

SBI 48.2 item 5: Common time frames for nationally determined contributions referred to in Article 4, paragraph 10, of the Paris Agreement

List of bullet points by the co-facilitators

We, the co-facilitators, want to highlight that the content of this list of bullet points by the co-facilitators is not exhaustive and does not represent agreed views or ideas; nor does it constitute an attempt to draw any conclusions on possible areas of convergence or divergence. The co-facilitators recognize that nothing is agreed until all the views on all aspects related to this item are agreed.

Parties have provided inputs during the consultations at SBI 47 and 48, and some Parties have also made submissions.¹

The intention of the list of bullet points below is not to prejudge either the position of Parties on issues expressed or their views regarding the outcome of this agenda item.

[Mandate

- Paris Agreement, Article 4, para. 10: “The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to this Agreement shall consider common time frames for nationally determined contributions at its first session.”.
- Decision 1/CP.22, para. 10: “[The COP] requests the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement and the constituted bodies under the Convention to accelerate their work on the work programme described in decision 1/CMA.1, paragraphs 5–7,² and to forward the outcomes to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fourth session (December 2018) at the latest;”.
- [Decision 1/CP.23, para 2: “[The COP] confirms its firm determination to oversee and accelerate the completion of the work programme under the Paris Agreement by its twenty-fourth session (December 2018) and to forward the outcomes for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at the third part of its first session (December 2018);”.]

Timing of applicability

- Any common time frames decided shall be applicable to the NDCs from 1 January 2031 onwards [to be communicated in 2025] and every five year thereafter, noting that Parties can apply common time frames to NDCs communicated earlier on a voluntary basis.

¹ The submissions made by Parties during SBI 48.2 are available at <https://unfccc.int/event/sbi-48-2>. The submissions made by Parties before the SBI 48.2 are available at <http://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionportal/Pages/Home.aspx>.

² Decision 1/CMA.1, paragraphs 5–7, reads:

“5. *Invites* the Conference of the Parties to continue to oversee the implementation of the work programme under the Paris Agreement in accordance with the arrangements contained in decision 1/CP.21, and to accelerate work and forward the outcomes at the latest to the third part of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement to be convened in conjunction with the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties (December 2018) for its consideration and adoption;

“6. *Also invites* the Conference of the Parties to continue to oversee the work on further guidance in relation to the adaptation communication, including, inter alia, as a component of nationally determined contributions, referred to in Article 7, paragraphs 10 and 11, of the Paris Agreement;

“7. *Further invites* the Conference of the Parties to continue to oversee the work on the development of modalities and procedures for the operation and use of a public registry referred to in Article 7, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement.”

- NDCs shall be communicated in 2025 and every five years thereafter, with common time frames applicable from 2031 onwards.
- Parties whose NDCs contain a 5-year time frame up to 2035 shall communicate by 2030 their respective new NDC with a time frame up to 2040 [and continue to do so every five years thereafter] and Parties whose NDCs contain a 10-year time frame up to 2040 shall communicate or update by 2030 these NDCs [and continue to do so every five years thereafter].

Options for common time frames

Some Parties are of the opinion that flexibility should apply for developing country Parties on the matter of common time frames referred to in Article 4, paragraph 10, of the Paris Agreement.

Some other Parties do not share this opinion.

- 5 years
 - ✓ Parties to communicate NDCs with a common time frame of 5 years.
 - ✓ Parties to communicate NDCs with a common time frame of 5 years or two successive NDCs with a 5-year time frame each.
 - ✓ Parties to communicate NDCs with a common time frame of 5 years in 2025, with implementation starting 1 January 2031. This target will be communicated in 2025 and later updated by 2030, taking into account the outcome of the global stocktake in 2028. Subsequent NDCs with a common time frame of 5 years shall be communicated every 5 years thereafter with a reference to the most recent global stocktake referred to in Article 14 of the Paris Agreement.
- 10 years
 - ✓ Parties to communicate NDCs with a common time frame of 10 years and to communicate or update their NDCs after five years pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Paris Agreement.
- Each Party shall communicate by 2025 a nationally determined contribution with a time frame up to 2035 or 2040. Developed country Parties apply for [5 year], [5 year firm target+ 5 year indicative target][5 year firm target + 5 year indicative target (every five years Parties confirm their indicative target, taking in to account the outcome from the global stocktake and at the same time Parties communicate a new indicative target)][10 years][10+ update after 5 years]; Developing countries Parties apply for [5 year], [5 year firm target + 5 year indicative target][5 year firm target + 5 year indicative target (every five years Parties confirm their indicative target, taking in to account the outcome from the global stocktake and at the same time Parties communicate a new indicative target)][10 years][10 years + update after 5 years] at their discretion/over time.
- Nationally determined
 - ✓ Parties to communicate NDCs every 5 years, pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Paris Agreement, with time frames on their own choosing
 - ✓ 5 and 10 years (if 10 years, Parties to provide indicative waypoint at the 5-year mark)
- Apply same common time frames for mitigation component, adaptation component and provision of support of NDC.
- Apply different time frames for mitigation component, adaptation component and provision of support of NDC.
- [Placeholder for other proposals]

Procedural Issues:

- Requests the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its [X] session, to consider common time frames for nationally determined contributions to be communicated from 2031 onwards and every five years thereafter, with a view to making a recommendation for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its [second session (November 2019)] [third session (November 2020)] [relevant session to be convened following the completion of the first global stocktake].
- Requests the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its [X] session, to continue the consideration of common time frames for nationally determined contributions to be communicated from 2031 onwards and every five years thereafter, with a view to making a recommendation for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its [second session (November 2019)] [third session (November 2020)] [relevant session to be convened following the completion of the first global stocktake].
- Maybe procedural conclusions at COP 24 (Katowice, December 2018).
- The SBI agreed to continue its consideration of this matter at SBI49 with a view to recommending a draft decision thereon for consideration and adoption at CMA 1.3 (December 2018) at the latest, as an integral part of the Paris Agreement Work Programme.

Other considerations made by Parties (examples)

- Importance of being informed by the global stock take referred to in Article 14 of the Paris Agreement;
- Importance of avoiding locking in ambition over long time periods;
- National circumstances, periods for their political decision and policy-making, time frames for social and economic development planning;
- Experience and lessons learned from the preparation, communication and implementation of Parties' first round of NDCs;
- Predictable policy frameworks to be established for social and economic development and efforts to address climate change, with a view to providing stable expectations to different stakeholders;
- Ambition of efforts to address climate change and easy access for developing country Parties to receive support to be provided by developed country Parties;
- More time needed for developing country Parties to prepare for the implementation of their NDCs. In this regard, there might be common time frames for developed and developing Parties respectively, without prejudice to the content of their NDCs;
- [Placeholder for other proposals]

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