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Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security
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Informal note by the co-facilitators

At the fourth informal consultations on this matter, held on 10 June 2023, Parties asked the co-facilitators to develop text capturing elements of the joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security, on the basis of Parties' views.

Draft conclusions

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), recalling Articles 9–10 of the Convention, initiated the Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security.¹ The SBSTA and the SBI welcomed the submissions from Parties and observers on the elements of this joint work, including on topics for the workshops referred to in decision 3/CP.27, paragraph 15(b),^{2,3} and on the operationalization of the online portal referred to in paragraph 16 of the same decision.⁴

2. The SBSTA and the SBI recalled the request of COP 27⁵ for the secretariat to hold in-session workshops in hybrid format, facilitating both virtual and in-person participation, on agreed topics related to agriculture and food security. They requested the secretariat to organize the workshops referred to in annex I in conjunction with the sessions specified therein. They encouraged admitted observer organizations to participate in the workshops.

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Option 1: The SBSTA and the SBI noted that the agriculture sector is simultaneously a contributor to climate change, highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, and a source of promising solutions, including natural carbon sinks. Implementation of these solutions at a meaningful scale requires cooperation to overcome cross-cutting technical, political and socioeconomic barriers. To achieve lasting climate benefits at scale, climate-smart agriculture systems must also improve adaptive capacity and resilience and reduce producers' vulnerability to climate risk.

Option 2: The SBSTA and the SBI noted that the implementation of climate action in agriculture at a meaningful scale requires cooperation and provision of support to overcome cross-cutting technical and socioeconomic barriers. To achieve lasting climate benefits at scale, agriculture systems must improve adaptive capacity and resilience and reduce vulnerability to the adverse effects of climate change.

4. The SBSTA and the SBI took note of the importance of issues elaborated in decision 3/CP.27, including but not limited to those related to farmers, especially small-scale farmers, and other vulnerable groups, including Indigenous Peoples, local communities, youth and women, and encouraged Parties to take them into consideration when making submissions and during the joint work workshops referred to in annex I.

5. The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat to prepare a report on each workshop referred to in annex I for the information of Parties at the sessions of the subsidiary bodies following the sessions in conjunction with which the workshops took place.

¹ As per decision 3/CP.27, para. 14.

² In response to decision 3/CP.27, para. 17.

³ Available at <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx> (use the search function to access relevant submissions).

⁴ In response to decision 3/CP.27, para. 18.

⁵ Decision 3/CP.27, para. 15(b).

6. The SBSTA and the SBI noted that the participation and representation of developing country Parties in the workshops referred to in annex I should be ensured through adequate funding.
7. The SBSTA and the SBI recalled the request of COP 27⁶ to the secretariat to invite representatives of the constituted bodies under the Convention, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the Adaptation Fund, the Least Developed Countries Fund, the Special Climate Change Fund and observers to attend the workshops.
8. The SBSTA and the SBI invited Parties and observers to submit via the submission portal,⁷ for each workshop referred to in annex I, their views on the topic of that workshop and suggested speakers by the deadline specified in annex I.
9. The SBSTA and the SBI recalled the request of COP 27⁸ to the secretariat to prepare an annual synthesis report on the work undertaken by constituted bodies and financial and other entities under the Convention, as well as by relevant international organizations, on activities related to the joint work. They requested the secretariat to invite relevant international organizations to submit information on the work undertaken on activities related to the joint work to be taken into account when preparing the annual synthesis report. They also requested the secretariat to make the annual synthesis report available for consideration at the first regular sessions of the subsidiary bodies each year.
10. The SBSTA and the SBI further requested the secretariat to develop the Sharm el-Sheikh online portal⁹ for sharing information submitted by Parties and observer organizations on projects, initiatives and policies for increasing opportunities for implementation of climate action to address issues related to agriculture and food security.
11. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to develop recommendations, during the second regular sessions of the subsidiary bodies each year, on the basis of the annual synthesis report referred to in paragraph 9 above, the content of the online portal referred to in paragraph 10 above and the workshop reports referred to in paragraph 5 above, recognizing that solutions are context-specific and take into account national circumstances.
12. [The SBSTA and the SBI recommended a draft decision (see annex II) on the establishment of a coordination group for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-eighth session (November–December 2023).]
13. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to continue consideration of this matter at SBSTA 59 and SBI 59 (November–December 2023).
14. 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 2, 5, 9,[and] 10[, and 12] above.
15. 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.

⁶ Decision 3/CP.27, para. 15(b).

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

⁸ Decision 3/CP.27, para. 15(a).

⁹ As per decision 3/CP.27, para. 16.

Annex I

Road map

Timeline	Activities
Before SB 59 (November–December 2023)	Development of a preliminary version of the online portal by the secretariat
SB 59	Discussion of the online portal, including presentation by the secretariat on existing relevant United Nations online portals
Between SB 59 and 60 (June 2024)	Submissions on workshop 1 by 2 March 2024 Further development of the online portal by the secretariat Publication of the annual synthesis report for 2024 by the secretariat
SB 60	Workshop 1 Consideration of the annual synthesis report for 2024
Between SB 60 and 61 (November 2024)	Preparation of the report on workshop 1 by the secretariat Standing invitation for Parties and observer organizations to share information on projects, initiatives and policies on the online portal
SB 61	Develop recommendations on the basis of the annual synthesis report by the secretariat, the content of the online portal and the workshop report
Between SB 61 and 62 (June 2025)	Submissions on workshop 2 by 15 March 2025 Publication of the annual synthesis report for 2025 by the secretariat Standing invitation for Parties and observer organizations to share information on projects, initiatives and policies on the online portal
SB 62	Workshop 2 Consideration of the annual synthesis report for 2025
Between SB 62 and 63 (November 2025)	Preparation of the report on workshop 2 by the secretariat Standing invitation for Parties and observer organizations to share information on projects, initiatives and policies on the online portal
SB 63	Develop recommendations on the basis of the annual synthesis report by the secretariat, the content of the online portal and the workshop report
Between SB 63 and 64 (2026)	Submissions on workshop 3 by 6 March 2026 Standing invitation for Parties and observer organizations to share information on projects, initiatives and policies on the online portal Publication of the annual synthesis report for 2026 by the secretariat
SB 64	Workshop 3 Consideration of the annual synthesis report for 2026
Between SB 64 and 65 (2026)	Preparation of the report on workshop 3 by the secretariat Standing invitation for Parties and observer organisations to share information on projects, initiatives and policies on the online portal
SB 65	Develop recommendations on the basis of the annual synthesis report by the secretariat, the content of the online portal and the workshop report Finalization of discussions on the progress and outcomes of the joint work and reporting to COP 31, as per paragraph 20 of decision 3/CP.27

Proposed workshop topics

1. Approaches to sustainable agriculture and food security
2. Understanding diverse actions, practices and technology in order to deliver sustainable food systems for food security
3. Means of implementation
4. Cooperative avenues for implementation for sustainable agriculture and food security
5. Informing capacity-building efforts related to measuring, monitoring, reporting, and verifying climate action for agriculture and food security
6. Fisheries

Annex II

[The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 2 of the Convention,

Also recalling decisions 4/CP.23 and 3/CP.27,

1. *Decides* to establish a group to facilitate coordination of the joint work referred to in decision 3/CP.27, paragraph 14 (hereafter referred to as the coordination group).
2. *Also decides* that participation in the coordination group shall guarantee the presence of all regional groups in [X] but not limit any Party participation.
3. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at their sixtieth sessions (June 2024), to draft recommendations for the internal organization and procedures of the Coordination Group for consideration and adoption at the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-ninth session (November 2024).]