

UNFCCC Meeting Report (Negotiating Session)

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Session/Agenda Item: Work programme on just transition pathways referred to in the relevant paragraphs of decision 1/CMA.4 - Informal Consultation - SBI 9/SBSTA 8

Location: UNFCCC COP 28, Dubai, UAE

Room Number: Meeting Room 4, Zone B1

Participants (name and organization):

[Incomplete list]

Chile

Pakistan

Singapore

Bangladesh

Burkina Faso

Ethiopia

UAE

Ghana

Indonesia

Mauritius

Norway

New Zealand

Lebanon

United States

Japan

Women and Gender

Canada

Australia

South Africa

Iraq

Philippines

Malaysia

Spain

EU

Papua New Guinea

Trinidad and Tobago

Kuwait

TUNGO

Angola

Panama

Ukraine

Somalia

Peru

Japan

Saudi Arabia

Brazil

United Kingdom

Saint Lucia

Uganda

Mexico

Switzerland

Republic of Korea

Turkiye

Lesotho

Cook Islands

Egypt

China

Iceland

Guyana

Tavalu

Attachments : https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/SB%2059_just_transition.pdf

Notes/Summary :

Brazil obo ABU

- We don't think G77 and China will be able to come to consensus yet because the venue kept people from coming in
- From ABU's perspective the JTWP is as consequential for the regime as the GST
- We should think about having it later today/tonight, provided G77 and China can meet before that
- Alternatively, we can have it tomorrow or day after tomorrow
- We shouldn't rush into early decision on this before two-thirds of the Parties can talk on their position

Norway

- Colossal challenge for Parties to be able to engage on very comprehensive workload ahead of us

- It is a process that reflects the richness and opportunities of climate change
 - Healthy sign that we want to take our time
- Appreciates the concerns raised by Brazil but we are responsible for the mandates that we put on ourselves
- JTWP is one of the issues that Norway is prioritizing - it is at the core of Norway's climate policies
 - This is something we put high priority to: a JT especially for the workforce
- For us to kick off the work, we need to engage. There are many Parties around the table. It is with great disappointment that we're here on day 2 sitting here ready to work, even though we have other obligations, and then we're waiting in this room and learning that we might have to wait a day or two more
- The mandate in front of us does not deserve that waiting. We must pin down this work programme
- Norway pleads to G77 and China to be able to start our work where you have agreements, otherwise from our side we believe this is undermining our efforts to move forward on this important issue
- We see many red flags raised right now to discuss to move forward with the JTWP

Zambia obo AGN

- As Brazil said, this work programme is critical
- Within the G77 and China, we've been clear that a clear voice from our 130+ nations would be important. We don't know why Norway is saying the process is being undermined because we only received the document this morning and we are experiencing serious constraints getting into the conference
- It is essential for us to have one clear voice, and it should be allowed for us to do that work
- From our side, this delay doesn't undermine the work of the agenda item

Saudi Arabia (obo Arab Group?)

- Supports statement by Brazil on postponing the session until a later time today
- Important to highlight that G77 and subgroups have been working constructively since Bonn
- Given the circumstances and that the text came early this morning (perhaps 1:30am) and given that we had to coordinate among G77 and subgroups, we require more time to have a thorough review
- We also join others in highlighting the importance of JTWP

Bolivia obo LMDC

- Supports the delay
- We must be able to discuss in an inclusive manner with all the countries part of LMDC and G77

Ethiopia

- JT is very important
- Eager to have good outcome but we received this late at night after I already fell asleep
- Having time to digest would be helpful to getting a good decision at this COP

US

- In support of Norway
- Sympathize with co facilitators because you and the secretariat worked until 1am on this text
- Disappointing that we can't start this important work here
- US will be informally reaching out to negotiators since we don't have the formal time, and we encourage others to reach out

Papua New Guinea

- Only had limited time to look at text
- We saw our views being reflected well in the workshop report, but when it came to the document from the co facilitators, we did not see the concerns reflected
- The time for us as a group to look over it would give us time for a just way to have this discussion

EU

- Regarding the mandate in front of us, we don't think it's wise to delay the process
- Fully align with statement made by Norway

Chile

- Chile is a small delegation and we had big issues this morning that put a tremendous amount of stress on our delegations
- Really tried to coordinate among different groups to get a common position, but it was impossible
- Because of the importance of the work programme, we really want to work on substance but if we cannot coordinate, it's impossible

UK

- Shares the concerns raised about tough work schedule and need to consider that schedule
- Also recognize note from Saudi Arabia on the constructive work we've had here and wants to build on that
- The text facilitators produced focused on the areas of agreement; It didn't contain many of the views expressed, but it was a good basis to start from and work with; These views we talk about here aren't final views; It's important we keep moving the process forward and use our valuable time in this session
- Supports Norway's statement
- If it's not possible to engage in this session, we are ready to engage informally
- Really hope there's not a two-day delay because that's a significant amount of time

Facilitators

- Really encourage everybody to use the time to discuss about the proposal
- Hopefully the negotiation will happen at 6pm

Follow-up :

The high-level ministerial will take place tomorrow (Dec 3) at 3pm

The negotiations will likely continue afterwards around 6pm

Take Away:

G77 and China were unable to achieve consensus due to the late publication of the first draft negotiating text.

Developed countries are read to begin negotiating and prefer to discuss the negotiating text.
