 000	4	1
SB600-006-1	Facilitating and supporting implementation of established processes and work related to ACE, including enhancing inclusive stakeholder engagement	772 000	2	–
SB600-006-2	Facilitating and supporting implementation of established processes and work related to gender, including enhancing inclusive stakeholder engagement	1 043 000	2	1
Total (including programme support costs)		68 520 000	86	24

Abbreviations: AC = Adaptation Committee; ACE = Action for Climate Empowerment; CGE = Consultative Group of Experts; CMA = Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement; COP = Conference of the Parties; ETF = enhanced transparency framework to the Paris Agreement; FWG = Facilitative Working Group; GCA = global climate action; GS = General Service level staff; KCI = Katowice Committee of Experts on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures; LCIPP = Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform; LEG = Least Developed Countries Expert Group; LT-LEDS = long-term low-emission development strategy; MRV = measurement, reporting and verification; NAP = national adaptation plan; NDC = nationally determined contribution; NWP = Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change; P = Professional level staff; PCCB = Paris Committee on Capacity-building; REDD+ = reducing emissions from deforestation; reducing emissions from forest degradation; conservation of forest carbon stocks; sustainable management of forests; and enhancement of forest carbon stocks (decision 1/CP.16, para. 70); SBSTA = Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice; SCF = Standing Committee on Finance; TEC = Technology Executive Committee; TT:CLEAR = technology information clearing house; WIM = Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts.

Annex

Indicative scale of contributions from Parties to the Convention for 2022–2023

<i>Party</i>	<i>United Nations scale of assessments for 2019–2021</i>	<i>Convention and Paris Agreement adjusted scale for 2022–2023</i>
Afghanistan	0.007	0.007
Albania	0.008	0.008
Algeria	0.138	0.135
Andorra	0.005	0.005
Angola	0.010	0.010
Antigua and Barbuda	0.002	0.002
Argentina	0.915	0.892
Armenia	0.007	0.007
Australia	2.210	2.155
Austria	0.677	0.660
Azerbaijan	0.049	0.048
Bahamas	0.018	0.018
Bahrain	0.050	0.049
Bangladesh	0.010	0.010
Barbados	0.007	0.007
Belarus	0.049	0.048
Belgium	0.821	0.800
Belize	0.001	0.001
Benin	0.003	0.003
Bhutan	0.001	0.001
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	0.016	0.016
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.012	0.012
Botswana	0.014	0.014
Brazil	2.948	2.874
Brunei Darussalam	0.025	0.024
Bulgaria	0.046	0.045
Burkina Faso	0.003	0.003
Burundi	0.001	0.001
Cabo Verde	0.001	0.001
Cambodia	0.006	0.006
Cameroon	0.013	0.013
Canada	2.734	2.665
Central African Republic	0.001	0.001
Chad	0.004	0.004
Chile	0.407	0.397
China	12.005	11.704
Colombia	0.288	0.281
Comoros	0.001	0.001
Congo	0.006	0.006
Cook Islands	0.000	0.001
Costa Rica	0.062	0.060
Côte d'Ivoire	0.013	0.013
Croatia	0.077	0.075
Cuba	0.080	0.078
Cyprus	0.036	0.035
Czechia	0.311	0.303
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.006	0.006
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.010	0.010

<i>Party</i>	<i>United Nations scale of assessments for 2019–2021</i>	<i>Convention and Paris Agreement adjusted scale for 2022–2023</i>
Denmark	0.554	0.540
Djibouti	0.001	0.001
Dominica	0.001	0.001
Dominican Republic	0.053	0.052
Ecuador	0.080	0.078
Egypt	0.186	0.181
El Salvador	0.012	0.012
Equatorial Guinea	0.016	0.016
Eritrea	0.001	0.001
Estonia	0.039	0.038
Eswatini	0.002	0.002
Ethiopia	0.010	0.010
European Union	0.000	2.500
Fiji	0.003	0.003
Finland	0.421	0.410
France	4.427	4.316
Gabon	0.015	0.015
Gambia	0.001	0.001
Georgia	0.008	0.008
Germany	6.090	5.937
Ghana	0.015	0.015
Greece	0.366	0.357
Grenada	0.001	0.001
Guatemala	0.036	0.035
Guinea	0.003	0.003
Guinea-Bissau	0.001	0.001
Guyana	0.002	0.002
Haiti	0.003	0.003
Honduras	0.009	0.009
Hungary	0.206	0.201
Iceland	0.028	0.027
India	0.834	0.813
Indonesia	0.543	0.529
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.398	0.388
Iraq	0.129	0.126
Ireland	0.371	0.362
Israel	0.490	0.478
Italy	3.307	3.224
Jamaica	0.008	0.008
Japan	8.564	8.349
Jordan	0.021	0.020
Kazakhstan	0.178	0.174
Kenya	0.024	0.023
Kiribati	0.001	0.001
Kuwait	0.252	0.246
Kyrgyzstan	0.002	0.002
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.005	0.005
Latvia	0.047	0.046
Lebanon	0.047	0.046
Lesotho	0.001	0.001
Liberia	0.001	0.001
Libya	0.030	0.029
Liechtenstein	0.009	0.009
Lithuania	0.071	0.069

<i>Party</i>	<i>United Nations scale of assessments for 2019–2021</i>	<i>Convention and Paris Agreement adjusted scale for 2022–2023</i>
Luxembourg	0.067	0.065
Madagascar	0.004	0.004
Malawi	0.002	0.002
Malaysia	0.341	0.332
Maldives	0.004	0.004
Mali	0.004	0.004
Malta	0.017	0.017
Marshall Islands	0.001	0.001
Mauritania	0.002	0.002
Mauritius	0.011	0.011
Mexico	1.292	1.260
Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.001	0.001
Monaco	0.011	0.011
Mongolia	0.005	0.005
Montenegro	0.004	0.004
Morocco	0.055	0.054
Mozambique	0.004	0.004
Myanmar	0.010	0.010
Namibia	0.009	0.009
Nauru	0.001	0.001
Nepal	0.007	0.007
Netherlands	1.356	1.322
New Zealand	0.291	0.284
Nicaragua	0.005	0.005
Niger	0.002	0.002
Nigeria	0.250	0.244
Niue	0.000	0.001
North Macedonia	0.007	0.007
Norway	0.754	0.735
Oman	0.115	0.112
Pakistan	0.115	0.112
Palau	0.001	0.001
Panama	0.045	0.044
Papua New Guinea	0.010	0.010
Paraguay	0.016	0.016
Peru	0.152	0.148
Philippines	0.205	0.200
Poland	0.802	0.782
Portugal	0.350	0.341
Qatar	0.282	0.275
Republic of Korea	2.267	2.210
Republic of Moldova	0.003	0.003
Romania	0.198	0.193
Russian Federation	2.405	2.345
Rwanda	0.003	0.003
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.001	0.001
Saint Lucia	0.001	0.001
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.001	0.001
Samoa	0.001	0.001
San Marino	0.002	0.002
Sao Tome and Principe	0.001	0.001
Saudi Arabia	1.172	1.143
Senegal	0.007	0.007
Serbia	0.028	0.027

<i>Party</i>	<i>United Nations scale of assessments for 2019–2021</i>	<i>Convention and Paris Agreement adjusted scale for 2022–2023</i>
Seychelles	0.002	0.002
Sierra Leone	0.001	0.001
Singapore	0.485	0.473
Slovakia	0.153	0.149
Slovenia	0.076	0.074
Solomon Islands	0.001	0.001
Somalia	0.001	0.001
South Africa	0.272	0.265
South Sudan	0.006	0.006
Spain	2.146	2.092
Sri Lanka	0.044	0.043
State of Palestine	0.000	0.008
Sudan	0.010	0.010
Suriname	0.005	0.005
Sweden	0.906	0.883
Switzerland	1.151	1.122
Syrian Arab Republic	0.011	0.011
Tajikistan	0.004	0.004
Thailand	0.307	0.299
Timor-Leste	0.002	0.002
Togo	0.002	0.002
Tonga	0.001	0.001
Trinidad and Tobago	0.040	0.039
Tunisia	0.025	0.024
Turkey	1.371	1.337
Turkmenistan	0.033	0.032
Tuvalu	0.001	0.001
Uganda	0.008	0.008
Ukraine	0.057	0.056
United Arab Emirates	0.616	0.601
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	4.567	4.452
United Republic of Tanzania	0.010	0.010
United States of America	22.000	21.448
Uruguay	0.087	0.085
Uzbekistan	0.032	0.031
Vanuatu	0.001	0.001
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	0.728	0.710
Viet Nam	0.077	0.075
Yemen	0.010	0.010
Zambia	0.009	0.009
Zimbabwe	0.005	0.005
Total	100.000	100.000

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Decision 23/CP.26

Administrative, financial and institutional matters

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the financial procedures for the Conference of the Parties,¹

Having considered the information contained in the documents prepared by the secretariat on administrative, financial and institutional matters,²

I. Budget performance for the bienniums 2018–2019 and 2020–2021

1. *Takes note* of the information contained in the reports on budget performance for the bienniums 2018–2019 (as at 31 December 2019) and 2020–2021 (as at 31 December 2020)³ and the note on the status of contributions to the trust funds administered by the secretariat as at 22 October 2021;⁴
2. *Expresses its appreciation* to Parties that made contributions to the core budget in a timely manner;
3. *Expresses concern* regarding the high level of outstanding contributions to the core budget for the current and previous bienniums, which has resulted in difficulties with cash flow and the effective implementation of activities;
4. *Strongly urges* Parties that have not made contributions in full to the core budget for the current and/or previous bienniums to do so without further delay;
5. *Calls upon* Parties to make their contributions to the core budget for 2022 in a timely manner, bearing in mind that contributions are due on 1 January of each year in accordance with the financial procedures for the Conference of the Parties;
6. *Expresses its appreciation* for the contributions to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process and to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities received from Parties, including those contributions that allow for greater flexibility in allocation;
7. *Urges* Parties to further contribute to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process in order to ensure the widest possible participation in the process in 2022–2023, and to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities to ensure a high level of implementation of the UNFCCC work programme;
8. *Reiterates its appreciation* to the Government of Germany for its annual voluntary contribution to the core budget of EUR 766,938 and its special contribution of EUR 1,789,522 as Host Government of the secretariat;
9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take further measures to reduce Parties' outstanding contributions;
10. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare annual budget performance reports covering 12 and 24 months of the biennium, respectively;

¹ Decision 15/CP.1, annex I.

² FCCC/SBI/2020/3 and Add.1–2, FCCC/SBI/2021/5 and Add.1, FCCC/SBI/2021/INF.8, FCCC/SBI/2020/INF.9 and Add.1, FCCC/SBI/2021/INF.4 and Add.1, FCCC/SBI/2020/INF.2 and FCCC/SBI/2020/INF.3.

³ FCCC/SBI/2020/3 and Add.1–2 and FCCC/SBI/2021/5 and Add.1.

⁴ FCCC/SBI/2021/INF.8.

II. Audit reports and financial statements for 2019 and 2020

11. *Takes note* of the audit reports of the United Nations Board of Auditors⁵ and the financial statements for 2019 and 2020, which include recommendations, and the comments of the secretariat thereon;
12. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations for arranging the audit of the accounts of the Convention;
13. *Also expresses its appreciation* to the auditors for their valuable observations and recommendations and the written statement thereon shared with Parties at the fifty-second to fifty-fifth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;
14. *Expresses concern* about the high number of recommendations from the United Nations Board of Auditors not yet implemented by the secretariat;
15. *Urges* the Executive Secretary to implement the recommendations of the auditors, as appropriate, and to update Parties on progress;

III. Other financial and budgetary matters

16. *Takes note* of the information contained in the documents prepared by the secretariat on other financial and budgetary matters, including on efforts to further improve the efficiency and transparency of the UNFCCC budget process⁶ and on standard costs;⁷
17. *Reiterates* the request to the Executive Secretary to prepare, regularly update and publish before each session of the subsidiary bodies brief reports on standard costs and, if available, options for reducing the cost of activities where practicable;
18. *Welcomes* the information on standard travel costs provided by the secretariat;⁸
19. *Recommends* that the secretariat publish and regularly update information on standard costs on the UNFCCC website (instead of the brief update reports) and inform Parties in a timely and clear manner when new information is available (at least before each session of the subsidiary bodies);
20. *States* that the purpose of reporting on standard costs is to provide Parties with insight into the budgetary impact of any planned decisions of the governing bodies;
21. *Welcomes* the proposed measures for improving the efficiency and transparency of the UNFCCC budget process;⁹
22. *Requests* the secretariat to report on the implementation of those measures in the report on efforts to improve the efficiency and transparency of the UNFCCC budget process;
23. *Acknowledges* the increase in unearmarked contributions in relation to earmarked contributions to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities;
24. *Also acknowledges* that reducing earmarking and establishing longer and more flexible utilization periods would increase flexibility in using contributions to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities, which would enable the secretariat to allocate funding to the activities most in need of resources;
25. *Appreciates* the approach taken by the Executive Secretary to presenting supplementary resource requirements by overall objective and thematic area while also enclosing a list of supplementary projects;
26. *Requests* the secretariat to enhance follow-up on Parties' outstanding core contributions, including through payment plans;

⁵ FCCC/SBI/2020/INF.9 and Add.1 and FCCC/SBI/2021/INF.4 and Add.1.

⁶ FCCC/SBI/2020/INF.2.

⁷ FCCC/SBI/2020/INF.3.

⁸ FCCC/SBI/2020/INF.3.

⁹ FCCC/SBI/2020/INF.2, paras. 30, 31 and 33.

27. *Decides* to keep the level of the working capital reserve at 8.3 per cent of annual total expenditure (in line with the UNFCCC financial procedures);

28. *Requests* the secretariat to inform Parties of the review and prioritization criteria for unearmarked contributions to ensure that they are allocated to activities in line with the secretariat's work programme and the priorities set by Parties.

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11 November 2021

Resolution 1/CP.26

Expression of gratitude to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the people of the city of Glasgow

Resolution submitted by the Arab Republic of Egypt

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

Having met in Glasgow from 31 October to 13 November 2021,

1. *Express their profound gratitude* to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for having made it possible for the twenty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties, the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the third session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement to be held in Glasgow;
2. *Request* the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to convey to the city and people of Glasgow the gratitude of the Conference of the Parties, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement for the hospitality and warmth extended to the participants.

*12th plenary meeting
13 November 2021*
