



Eighth global dialogue and investment-focused event under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme

*Sydney, Australia
28-30 September 2026
Sofitel Sydney Darling Harbor
(All times are local time)*

This preliminary agenda has been prepared under the guidance of the co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme, taking into account inputs received through submissions and the informal discussion with Parties held during the sixty-fourth session of the Subsidiary Bodies in Bonn. Please note that the content remains subject to change. The final agenda will be published in due course to take into account subsequent inputs from Parties, observers, and other non-Party stakeholders.

The co-chairs of the work programme will organize a poster session to take place concurrently with the eighth global dialogue and investment-focused event. Further details will be shared in due course.

Day 1: 28 September 2026 | Global Dialogue

Time	Session
08:00 – 08:30	Registration for the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme
<u>Opening</u>	
8:30 – 9:00	Welcome to Country ceremony <i>A Welcome to Country is a traditional custom observed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The purpose of a Welcome to Country is to Welcome people onto the Country where an event or gathering is taking place. Traditionally this would be an opportunity to teach newcomers of any rules or expectations of the Traditional Owners. A Welcome to Country can be held with an accompanying Smoking Ceremony. A Smoking Ceremony is conducted to clear the air and welcome people to our Country, and also offer healing and connection to Country and land.</i> <i>The Welcome to Country will take place on the pool deck of the Sofitel Hotel Darling Harbour.</i>
09:00 – 09:30	Welcome remarks Introduction to the eighth global dialogue by the co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme



Time	Session
<u>Scene-setting Session</u>	
09:30 – 11:00	<u>Area of discussion 1</u> Experiences of best practices and actionable solutions in addressing challenges and barriers, including the enablers of ambition and implementation of mitigation action in industries <i>This area of discussion will explore technology options, trends and innovation ecosystems for decarbonizing industries, drawing on national and regional experience, with a focus on building on and diving deeper into the discussions already started on industries.</i> <i>Participants may consider, technology pathways for relevant industries, frontier and emerging solutions, and the role of innovation ecosystems in accelerating deployment, among others. This area of discussion may also consider the institutional, financial, and governance frameworks that can support the movement of technologies from demonstration to commercial scale, while highlighting how solutions and approaches have been applied in practice and lessons that may be relevant for other circumstances.</i> Scene-setting presentations Panel Discussion followed by Q&A session
11:00 – 11:15	Break
<u>Scene-setting Session (contd.)</u>	
11:15 – 12:45	<u>Area of discussion 2</u> Experiences of other cross-cutting issues as mandated in decision 4/CMA.4, paragraph 4 <i>This session will explore cross-cutting issues, synergies, trade-offs, and co-benefits associated with mitigation action, drawing on national and regional experience.</i> <i>Participants may consider the interactions between mitigation options across different sectors and systems, including interactions with other environmental and socio-economic objectives. They may also discuss how these intersect with broader sustainable development priorities and poverty eradication, and how coordinated approaches could help deliver multiple co-benefits, including equity considerations, participation of diverse stakeholders, international cooperation, while minimizing trade-offs and supporting the reduction of emissions.</i> Scene-setting presentations Panel Discussion followed by Q&A session
12:45 – 13:00	Breakout explainer by the co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break



Time	Session	
<u>Breakout Sessions</u>		
<i>The breakout sessions will build upon the themes and issues highlighted during the scene-setting presentations and panel discussions on best practices and actionable solutions in addressing challenges and barriers, including the enablers of ambition and implementation of mitigation action in industries, drawing on national and regional experience and on cross-cutting issues. Participants will engage in sharing best practices and actionable solutions and challenges and barriers with a view to exploring key aspects and enablers for mitigation action in industries drawing on national and regional experience and on cross-cutting issues.</i>		
<i>The breakout sessions will be organized in two consecutive rounds, with two groups convening in parallel during each round. Each of the two breakout groups will focus on a distinct thematic area, drawn from the preceding scene-setting presentations and panel discussions. Participants will stay in the same room through the breakout sessions. After the first breakout discussion, facilitators will rotate to the other room. This approach will allow all participants to participate in both breakout discussions and contribute to both themes. Each round of discussion will run for approximately 90 minutes with a short break in between to allow facilitators to switch between breakout rooms. Facilitators will keep time and inform about the program. During the breakout discussion participants will have an opportunity for interactive engagement.</i>		
<u>Theme 1:</u> Experiences of best practices and actionable solutions in addressing challenges and barriers, including the enablers of ambition and implementation of mitigation action in industries		
<u>Theme 2:</u> Experiences of other cross-cutting issues as mandated in decision 4/CMA.4, paragraph 4		
14:00 – 15:30	<i>Breakout Group 1</i> Theme 1	<i>Breakout Group 2</i> Theme 2
15:30 – 15:45	Break to switch rooms	
15:45 – 17:15	<i>Breakout Group 1</i> Theme 2	<i>Breakout Group 2</i> Theme 1
17:15 – 17:30	Close Day 1	
Networking reception hosted by the government of Australia 18:00 onwards		



Day 2: 29 September 2026 | Global Dialogue closing

Time	Session
09:00 – 10:30	Global Dialogue Closing Session – Facilitated exchange This session will provide an opportunity for participants to reflect collectively on opportunities to overcome challenges in advancing mitigation action, including those emerging from the discussions held under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme. <i>Closing of Global Dialogue by co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Work Programme</i>

Day 2: 29 September 2026 | Investment Focused Event

Time	Session
10:30 – 10:40	Introduction to the eighth investment-focused event by the co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme
<u>Scene-setting Session</u>	
10:40 – 12:15	Scene-setting presentation followed by panel discussion and Q&A Financing mitigation in industries <i>The scene-setting presentation and subsequent panel discussion will consider aspects related to finance and technical support for mitigation action in industries.</i> <i>The panel will share a range of financing approaches for mitigation in industries. Panelists will share perspectives on different financing modalities and discuss what it takes to effectively mobilize resources, including the role of blended finance, de-risking instruments and project preparation support. The panel will also examine how to improve institutional readiness and navigate specific funding and technical assistance processes, to enable financing mitigation action in industries.</i>
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch Break
13:15 – 14:50	Case studies and perspectives on financing mitigation in industries followed by Q&A
14:50 – 15:10	Break
15:10 – 16:45	Session: investment readiness, project development and investor perspectives <i>This session will bring together investors, financial institutions, climate funds, development banks and project preparation experts to discuss what makes mitigation projects investment-ready and how project proponents can better navigate the path from concept to bankable proposal.</i> <i>The discussion will consider eligibility and assessment criteria, minimum information requirements, common weaknesses in project proposals and practical ways to strengthen project preparation, including through technical assistance, blended finance, de-risking instruments and partnerships. The session will also explore broader enabling conditions that affect access to finance for industrial decarbonization, including creditworthiness, cost of capital, risk perception, regulatory predictability and the role of stable policy and institutional frameworks in reducing risks and mobilizing investment.</i>
16:45 – 17:00	Summary and reflections by the co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Work Programme



Day 3: 30 September 2026 | Investment-focused event | Pitch Hub

Time	Session
<u>Pitch Hub</u>	
08:00 – 08:15	Opening of the Pitch Hub by the co-chairs
08:15 – 09:30	Pitch hub incl. success stories <i>The Pitch Hub will provide an opportunity for interested Parties to share their project ideas and interact with investors, financial institutions and other policymakers with a view to receiving expert advice and insights on investment project preparation. Participants selected by the co-chairs will present to investors and policy makers on their project proposals. Interested Parties have been requested to submit a project proposal to be included in the pitch hub. Further details on the pitch hub will be provided in due course.</i>
09:30 – 09:45	Networking Break
09:45 – 11:15	Pitch hub incl. success stories (contd.)
11:15 – 11:30	Summary and reflections, and closing of the eighth investment-focused event by the co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Work Programme