



Concept Note

Capacity-Building for Negotiators (CB4N) Initiative

Global Webinar Series

Webinar 2: On the Road to COP 31

Key Negotiation Issues under the UNFCCC

Tuesday, 1 September 2026 15:00 - 16:30 (CEST)

Wednesday, 2 September 2026 14:00 - 15:30 (CEST)

Online Webinar (90 minutes each)

Introduction

Building on the legal and procedural foundations introduced in Webinar 1, Webinar 2 shifts the focus from how the UNFCCC negotiation process operates to what Parties negotiate. Delivered in two complementary 90-minute sessions, the webinar provides participants with an overview of the principal substantive negotiation areas under the UNFCCC process and the key issues expected to shape discussions in the lead-up to COP 31.

Together, the two sessions provide participants with an overview of the mandates, institutional arrangements and current negotiation priorities across mitigation, transparency, means of implementation and adaptation, while placing these discussions within the broader context of cross-cutting topics expected to shape negotiations at COP 31, including the Global Stocktake (GST), Just Transition, Gender and Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE). Participants will also be introduced to practical UNFCCC resources and tools to support their preparation for and participation in the negotiation process.

Through presentations delivered by the UNFCCC secretariat and interactive discussions, participants will gain a practical understanding of how these thematic negotiation streams contribute to the implementation of the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, and how they are likely to feature in discussions at COP 31.

Delivered under the Capacity-Building for Negotiators (CB4N) Initiative by the UNFCCC secretariat and its Regional Collaboration Centres (RCCs), Webinar 2 forms part of a broader effort to implement the mandate provided by Parties at SBI 62 to strengthen the capacity of Party delegates, particularly youth and emerging negotiators, through coordinated global and regional learning opportunities.

Objectives

The webinar aims to:

- Provide participants with an overview of the key substantive negotiation areas under the UNFCCC process, including mitigation, transparency, adaptation and means of implementation, and their relevance for COP 31.



- Explain the key mandates, institutional arrangements and governance frameworks underpinning these thematic areas under the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement.
- Examine the key negotiation issues, emerging priorities and developments expected to shape discussions in the lead-up to COP 31.
- Strengthen participants' understanding of the interlinkages among these thematic areas and their contribution to the effective implementation of the Paris Agreement.
- Familiarize participants with key UNFCCC resources and official documentation, enabling them to efficiently access agendas, mandates, negotiation texts, draft decisions and other relevant materials.
- Enhance participants' preparedness to engage effectively in UNFCCC negotiations on these agenda items during COP 31 and future UNFCCC sessions.

Target Audience

- Young and emerging climate negotiators
- Youth delegates participating in UNFCCC processes
- Government officials supporting climate negotiations
- Technical experts and advisors to Party delegations
- Representatives of regional organizations, constituencies and observer organizations engaged in climate diplomacy and capacity-building

Format

The webinar will be conducted online and will include:

- Expert presentations
- Interactive discussion
- Practical examples and case studies
- Q&A session with participants

For further information on the webinar, please contact: Capacity-Building for Negotiators Initiative (cb4n@unfccc.int); Fabiana Rodrigues (FRodrigues@unfccc.int); Ulfath Ibrahim (Uibrahim@unfccc.int).

The webinar is delivered in two complementary sessions. Part I focuses on cross-cutting topics, mitigation and transparency. Part II covers adaptation, means of implementation, Gender and ACE, together with practical guidance on navigating UNFCCC resources in preparation for COP 31.

Agenda - Webinar 2 – Part I: CB4N Webinar of the Global Webinar Series	
15:00 - 15:05	Welcome and Introduction Overview of Webinar 2 objectives and connection with Webinar 1 • <i>Luca Brusa, Cross-Division Task Force for CB4N</i>
15:05 - 15:10	Mentimeter Questions
15:10 - 15:25	Setting the Scene: Cross-cutting Topics shaping COP 31 An introduction to the broader policy context informing negotiations across agenda items, highlighting the Global Stocktake (GST), Science, Just Transition and their relevance across the UNFCCC negotiation agenda. • <i>Aiping Chen, Programme Coordination Division, UNFCCC</i>



15:25 - 15:35	Interactive Q&A session
15:35 - 15:50	Mitigation: From Ambition to Implementation Overview of the mitigation agenda under the UNFCCC, including NDCs, the Mitigation Work Programme, response measures and Article 6 mechanisms, highlighting the institutional arrangements and current priorities in the lead-up to COP 31. • <i>Philip Eyre, Mitigation Division, UNFCCC</i> • <i>Kenichi Kitamura, Mitigation Division, UNFCCC</i> • <i>Haruna Wadaguchi, Mitigation Division, UNFCCC</i>
15:50 - 16:00	Interactive Q&A session
16:00 - 16:15	Transparency: Supporting Implementation through the Enhanced Transparency Framework Overview of the Enhanced Transparency Framework, including reporting and review processes, together with current priorities relevant to Parties preparing for COP 31. • <i>Veronica Colerio, Transparency Division, UNFCCC</i>
16:15 - 16:30	Mentimeter and Interactive Q&A session

Agenda - Webinar 2 – Part II: CB4N Webinar of the Global Webinar Series

14:00 - 14:05	Welcome Back and Recap Summary of key messages from Part I and overview of Part II • <i>Fabiana Rodrigues, Cross-Division Task Force for CB4N</i>
14:05 - 14:10	Mentimeter Questions
14:10 - 14:20	Gender and Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) Overview of the institutional arrangements, ongoing workstreams and their role in supporting inclusive and effective climate action under the Convention and the Paris Agreement. • <i>Laura Vinuela, Gender and ACE Team, UNFCCC</i>
14:20 - 14:30	Interactive Q&A session



14:30 - 14:45	Means of Implementation: Finance, Technology, Capacity-Building and Support Overview of the institutional architecture and current discussions on means of implementation, with a focus on climate finance and support for developing countries in the lead-up to COP31. • <i>Alejandro Kilpatrick, Means of Implementation Division, UNFCCC</i>
14:45 - 14:55	Interactive Q&A session
14:55 - 15:10	Advancing the Global Goal on Adaptation: From Frameworks to Implementation Explore the evolution of the adaptation agenda under the Paris Agreement, the operationalization of the Global Goal on Adaptation, its institutional arrangements and the key issues expected to shape discussions at COP 31. • <i>Maryam Navi, Adaptation Division, UNFCCC</i>
15:10 - 15:20	Interactive Q&A session
15:20 - 15:30	Navigating the UNFCCC Website: Finding Information and Negotiation Texts A practical session on how to efficiently access key UNFCCC resources before and during COP 31, including agendas, negotiation documents, draft texts, decisions, Party submissions and meeting documents, with tips for tracking negotiations. • <i>James Dowson, Communications & Engagement Division, UNFCCC</i>
15:30	Mentimeter and Interactive Q&A session
