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MESSAGE TO PARTIES AND OBSERVER STATES

Invitation to the mandated workshop on the work programme on just transition pathways referred to in the relevant paragraphs of decision 1/CMA.4

27 November 2023
Expo City Dubai, United Arab Emirates

The secretariat has been requested to organize, under the guidance of the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, Harry Vreuls, and the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, Nabeel Munir of the SBSTA and SBI, a workshop to be held before SB 59 (November-December 2023) on the work programme referred to in paragraph 52 of decision 1/CMA.4 to inform further work thereunder, based on the submissions and the synthesis report, ensuring broad participation of Parties and observers.

On behalf of the Chairs, I am pleased to inform Parties and observer States to the Paris Agreement that the mandated workshop on the work programme on just transition pathways will take place on, Monday, 27 November 2023, from 15:00 to 19:00 in Meeting Room 4 at the Expo City Dubai.

The concept note for the workshop is available in the annex. Further information will be posted on the UNFCCC website as they become available.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by)

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Annex

Concept note by the Chairs of the Subsidiary Bodies for the mandated workshop on the work programme on just transition pathways referred to in the relevant paragraphs of decision 1/CMA.4

I.   Background

1.   The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) decided, at its fourth session, to establish a work programme (WP) on just transition for discussion of pathways to achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement outlined in Article 2, paragraph 1, in the context of Article 2, paragraph 2.[1] The CMA further requested that the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) recommend a draft decision on this matter for consideration at CMA 5, with the work programme to be implemented in a manner that builds on and complements the relevant workstreams under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, including the work programme for urgently scaling up mitigation ambition and implementation.[2]

2.   At SB 58, the SBSTA and the SBI took note of the constructive discussions held at those sessions under the joint agenda item on matters relating to the work programme referred to in paragraph 1 above and agreed to continue work thereon at SB 59 with a view to recommending a draft decision thereon for consideration and adoption at CMA 4. The SBSTA and the SBI invited Parties to submit via the submission portal views on the work programme and requested the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report on Parties' submissions with a view to informing Parties' further discussions on the work programme.[3]

3.   The SBSTA and the SBI further requested the secretariat to organize, under the guidance of their Chairs, a workshop to be held before SB 59 on the work programme, to inform further work thereunder, based on the submissions and synthesis report referred to in paragraph 2 above, ensuring broad participation of Parties and observers. They further requested the secretariat to prepare, under the guidance of their Chairs, a summary report on the workshop.[4]

II.   Organization of the workshop

4.   The half-day workshop will be held under guidance on 27 November 2023 at Expo City Dubai prior to the start of SB 59.

5.   The workshop will be an opportunity for Parties and groups of Parties to better understand each other's views on the work programme, including those shared during the previous discussions and provided in the submissions.[5] The workshop will be a space for informal, open, and constructive engagement where

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[1] Decision 1/CMA.4, para. 52.
[2] Decision 1/CMA.4, para. 52.
[3] FCCC/SBSTA/2023/4, para. 70, and FCCC/SBI/2022/10, para. 43.
[4] FCCC/SBSTA/2023/4, para. 71, and FCCC/SBI/2022/10, para. 44.
[5] Available at https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx. (search for "just transition").

views on matters and questions related to the work programme can be shared and exchanged in order to help Parties prepare for the formal deliberations on the work programme at SB 59. The views and ideas shared will not prejudge outcomes from the formal deliberations but serve as a source of inspiration and motivation for the important work ahead of us at SB 59.

6.   The workshop will be open to representatives of Parties and groups of Parties, as well as representatives of observer organizations registered for COP 28. Each session of the workshop will be opened by two short icebreaker interventions followed by discussions on the session's guiding question, including through interactive elements, as outlined in the proposed agenda below.

7.   It is encouraged that the participants engage in an open and constructive exchange of views and ideas, to facilitate a good outcome on the work programme at SB 59.

III.   Proposed agenda/programme

Time	Session
15:00 – 15:10	**Opening and welcome remarks** **Harry Vreuls -** Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) **Nabeel Munir -** Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI)
15:10 – 15:15	**Introduction to the workshop and format** Moderator: *SBI or SBSTA chairs*
Session 1: Expectations for the work programme	
15:15 – 16:15	Two icebreaker interventions based on the submissions Discussion, clarifying questions and interactive session **<u>Guiding question for the session</u>** • **How do you see the work programme contributing to achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement outlined in Article 2, paragraph 1, in the context of Article 2, paragraph 2?** • **What should be the scope of the work programme and potential areas of work to achieve this, covering social, economic, and environmental aspects of just transition?** Moderator: (tbd)
16:15 – 16:25	Break

Session 2.1: Implementing the work programme on just transition pathways	
16:25 – 17:25	Two icebreaker interventions based on the submissions Discussion, clarifying questions and interactive session **Guiding question for the session** • **What are the key elements in terms of modalities, institutional arrangements, time frame and decision-making that would need to be in place in order to implement the work programme?** Moderator (tbd)
17:25 – 17:35	Break
Session 2.2: Implementing the work programme on just transition pathways	
17:35 – 18:35	Two icebreaker interventions based on the submissions Discussion, clarifying questions and interactive session **Guiding question for the session** • **What are the potential inputs, outputs, and outcomes for the work programme? explain with linkages and complementarities of the work programme with relevant workstreams under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, and with relevant activities by non-Party stakeholders, including organizations in the UN system.** Moderator (tbd)
Session 3: Closing	
18:35 – 18:55	In this session, representatives of Parties and groups of Parties will have the opportunity to reflect on what has been discussed. Moderator (tbd)
18:55 – 19:00	**Closing** **Harry Vreuls -** Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) **Nabeel Munir -** Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI)