

Mitigation Work Programme

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- Matters relating to the work programme for urgently scaling up mitigation ambition and implementation referred to in paragraph 27 of decision 1/CMA.3

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- Paragraph 27 requested the UNFCCC SBs to recommend a draft decision on mitigation matters for consideration and adoption by CMA4 in Sharm El Sheik, in a manner that supports the global stocktake.
- Paragraph 31 decides to annually convene an international high-level ministerial roundtable on pre-2030 ambition.
- Paragraph 32 urges countries that have not communicated long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies as referred to in Article 4, paragraph 19 of the Paris Agreement, to do so by COP27.

Developments since COP26:

- SBI and SBSTA report from June invited Parties to submit their views on the MWP via the submission portal by 30 September 2022 - FCCC/SBI/2022/12, para. 54 and FCCC/SBSTA/2022/6, para. 43; **13 submissions**
- Informal consultations held with HoD on the matter convened by the COP 26 & 27 Presidencies in April 2022
- A Ministerial Roundtable was organised from 12 to 13 May 2022 in Copenhagen, Denmark, Ministers and high-level representatives from over 40 countries covered a range of issues which were summarized in a co-chairs report - <https://unfccc.int/documents/492265>
- Pre-sessional workshop will be held before CMA4 to be held on 5 Nov - See COP27 overview schedule <https://unfccc.int/documents/618711>
- 53 countries have submitted their LEDS/LTS as of today - <https://unfccc.int/process/the-paris-agreement/long-term-strategies>

China submission, 8 October 2022

- p.2: “The lack of ambition of developed countries’ 2020 mitigation targets has not only led to a huge emission reductions gap but also resulted in a trust deficit.”;
- p.8: Notes principles of equity and CBDR & RC, respect of national sovereignty.
- p.10: “platform for NDC implementation exchange... strive to do better through mutual learning.”
- p.13 “urgent to strengthen adaptation actions, and developed countries must provide corresponding support to developing countries.”

United States submission, 5 October 2022

- p.2: “a number of Parties – including several top-10 emitters and some of the largest economies in the world – did not raise the level of the climate ambition to meet this urgent call.”
- Suggested Modalities (structure, format, leadership, substance, period of MWP)
- Provided an Annex of topics of interest for MWP: e.g just transition to net-zero, fossil fuel subsidy reform, protecting, conserving and restoring forests and other terrestrial and marine ecosystems...

AOSIS submission, 11 October 2022

- p.3 - “Sectoral focused technical discussions should be guided by the IPCC AR6 WG3 report as outlined below with priority given to high-impact sectors and sub-sectors that have the highest abatement potential within the 2020-2030 period: Energy, AFOLU, Buildings, Transport, Industry”
- Highlights role of the Ministerial Roundtable; to serve to enable political level recommendations and an accountability checkpoint for Parties
- Annex 1 on inputs and Annex 2 on outputs of MWP

Japan submission, 7 October 2022

- p.6: “The work programme should promote the following activities:
(a) Accelerating expansion of coverage of mitigations to economy-wide and all types of greenhouse gas; (b) *Facilitating an effective domestic framework of implementation, including a statutory plan and a mechanism to follow up NDCs;* and
(c) Encouraging the development of individual mitigation plans by implementing entities.”

See: <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx> “mitigation”

MWP Principle & Design Considerations

This Mitigation Work Programme is likely to involve the adoption of a process decision on modalities and procedures rather than a substantive outcome.

Design considerations:

- Avoids duplication with existing mandates under the Paris Agreement, and processes under UNFCCC e.g. GST
- Respect national sovereignty of countries, particularly in relation to NDC cycle
- Flexible and capable of adapting over time to address new and emerging priorities

Issues being discussed:

- how the **scope** of the work programme would reflect the objectives of scaling up mitigation and ambition, and how this would interact with implementation;
- the **form** the work programme should take, with parties recommending workshops or a platform for information sharing, and including non-state actors in proceedings;
- **connections with political processes**, with many Parties suggesting that the programme should inform the annual pre-2030 ministerial roundtable; and
- the **timeline** of the work programme, with many agreeing that it should continue until 2030 with urgent emphasis placed on the next two years.

Thank you.
