

INFORMAL NOTE

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The co-facilitators have prepared this informal note on the understanding that matters relating to the global goal adaptation, as outlined in paragraph 38 of decision 2/CMA.5, and modalities for 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 will be discussed under this agenda item.

[Placeholder for views related to paragraph 38 of decision 2/CMA.5, which requests the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to initiate consideration of matters relating to the global goal on adaptation at their sixtieth sessions (June 2024), taking into account ongoing processes under relevant agenda items and workstreams and drawing, at their discretion, on inputs from Parties, observers, the secretariat and relevant constituted bodies, 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 at the latest at its seventh session (November 2025), focusing on, inter alia:

(a) The exchange of knowledge, experience and information related to implementing the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience, including in relation to efforts to achieve the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5, with the aim of fostering implementation;

(b) The identification of potential inputs to future global stocktakes related to achieving the global goal on adaptation, including by considering how the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience can facilitate the analysis of information required for assessing progress towards the goal;

(c) The enhancement of understanding of, inter alia, the risks and impacts associated with different temperature increases across different regions;

(d) The opportunities for building on the best available science, including collaboration with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and other organizations, to provide information relevant to facilitating implementation of the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience, including in relation to the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5; to developing indicators, metrics and methodologies; and to identifying adaptation capacity gaps, challenges and the needs of developing countries;

(e) The development of terms of reference for reviewing the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience, including the time frame for the review;

Option 1: (f) Other matters

Option 2: No text

1. The SBI and the SBSTA invited the Adaptation Committee, the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change to prepare presentations on relevant work they have undertaken or are currently undertaking on the elements listed in paragraph 38 of decision 2/CMA.5 for consideration at SB 62 (June 2025).

2. The SBSTA and the SBI recalled paragraph 24 of decision 2/CMA.5, in which it was 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.

3. The SBSTA and the SBI [welcomed][took note of] the report 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.5.¹

4. The SBSTA and the SBI expressed appreciation to their respective Chairs and the secretariat for organizing and to the Royal 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.²

Mapping options

5. Option 1: The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat to prepare, [in collaboration with relevant United Nations agencies, research centres and stakeholders from all geographical regions][and with contributions from relevant constituted bodies, including the Adaptation Committee][with inputs from the expert working groups referred to in paragraph X below], a [mapping][compilation] of existing indicators relevant to measuring progress towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5, and to hold a hybrid workshop to facilitate consideration of the [mapping][compilation] among Parties and non-Party stakeholders in September 2024;

The SBSTA and the SBI invited Parties and observer organizations to submit via the submission portal by July 2024 views in relation to the [mapping][compilation] referred to in paragraph X above;

Option 2: The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat to prepare, in collaboration with relevant constituted bodies, a compilation of existing methodologies and indicators relevant to adaptation action and support under the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience, including the identification of potential indicators relevant to adaptation action and support, and areas not covered by existing indicators;

Option 3: The SBSTA and the SBI requested their respective Chairs to prepare, in collaboration with relevant constituted bodies, United Nations agencies, research centres and stakeholders from all geographical regions, taking into account submissions from Parties on the matter, a compilation of existing indicators relevant to measuring progress towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5, presented as a set of core global indicators and a menu of optional national-level indicators;

Option 4: The SBSTA and the SBI invited the Adaptation Committee to prepare a technical paper, for consideration at SB 61 (November 2024), containing a mapping of existing indicators and sources of information relevant to measuring progress towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5, taking into account invited inputs from experts at all levels, including from the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) [and the Nairobi work programme].

Option 5: The SBSTA and the SBI requested the ad hoc expert group referred to in paragraph X below to lead work on developing and mapping indicators relevant to measuring progress towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5, for Parties' consideration.

Engaging experts in the indicators process

6. Option 1: The SBSTA and the SBI requested their Chairs to establish seven expert working groups for the thematic targets referred to in paragraph 9 of decision 2/CMA.5, [as well as one group for the targets related to the dimensions of the iterative adaptation cycle referred to in paragraph 10 of decision 2/CMA.5,] [by September 2024]. These groups should:

¹ FCCC/SB/2024/2.

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

(a) Comprise, inter alia, experts from United Nations, intergovernmental and regional organizations with expertise in areas relating to the thematic and dimensional targets, as well as experts nominated by Parties, ensuring balanced regional representation, with the LDCs and SIDS considered as separate regional groups, including in terms of providing support for participation of experts from developing countries, particularly the LDCs and SIDS;

(b) Review the mapping of existing indicators referred to in paragraph X above with a view to refining those indicators and developing new ones to fill any gaps in coverage, in collaboration with relevant constituted bodies;

(c) Prepare technical reports, with the support of the secretariat, containing proposed indicators for consideration by Parties;

(d) Meet intersessionally, both virtually and in person, with three in-person meetings to be held for each of the seven expert working groups in September 2024, between SB 61 and 62 and between SB 62 and SB 63 (November 2025) respectively, with those in-person meetings to take place at the same time and in the same location to facilitate communication among the groups and foster synergies across the themes covered and be held back to back with workshops to provide opportunities for Parties and non-Party stakeholders to oversee and review the work of the groups;

The SBSTA and the SBI concluded that the work of the expert working groups will be reviewed at SB 61, 62 and 63 with a view to the outcomes of those reviews informing the decision on the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme at CMA 7 (November 2025).

The SBSTA and the SBI invited Parties, relevant organizations and relevant constituted bodies to nominate expert members to the expert working groups referred to in paragraph X above [in accordance with the ToR for the groups][, with the selection criteria for the composition of the groups and guidelines for their work to be agreed at CMA 6 (November 2024)] by August 2024.

Option 2: The SBSTA and the SBI invited the Adaptation Committee to review, refine and identify gaps in, if any, the indicators identified in the mapping referred to in paragraph X above following SB 61, with the voluntary engagement of experts, including through virtual meetings with those experts, with a view to developing recommendations on selected indicators for consideration at SB 62;

Option 3: The SBSTA and the SBI established an ad hoc expert group on the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme with up to 20 members by the end of June 2024.

The ad hoc expert group referred to in paragraph X above should:

(e) Have members that include nominees from United Nations regional groups, with support for the participation of developing country experts;

(f) Have two co-chairs, one from a developed and one from a developing country Parties;

(g) End its work at SB 62;

(h) Meet in person twice in 2024 and twice in 2025, with additional meetings to be held virtually as necessary.

The SBSTA and the SBI concluded that the work of the expert working groups will be reviewed at SB 61, 62 and 63 with a view to the outcomes of those reviews informing the decision on the UAE–Belém work programme at CMA 7.

Option 4: The SBSTA and the SBI invited contributions from technical experts, ensuring balanced regional representation, on the targets referred to in paragraph 9 of decision 2/CMA.5 with a view to those contributions informing the mapping referred to in paragraph X above.

7. The SBSTA and the SBI reiterated the importance of engaging Indigenous Peoples and local communities, including by making use of their knowledge and taking into account their worldviews and values, in all phases of work under the global goal on adaptation;

Workshops/dialogues

8. The SBSTA and the SBI requested their Chairs to organize a workshop for Parties and observers to reflect upon and provide feedback on the mapping referred to in paragraph X above, to be held

Option 1: no later than six weeks prior to CMA 6;

Option 2: in conjunction with CMA 6;

Option 3: back to back with the meetings of the expert working groups referred to in paragraph X above or other relevant meetings or events where possible;

9. The SBSTA and the SBI requested their Chairs to organize a workshop[s] for Parties and observers, with representatives of the expert working groups referred to in paragraph X above invited to attend, [to reflect upon and review the work of the expert groups referred to in paragraph X above[, including the technical reports and proposed indicators therein,]] [to consider indicators relevant to the targets in paragraph 9 of decision 2/CMA.5,] to be held

Option 1: between March and May 2025;

Option 2: in conjunction with SB 61;

Option 3: back to back with the meetings of the expert working groups referred to in paragraph X above or other relevant meetings or events where possible;

10. The SBSTA and the SBI requested their Chairs to organize a workshop for Parties and observers, with representatives of the expert working groups referred to in paragraph X above invited to attend, to consider [a][the] draft list of indicators that [may][will] be prepared at SB 61 with a view to refining that list and advancing work on the final package of indicators for consideration and adoption at CMA 7, to be held

Option 1: no later than six weeks prior to CMA 7;

Option 2: virtually;

Option 3: back to back with the meetings of the expert working groups referred to in paragraph X above or other relevant meetings or events where possible;

Option 4: at SB 62;

11. The SBSTA and the SBI highlighted the importance of ensuring balanced regional representation at all workshops under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme;

12. The SBSTA and the SBI invited Parties and observers to submit via the submission portal by XX views pertaining to each workshop under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme no later than three weeks prior to the relevant workshop;

13. The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat to prepare a concept note for each workshop under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme, to be published no later than two weeks prior to the relevant workshop;

14. The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat to prepare a summary report on each workshop under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme, to be published no later than two weeks following conclusion of the relevant workshop;

Criteria for indicators

15. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed that the [mapping][compilation][technical paper] referred to in paragraph X above should include indicators relevant to measuring progress towards one or more of the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5 and that should, inter alia, be specific to adaptation; take into account quantitative and qualitative information; be able to be aggregated; be able to reflect national circumstances; be applicable across different contexts; and be able to be disaggregated by, for example, gender, age, status as Indigenous Peoples or vulnerable groups, and disability, as appropriate;

Other considerations

16. Option 1: Relevant provisions and principles of the Convention and the Paris Agreement, CBDR-RC;

Option 2: No text

Outcome of final list of indicators

17. Option 1: The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to proposing one set of core global indicators for all Parties to report on and one set of voluntary, national-level indicators that will be at Parties' discretion to report on.

Option 2: The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to proposing one set of indicators for all Parties to report on.

Option 3: The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to proposing one set of indicators that are voluntary and able to be customized for each country;

Option 4: No text

Data readiness

18. The SBSTA and the SBI invited Parties, non-Party stakeholders and interested organizations to submit via the submission portal by XX information on the data readiness for the list of indicators contained in the outcome of the technical work referred to in paragraphs X-X above. The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report on the submissions for consideration at XX.]