

UNFCCC Meeting Report on the Continuation of the Informal Consultation on the Sharm el-Sheikh Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Work Programme

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Time	Session/Agenda/Event Title	Location
20:00-21:00 (moved from 18:00) AZT/GMT +4	Continuation of Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme - Informal consultation: CMA	Meeting Room 04

Relevant links or Attachments:

- [Technical dialogue of the first global stocktake](#)
- [Paris Agreement text](#)
- [Decision/1 CMA.5 \(Outcome of first global stocktake\)](#)

Summary:

- Despite urging by co-chairs to focus on technical aspects of MWP rather than controversial political aspects so that there can be a draft decision text produced, parties remain deadlocked on the scope of the MWP and whether or not it should build on GST outcomes, rehashing the same arguments made at the June SB60 meetings
 - Arab Group and the LMDCs vehemently opposed expanding the scope of the MWP, stating that it would stall progress even further since the current scope encompasses enough
- Developing country groups clashed with high-integrity parties and groups on multiple subject areas, namely, whether or not the decision text should discuss building on GST outcomes and p. 186

- o Parties also disagreed on whether MWP should provide guidance on NDCs, with LMDCs and the Arab Group strongly opposing this, stating that NDCs already receive guidance from the GST
- o Developing countries highlighted the importance of honoring CBDR-RC and a non-prescriptive approach, whereas developed countries argued for the inclusion of more high-level messaging, similar to their stances at the Bonn conference
- Parties seemed no closer to reaching consensus on what a draft decision text should include by 9:10pm, with widely diverging opinions on several key components and multiple groups still waiting in line to give comments

Co-Facilitators: Ursula and Marcello

Notes:

Speaker	Notes
CoF Marcello	● Discussion tonight will continue list of speakers from previous consultation
China obo LMDCs	● Emphasize importance of collaborative nature of discussions - o Parties need to stop discussing elements of the mandate, this will only stall negotiations unnecessarily - o Way forward= working on sections there is consensus on ■ More productive focus= working on section on the organization of global dialogues ■ Proposed a skeleton organization structure - o Reaffirm nationally determined nature of NDCs ■ Highlight importance of capacity building support for developing countries on development and communication of NDCs ■ CBDR-RC also an important concept to uphold ● It is important for preamble to emphasize the nature of MWP as being non-prescriptive, non-punitive, and one that does not impose new targets or goals on countries ● Scope - o Should be based on broad thematic areas related to scaling up mitigation in this decade ● On global dialogues - o Acknowledge that developing countries have been inadequately represented, want to ensure more balanced and inclusive manner ■ Guiding questions and subquestions should be consulted and selected by parties - o Topic selection should not be biased, should have balance between developed and developing countries - o Global dialogues should be global, not regional ■ Regional focus cannot ensure inclusive and balanced nature that a global focus can

	● Investment focused events ○ Investment Digital platform , support Brazil's proposal ○ Developed countries should present progress to developing countries ● Draft decision text input ○ Top down approach is not consistent with the Paris Agreement and also inconsistent with nature of NDCs ○ MWP platform is not one that should include GST outcomes ■ GST discussion is not relevant here ○ No linkages with NDCs ■ MWP work does not have linkages indicating it should inform second round of NDCs ■ We believe article 14 of paris agreement already has clear guidance on links ○ Should not include high-level messages ○ Cherry-picking of references to annual report is unbalanced and should not be included
UK	● Uk remains disappointed with last weeks outcome but is looking forward to practical discussion ● We're hopeful there's a framing produced that parties can feel confident with ● We're already referencing national sovereignty and circumstances ○ For UK it is key to reference science ● Logistical arrangements - agree there's scope to improve - more participatory ○ *couldn't hear rest of statement* ● We're keen that horizons are included ● *Talking about cities and infrastructure but can't hear*
Norway	● *could not hear statement due to low volume*
Saudi Arabia obo Arab Group	● Provides skeleton draft decision text ○ Prefers short preamble, only recalling Paris Agreement and 4/CMA.4 ○ If expanded would like to add more elements , recalling Articles 2.2, 4.5, 4.7, 4.15, and 4/CMA.4 paragraphs 2 and 4 in full ● NDCs receives guidance from GST and not MWP ○ Should not discuss the MWP informing NDCs in this draft ○ Cannot accept 1.5 degrees without also including 2 degrees (as stated in Paris agreement) ○ Oppose any targets or projections from IPCC ■ Strong concerns about lack of equity in consideration ○ Arguing that the basket of solutions offered is not a party driven process ● Improvements and process ○ Must make sure these do not introduce fundamental changes to mandate under guise of suggestions ■ Not willing to accept suggestions that expand mandate or give new requirements

	● Global dialogues ○ Want clear guidance from co chairs on remaining topics ○ Previous decision was not respected re not revisiting old topics - we want “very strong” language on this ○ Can’t afford to delay or become fixated on one area ○ Need to pursue a comprehensive holistic approach ○ Only then can we reflect meaningfully on progress we’ve made and then chart a path forward - at this stage too premature - an area we can revisit in 2026 when work programme is up for debate ○ Should address cross-cutting topics ■ Including negative impacts, barriers and challenges, need for enabling environment financing gaps in accordance w CBDR considerations and just transitions ● Another request which is too premature is accepting GST p.186[?] invitation ○ This would muddy scope and expand it in a way we do not want to see. Don’t have time. ● Need for more inclusive and open dialogues where all parties are in the room ● Want to increase developing countries present at these events and have more balance in panels ● We want inclusive transparent party consultations before agenda is selected ● We would like to recall p9 of decision 4 CMA.4 - without attempting to redefine - very clear what it’s for ● For investment focussed event ○ Can introduce digital platform in a country owned and nationally determined manner as brazil has suggested - fantastic idea ○ We can connect projects with stakeholders and investors ○ Would like to invite country presentations that assess support levels from developed countries ○ And case studies re unintended consequences of mitigation activities in developing countries ● Elements that we strongly feel should <i>not</i> be part of skeleton informal note ○ Any substantive messages ○ Any follow up or integration of GST or p. 186 ■ Should focus on current scope- we have task already big enough ■ Need to see this to very end before any additional work is taken up ○ Oppose suggestion on progress report of GST implementation - can’t imagine how this fits into current scope of mandate - strongly reject that suggestion
Japan	● Preamble ○ Would like to include latest science ○ Actionable solutions from global dialogue are our priority ● We would like to highlight missing elements - [methane and GHGs? Missed] ● Support implementation of GST outcomes in MWP ○ Solutions would be taken up by parties IF they need, taking into account their national circumstances and capabilities

Indonesia	● Would like to include some elements in draft decision text ○ 1. X ○ 2. Reiterate work of MWP is to complement GST and mode of work with is non prescriptive non punitive and will not impose new targets and goals ○ 3. Welcome previous report of global dialogue - each element has identified elements ○ 4. Call for submission - as last year - on the topic of [GGIFE?] - and effectiveness of this to unlock finance and build barriers ○ 5. Encourage [missed] ○ Emphasis that support to means of implementation from developed parties will help higher ambition
Bangladesh obo LDCs	● Structure of decision text ○ Agrees with other parties- sees simple structure as best fit for purpose of MWP ● Relevant decisions from previous COPs should be included in text ○ References to annual reports should also be included ○ [could not understand what was said] ● Inputs ○ MWP input should facilitate 1.5 degree aligned 2025 NDCs ● Selection of topics ○ Parties, observers, and non-party stakeholders should be invited and included ● GST outcome is important, and we should try to consider the relevant inputs from it to enhance MWP ● Support idea of facilitating follow up sessions on global dialogues and investment focused events ● Support Brazil's proposal to incentivize parties to implement [unclear what was stated]
Brazil	● Very disappointed in deadlock ● Don't want this to be Brazil's proposal but everybody's proposal - we have received very valuable contributions from many parties ● Some parties are refusing to engage and we would like to know the reasons because we think they are legitimate but we want to know why? In this proposal that has the capacity to unlock the MWP - it's a very concrete proposal. ● Paris agreement went through 30 year negotiation phase and now we need to focus on implementation ● Thai concrete proposal we want to build with other parties would help shift to regime of implementation phase ● We want to unlock potential of MWP ● Our proposal is a platform that connects financiers to relevant projects inc. [various aspects of projects] - in country relevant manner ○ Would include projects with adaptation co benefits ● We want a substantive decision here at MWP ● Want to link to other platforms inc. 6.8 platform, agriculture platform & technology & others, maybe outside the regime - we could have one year to think about this - it will be build together

	• We'll discuss forest restoration, bioeconomy • Recognise developed countries are not actually taking the lead - there is a gap between their mitigation ambition and their finance provision • bioeconomy , forest restoration and biodiversity all interest Brazil - crosscutting issues
	• [9:10 pm - left meeting]