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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chairs

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) initiated their consideration of matters relating to the global goal on adaptation and agreed to continue consideration of views focusing, inter alia, on matters related to paragraph 38(a–e) of decision 2/CMA.5 at SB 61 (November 2024) with a view to providing recommendations for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) at the latest at its seventh session (November 2025).
2. The SBSTA and the SBI invited Parties to submit views on matters related to paragraph 38 of decision 2/CMA.5 via the submission portal¹ by no later than six weeks prior to SB 61.
3. The SBSTA and the SBI recalled preambular paragraph 6 of decision 2/CMA.5, which recalls relevant provisions and principles of the Convention and the Paris Agreement.
4. The SBSTA and the SBI recognized that means of implementation for adaptation, such as finance, technology transfer and capacity-building, are crucial to the implementation of the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience, and also recognized that factors such as leadership, institutional arrangements, policies, data and knowledge, skills and education, public participation, and strengthened and inclusive governance are also crucial to enabling the implementation of adaptation action as referred to in paragraphs 24–33 of decision 2/CMA.5.
5. The SBSTA and the SBI also recalled paragraph 22 of decision 2/CMA.5, which recognizes the leadership of Indigenous Peoples and local communities as stewards of nature and encourages the ethical and equitable engagement with Indigenous Peoples and local communities and application of traditional knowledge, the knowledge, wisdom and values of Indigenous Peoples, and local knowledge systems in implementing the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience.
6. The SBSTA and the SBI further recalled paragraph 13 of decision 2/CMA.5, which encourages Parties, when implementing the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience and their adaptation efforts, when integrating adaptation into relevant socioeconomic and environmental policies and actions and in pursuing the targets referred to

¹ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

in paragraphs 9–10 of the same decision, to take into account, where possible, country-driven, gender-responsive, participatory and fully transparent approaches, as well as human rights approaches, and to ensure intergenerational equity and social justice, taking into consideration vulnerable ecosystems, groups and communities and including children, youth and persons with disabilities.

7. The SBSTA and the SBI took note of the report prepared by the secretariat synthesizing submissions from Parties and observers on matters related to and modalities of the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme on indicators for measuring progress achieved towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5.²

8. The SBSTA and the SBI expressed appreciation to their respective Chairs and the secretariat for organizing and to the Government of Bhutan for hosting the workshop, held in Thimphu from 15 to 17 May 2024, on matters related to the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme.³

9. The SBSTA and the SBI invited Parties and non-Party stakeholders, including relevant constituted bodies, United Nations organizations and specialized agencies, and other relevant organizations from all geographical regions, to submit via the submission portal by 31 July 2024 information on existing indicators for measuring progress towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5 in use at the local, national, regional and global level, including, if available, information on associated methodologies and data readiness for such indicators, as well as identified gaps and areas for which the development of new indicators may be needed.

10. The SBSTA and the SBI requested their Chairs to prepare, with the support of the secretariat, in collaboration with relevant United Nations organizations and specialized agencies, and with contributions from relevant constituted bodies, a compilation and mapping of existing indicators relevant to measuring progress towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5, including information on areas potentially not covered by existing indicators, in advance of the workshop referred to in paragraph 22 below, taking into account the submissions referred to in paragraph 9 above and the sources of information under the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience referred to in paragraph 15 of decision 2/CMA.5.

11. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed that the work under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme contributes to the purpose of the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience, which is defined in paragraph 7 of decision 2/CMA.5 as guiding the achievement of the global goal on adaptation and the review of overall progress in achieving it with a view to reducing the increasing adverse impacts, risks and vulnerabilities associated with climate change, as well as enhancing adaptation action and support.

12. The SBSTA and the SBI also agreed that the mapping referred to in paragraph 10 above may consider:

- (a) The relevance of the indicators to measuring progress towards one or more of the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5;
- (b) The specific relevance of the indicators to adaptation, including enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change;
- (c) Whether quantitative and/or qualitative information applies to the indicators;
- (d) Data availability for the indicators;
- (e) The ability of the indicators to reflect regional, national and local circumstances;
- (f) The applicability of the indicators across different contexts;
- (g) The ease of interpretation of the indicators;
- (h) The clarity of methodologies associated with the indicators;

² Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/638384>.

³ Pursuant to decision 2/CMA.5, para. 43.

(i) The ability of the indicators to be aggregated across levels and disaggregated by demographic and socioeconomic characteristics, such as vulnerability, gender, age, disability, race, socioeconomic status, and status as Indigenous Peoples, as appropriate and depending on national circumstances;

(j) The indicators' basis on the best available science;

(k) The indicators' basis on traditional knowledge, Indigenous Peoples' knowledge and local knowledge systems;

(l) That the indicators should not be used as a basis for comparison between Parties.

13. The SBSTA and the SBI invited the Adaptation Committee to prepare a contribution to the compilation and mapping referred to in paragraph 10 above by identifying information on indicators reported by Parties in their national reports and communications in the context of the work referred to in paragraph 45 of decision 2/CMA.5.

14. The SBSTA and the SBI requested their Chairs to convene technical experts to assist in the technical work under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme, including reviewing and refining the compilation and mapping of existing indicators referred to in paragraph 10 above and, as needed, developing new indicators for measuring progress achieved towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5.

15. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed that the technical experts referred to in paragraph 14 above should have relevant qualifications and expertise related to the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5 and that experts shall serve in an independent capacity.

16. The SBSTA and the SBI requested their Chairs to ensure balance in terms of technical expertise related to the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5, geographical representation and gender.

17. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed that the participation of experts will include:

(a) Experts with balanced and inclusive geographical and gender representation, including experts from small island developing States and the least developed countries, taking into account recommendations of Parties, as appropriate, and giving special consideration in terms of support for participation to experts from developing countries eligible for funding under the UNFCCC process;

(b) Experts from United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations, international and regional organizations, and research and academic institutions with experience in a relevant technical area, taking into account the recommendations of these organizations and institutions;

(c) Indigenous knowledge holders.

18. The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat, with input from the technical experts, to prepare technical reports, including through work at virtual meetings, containing a list of proposed new indicators for assessing overall progress towards achievement of the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5 that may be needed to fill any gaps in coverage by existing indicators, as appropriate, by May 2025 for consideration by Parties at SB 62 (June 2025).

19. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to consider issuing regular invitations for submissions from Parties and observers on topics that would inform the technical work under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme.

20. The SBSTA and the SBI invited interested United Nations organizations and specialized agencies and other relevant organizations to explore the possibility of hosting meetings of technical experts referred to in paragraph 14 above, including providing financial support for the meetings.

21. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to take stock of the work under the work programme, including the assessment of areas not covered by existing indicators and, as needed, the development of new indicators, at SB 61, 62 and 63 (November 2025) with a view to informing the decision on the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme at CMA 7.

22. The SBSTA and the SBI requested their Chairs to organize, with the support of the secretariat, a hybrid workshop for Parties and the technical experts referred to in paragraph 14 above, following the completion of the mapping referred to in paragraph 10 above and prior to CMA 6 (November 2024), with the aim of:

(a) Facilitating expert review and refinement of the mapping referred to in paragraph 10 above;

(b) Enabling a dialogue between Parties and the technical experts referred to in paragraph 14 above on the mapping and providing an opportunity for the technical experts to clarify the methodologies and assumptions used in refining the mapping;

(c) Providing Parties with the opportunity to reflect on the outcome of the mapping and on progress in the work on indicators in preparation for CMA 7.

23. The SBSTA and the SBI noted that the workshop referred to in paragraph 22 above could be organized back to back with a meeting of the Adaptation Committee.

24. The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat to publish the refined mapping of indicators as part of a report on the workshop referred to in paragraph 22 above prior to CMA 6.

25. The SBSTA and the SBI also requested their Chairs to organize, with the support of the secretariat, two hybrid workshops for Parties, experts and observers under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme, one to take stock of the progress of work by the technical experts, to be held in conjunction with SB 62, and one to reflect on the final list of potential indicators to be agreed at CMA 7, to be held between SB 62 and 63.

26. The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat, including through its regional collaboration centres, to disseminate relevant information to help to engage regional organizations and research and academic institutions in the work on indicators.

27. The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat to make the final outputs of the technical work available in the six official languages of the United Nations.

28. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to consider additional work by the technical experts referred to in paragraph 14 above, and associated modalities,⁴ at SB 61 with a view to making a recommendation on this matter for consideration at CMA 6.

29. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to consider any additional activities under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme at future sessions of the subsidiary bodies, if needed.

30. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to continue considering the nature of the final outcome of the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme at SB 61 and 62, following the mapping referred to in paragraph 24 above and the work of the technical experts referred to in paragraph 14 above.

31. The SBSTA and the SBI took note of the importance of data readiness assessments in relation to indicators for the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5 and invited Parties to consider this matter at SB 61.

32. The SBSTA and the SBI took note of the views expressed by Parties at these sessions in relation to the matters described in paragraphs 28–31 above, and in relation to other considerations,⁵ which may be considered at SB 61, as appropriate, recognizing that these views do not capture those of all Parties and do not represent consensus.

33. The SBSTA and the SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 13, 22, 25 and 27 above.

34. The SBSTA and the SBI requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

⁴ Including the consideration of the Adaptation Committee and/or an ad hoc expert group and/or expert groups, without prejudging the outcome of negotiations at CMA 6.

⁵ See the informal note prepared by the co-facilitators for this agenda item, including the chapter titled “Other considerations,” available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/639575>.