UNFCCC Meeting Report on UAE Informal Dialogue on GST Outcomes on Para. 97

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Time	Session/Agenda/Event Title	Location
15:00-16:00 **AZT/GMT +4**	**United Arab Emirates dialogue on implementing the outcomes of the global stocktake, referred to in paragraph 97 of decision 1/CMA.5 - Informal consultation: CMA 11 (j)**	**Meeting Room 26**

Relevant links or Attachments:

- Modalities of the United Arab Emirates dialogue on implementing the global stocktake outcomes, referred to in paragraph 97 of decision 1/CMA.5. Informal note by the co-facilitators - Date - 15 November 2024
- Technical dialogue of the first global stocktake
- Paris Agreement text
- Decision/1 CMA.5 (Outcome of first global stocktake)

Summary:

- Reluctance at beginning of meeting for Parties to be first in the room to express their views, co-facilitators resolved this by allowing Parties who were early speakers to speak again towards end of meeting
- Most parties remain in disagreement on how para. 97 of the GST outcome must be implemented. Debates lie mainly on divergence in scope: whether this outcome is exclusively about finance or also other issues, such as mitigation.
- Parties instructed Co-Facilitators to assimilate all shared statements in the renditions of draft texts. Indicated that this draft text should be ready by the next meeting to debate them.
    - o Where there is a convergence of party views, co-facilitators will make note and streamline the draft decision text accordingly

Co-Facilitators: Riccardo and Patrick

Notes:

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<tr><th>Speaker</th><th>Notes</th></tr>
<tr><td>CoF Ricardo</td><td>
All technical work is expected to conclude by Wednesday evening, intention then is to engage on basis of draft text this week, acknowledging that there are still diverging views on the matter
Would like to use this informal consultation to here parties' ideas on what the text should look like
Requests parties to put forward ideas for bridging the gaps between their stances
Text should become more fleshed out by the end of Wed
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<tr><td>Saudi Arabia obo LMDCs</td><td>
Wanted to outline expectations on next decision text
All sections that could be related to scope retain options
Ensure options remain separate for scope, should not be condensed
Different visions should be clearly outlined
Reaffirm article 2.2 of Paris Agreement (PA)
Article 4.5, 7.6, 1 CMA.5 p. 36, 94
Outcomes of GST should be implemented through NDCs
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<tr><td>Canada</td><td>
Provides insights on how to streamline text while also providing optionality while necessary
In terms of scope, recognizes that there needs to be optionality (as noted by Saudi Arabia)
Would like to see moved down to section on format so that scope section can clearly/succinctly articulates what UAE dialogues should focus on
Want dialogue to provide comprehensive progress
Would like to have opportunity for own implementation efforts to be informed by UAE dialogue
Need to see comprehensive overview included in Scope of dialogue
P. 28 and other key areas of action would be well suited to dialogue
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<tr><td>United States</td><td>
Builds on Canada, gives perspective on how to streamline text
Clearly options that remain open, also opportunities to clean up the text to make it easier to read
Would appreciate recalling the Paris Agreement
Agree w Saudi Arabia on need to refer to Article 14 (GST article) but aren't sure that text needs to recall other sections of PA, seems irrelevant
Wants to strike balanced representation language in format section, suggests "meaningful representation" as replacement
Input section seems duplicative of other decisions
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<tr><td>EU</td><td>
Preamble clarity
Feels like it is not useful to cherry-pick previous PA articles while ignoring others
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	● Outputs ○ Revision of NCQG seem unacceptable
India	● Leave 19 CMA.1 aside ● Need a dialogue that consists of structured conversations that are inclusive, and facilitate exchanges and opportunities for understanding ● On the subject of scope ○ Extensive references to all possible outcome paragraphs in GST will help bridge gaps between parties
Grupo SUR	● Concurs with India's statement on the lack of a need for overcomplicating the dialogue with the addition of several other paragraphs in the GST ● Argues that with only a week left, Parties must stop focusing on where they diverge and instead concentrate on how they can compromise
Ghana obo Africa Group	● Asserts that all GST outcomes should have a home where they are discussed ● Believes that scope was already discussed in the past year, and the Africa Group will not re-debate the issue ● Format on Active Participation of Most Affected Populations ○ Africa is one of the most affected regions by climate change, while the Africa Group respects other groups stances on dialogue, argues that most affected population stances should take precedence *Did not understand last segment of statement*
Norway	● Concerning scope, prefers Option 2, but believes that the dialogue need not reinvent all elements of the GST ● Emphasized that GST outcomes that are not being picked up must be considered in the dialogue ● Believes that dialogues once a year, in conjunction with the CMA, should be considered ● International organizations should be invited to provide their expertise on the GST ● On length ○ Full day or full half day are not sufficient
Egypt	● Concurs with Africa Group Statement ● Modalities of the GST ○ Believes dialogues should only be once a year, alongside the June SBI and SBSTA meetings

Malawi obo LDCs	● Timing
	    ○ Favors Option 3- once a year
	● Length
	    ○ Favors length of 2 days or 1.5
	
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Environmental Integrity Group	● Supports moving to a draft text, but notes that the Wednesday evening deadline is very short for the work left

	• Preamble
	  ○ Believes that it is not clear that the text is in reference to the implementation of the GST
	    ■ Items included: NCQG, Article 4.5
	• Scope
	  ○ Option 1, better to work with a case holder
	    ■ Where finance is spoken of, capacity building is not mentioned
	    ■ Specifying that the NCQG speaks to the GST
	  ○ Option 2, energy transitions plans (prefers this option)
	    ■ Include action reports on transitions away from fossil fuels
	  ○ Option 3, excludes countries who are not recipients of climate finance (which must be fixed)
	  ○ Option 4, welcomes NDC component

China	• Agree with Saudi Arabia's statement
	  ○ Wish to spell out Article 2.2 in dialogue
	  ○ P 97 makes it clear that UAE dialogue is on implementing GST outcome
	• Wish to prepare draft text that does not remove any of the current options present
	• Scope
	  ○ Clear that mandate is for Option 1, have to respect mandate text and fulfill it
	• Agrees with India
	  ○ Format and input of info should be streamlined, but don't need to micromanage co-facilitators

Chile obo AILAC	• Most controversial issue is scope of dialogue, must find convergence on this issue
	  ○ Agrees most w option 3 for scope
	    ■ Proposal: look for comprehensive approach
	  ○ Recognize that implementation of GST must respect the priorities and capacities of each individual country
	• All of these elements are not incompatible with one another

Canada	• UAE dialogue should not be duplicative of 2nd GST
	  ○ There doesn't need to be decision after every dialogue
	  ○ In putting forward option 4, asks that all parties views be bracketed
	    ■ Summary report of each dialogue doesn't need to be limited to one that exclude info outside of all party views, non-party views should be incorporated as well
	  ○ Additionally in avoiding overlap w GST, no need to rewrite conclusion of dialogue
	• If there is more than one UAE dialogue
	  ○ Agendas for both should be provided at beginning of year

India	*Did not understand statement due to low volume*