UNFCCC Meeting Report UAE dialogue as referred by para. 97

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Time	Session/Agenda/Event Title	Location
12:00h - 13:00h AZT/UTC+4	**Modalities of the United Arab Emirates dialogue on implementing the global stocktake outcomes, referred to in paragraph 97 of decision 1/CMA.5 - Informal consultation: SBI 5 (b)**	**Meeting Room 26, Area D**

Relevant links or Attachments: [Informal note on agenda item SBI 60 agenda item 5(b)]

Key takeaways: The following negotiation discussed the role of UAE dialogue in implementing the GST outcomes, as dictated by paragraph 97 of Decision 1/CMA5. The "scope" of the UAE dialogue was discussed at length yesterday, where some Parties argued the dialogue should take a holistic approach in implementing the GST outcome, and others said it should only focus on finance. In the following discussion, co-facilitators urged Parties to focus instead on the "modalities" of the UAE dialogue, including its governance, inputs and outputs, and frequency.

The exchange therefore focused on an informal note from Bonn, linked above, that outlines the scope and modalities of the UAE dialogue as determined informally at the June SB60 meetings. Some Parties, like the US and EU, continued to emphasize the importance of using the UAE dialogue to implement GST outcomes in a holistic manner, and supported streamlining the informal note to make it clearer. Other Parties, like China and Saudi Arabia, emphasized that the UAE dialogues should focus purely on finance, as that is a topic key to COP29 and to climate action going forward. India expressed reluctance about the co-facilitators' decision to veer from the scope of the dialogue, as they said that finance is the "most key message" to come out of the GST outcome.

Co-facilitators said they will prepare a revised informal note for the next session, which is tomorrow at noon in Meeting Room 26.

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Speaker	Notes

Co-Facilitator 1	● We have limited time this week to talk about this ● We suggest that we have an exchange focused on informal note from Bonn, and use that as basis for discussions ● Let us know how we can restructure/improve informal note to facilitate work so that after this session we can provide update for note which can inform work in Baku ● Scope is important modality for this process, our views on this are well-known so let's not dwell on it ● Instead, focus on governance, frequency of dialogue, views of inputs and outputs
Co-Facilitator 2	● Please speak frankly and quickly bc we have observers here that will want to weigh in
Saudi Arabia, on behalf of LMDC	● "Since you requested our frankness"...we would like to indicate that there is an expectation for us to work this week and understand how it informs this week ● Won't repeat position on scope bc that's already clear ● Wants to hear from others, especially those that have proposals that are quite far from convergence. How can we coherently produce something and make sure that it's not too far away from that mandate
United States	● We've lost two full days of discussion on this already ● Informal note from Bonn was helpful, we think it can be "streamlined down" and made more clear ● Would be helpful that SB chairs should invite experts to implement outcomes (that's not on the note right now, so add that to it) ● Should be open to party and non-party observers, and informal note does not talk about making this process transparent ● We need to: recall para 97 and 98, convene half-day session, convene high level ministerial segment, request chairs of SBs, each UAE dialogue will implement GST outcomes
EU	● You have already categorized the modalities: governance, timing, input/output→ you should further refine that ● We fully support this plan
Colombia on behalf of AILAC	● Will seek that discussion of modalities includes logistical and technical elements for real follow-up of implementation of GST outcomes ● Unique opportunity to discuss and accelerate GST, with focus on gaps to implementation ● Value in addressing finance and capacity-building ● Priority for AILAC to ensure GST 1 outcomes are treated equally and relevant to mitigation section ● Dialogues should help political momentum and work to accelerate GST goals during this critical decade ● Dialogue should be led by two co-facilitators, one from developing one

	from developed countries ● Three guiding questions: ○ What collective progress has been made in implementing GST? ○ What barriers/challenges in financing are hindering compliance with commitments? ○ What additional calls and commitments are necessary to close gaps? ● Should include ○ Absolute progress for calls to action that include quantified objectives ○ Identify barriers/challenges that hinder effective implementation ○ Info should be taken into account when making decisions under the CMA
Ghana by African Group	● Won't repeat anything, but will point out that our positions are reflected in the first option, which has strong similarities to option 2 (Nina note - what options is he talking about), so could help reduce number of pages that there are
Maldives on behalf of AOSIS	● Dialogue should serve as platform to encompass all GST outcomes ● On modalities: dialogue should be adjourned ● Two co-facilitators: one from developed country, the other from developing ● Views are captured on structure ● inputs/outputs: four bullets under section capture views "comprehensively"
Saudi Arabia by LMDC	● Form follows function, so intends that this is finance dialogue ● 2 co-facilitators, dialogue consists of two workshops annually that feature interactive discussions and roundtables ● Summer report issued annually with work of dialogue and serve as "critical input" to next GST and NCQG ● Think key input is reflections on provided info, with particular emphasis on assessment of assumptions ● Space for reflections on use of climate finance and challenges being faced on access ● Input in 2027 to GST process and extension of dialogue to 2029 ● Propose a specific timeline of what can be discussed in each year in terms of inputs/outputs ● Would like to reiterate that whatever format we consider our work, we need to capture where these inputs will be handled ● Discussions need to link with agenda item we are forwarding this work on ○ Specificity on different ways to talk about finance, and not ballooning those options as "matters related to finance," making sure that it is in broader scope of implementation

India	● Our colleague from Saudi Arabia has elaborated it "eloquently," and we align with what they said ● "Disturbing emphasis" which pits mitigation action versus finance, if there is one thing we can agree on in GST is that where failure of mitigation has occurred, and where finance is paramount, are two different parts of the world ● Message of GST is most urgently focused on message finance, which is why we are clear that the UAE dialogue would be about finance, bc that is the central issue ● Feel "emphatically" that it is finance that should be the center of the discussion ● We are reluctant that co-facilitators should set that aside as a "scope" and instead talk about modalities ● "This dialogue will be on finance, that is where we wish to see it go, and we urge all parties to come together on this." ● Finance is "most key message" that has come out of GST
Malawi on behalf of LDC	● Scope: focus should be on GST and means of implementation ● Focus on finance as means of implementation ● Hope that dialogues will be holistic and look at ALL of GST outcomes, with specific focus on means of implementation through finance ● Special emphasis on including women, youth, local Xpats, ppl with disabilities, indigenous ppl (vulnerable communities) ● Promotes equity and empowers youth/children ● Provide us more time to discuss on important matters ● Thematic areas: renewable energy packages ● Inputs can include synthesis reports ● Outputs: reidentify gaps/challenges ● Scope and modalities of this dialogue must focus on FULL implementation of GST outcomes
Australia	● Would like to support US suggestion to produce "streamlined" report ● Party's views on scope are well-noted ● "We'd like to stress the limited time remaining to reach 1.5" ● Support US suggestion for two dialogues each year, one at each SB session, support two co-chairs with aim of achieving gender balance

Bolivia	● Supports statement by Saudi Arabia, wants to highlight additional elements
	● Reaffirm that dialogue is under matters related to finance
	    ○ Finance is key, critical factor to allow developing countries to really have ambition action
	● Support fully that scope is to track finance of developed countries to developing countries in context of NCQG
	    ○ "Commitments never have been fulfilled"
	    ○ Developed countries have "legal obligation" to provide means for developing countries, and they have not fulfilled that commitment

	“Continuous promises, but we never see real fulfillment of these commitments” - That’s why this dialogue is so important to track real, “tangible” progress - Developing countries don’t want to follow pathways that developed countries are following: developed countries are expected to increase global emissions by 2030 - They’re also pushing developing countries to enhance ambition, without clear tracking of financial flow - Dialogues should be focused on finance and the responsibility of developed countries to developing - Give space to developed countries why they haven’t fulfilled their goals and legal obligations, where the gaps are; we are witnessing new gap - And what they are going to do to address fulfillment of legal obligations in context of NCQG - Space for developed countries to address gap
China	- Believes it is more efficient to have deep/thorough discussions before producing text - Encourage all Parties to view the objective of UAE dialogue in context of where it comes from, which is the finance section of the GST outcome - Finance is the “most important enabler” - UAE dialogues should focus on how finance can elevate/relief GST outcome
Egypt	- Issues of utmost importance that UAE dialogue must address - Growing needs of developing countries in finance - Scaling up of finance $100 billion and accessibility to finance that developing countries have - NCQG is key; media is calling it a “finance COP” so it makes sense to focus on these issues
Qatar on behalf of Arab Group	- Agree with Saudi Arabia - Critical role of finance in climate action; adequate financial flows are essential - Request co-facilitators for a “hard stop” bc this meeting has gone on too long and they have a meeting at 1 pm (co-facilitator goes back and forth with him on this, and Qatar delegate decides to leave someone in his place)
Switzerland	- Streamline/group some of the options on informal note - Scope: focused on paragraphs 28, 33, and other elements that do not have “institutional home” - Support looking at GST in its entirety - Don’t want to use focus on finance to limit possibility to implement GST in its entirety

	● Objective: it's already defined ● Timeline: start at CMA 6 in 2024 ● Want to add a placeholder to discuss energy transition ● Want discussions to look at steps taken to implement GST ○ Barriers of implementation ○ Further decisions needed to implement GST outcomes ● Voluntary submissions ahead of each dialogue where they share how they're implementing GST ● BTRs could provide helpful input to understand domestic work ○ Finance and emission reduction elements ● Report ahead of CMA 7 to keep track of progress
Norway	● Will not repeat what we said yesterday ● Support to streamline the text that is already there ● Useful to merge similar options, important to keep some of them apart so it's clear that there are options ● Caveat that refers to article 4.3 and 4.9 in paris agreement ○ "Concerning" issues with follow-up to GST should be done ○ It should be followed up everywhere, as discussed in Paris Agreement
EU	● Listening is "deja vu" we are repeating ourselves and there's not much progress ● Strong opinions and a lot of divergence, but we want to make progress ○ "No one moves here…but encouraging that there is interest in the dialogue itself" ● This can't be solved right now in this group; if there is no agreement on scope, we have worked in vain on the modalities ● Encourage co-facilitators to prepare texts on modalities to advance discussions, but if there is no willingness to engage, it should be brought to COP presidency with the "mess" that will be left on their table next week
Co-facilitator	● Intention to prepare informal note ahead of next session ● We are convening under Presidency ● Through both processes, we can move this matter forward ● Going to reconvene at noon in MR 26