



Subsidiary Body for Implementation

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Agenda item 16

Arrangements for intergovernmental meetings

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the document on arrangements for intergovernmental meetings prepared for this session.¹
2. The SBI emphasized the importance of openness, transparency, inclusiveness and adherence to established procedures for decision-making in making arrangements for sessions of the governing and subsidiary bodies, underscored the importance of open, transparent, inclusive, consultative and Party-driven processes in the conduct of negotiations and the preparation and adoption of decisions and conclusions, and encouraged all presiding officers, with the support of the secretariat, to continue strengthening efforts in this regard.

I. Preparations for the thirty-first session of the Conference of the Parties, the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement

3. The SBI welcomed with appreciation the preparations by the Government of Türkiye, in partnership with the Government of Australia, to ensure the success of the United Nations Climate Change Conference to be held in Antalya from 9 to 20 November 2026, which will include the thirty-first session of the COP, the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) and the sixty-fifth sessions of the subsidiary bodies.
4. The SBI requested the secretariat, in consultation with the Government of Türkiye in partnership with the Government of Australia, to make arrangements for facilitating the smooth conduct of negotiations and the effective participation of Parties and observer organizations in the Conference.
5. The SBI noted that the Government of Türkiye will invite Heads of State and Government to attend a Leaders Summit to be held from 11 to 12 November 2026.

¹ FCCC/SBI/2026/4.



6. The SBI invited the incoming Presidency of COP 31, in consultation with the secretariat and the Bureau, to finalize the details of the arrangements for the Conference and to keep Parties informed thereof.

7. The SBI requested the secretariat to take note of the views expressed by Parties regarding possible elements for the provisional agendas for COP 31, CMP 21 and CMA 8² and the organization of work for those sessions.

8. Emphasizing the need to ensure efficient time management, and reemphasizing the importance of concise statements at plenary meetings during United Nations climate change conferences,³ the SBI also requested presiding officers, with the support of the secretariat, to continue enhancing efforts to maximize the time available for negotiations. It encouraged Parties and observer organizations to upload their full statements to the submission portal.⁴

II. Hosts of future sessions

9. The SBI reiterated that confirming the host country for a United Nations climate change conference as far in advance of the conference as possible minimizes logistical and financial risks and enables the secretariat to facilitate timely planning.⁵

10. The SBI noted that, in keeping with the rotation of the office of President among the United Nations regional groups, the President of COP 33 (November 2028) would come from the Asia-Pacific States.

11. The SBI urged the Asia-Pacific States to finalize consultations within the group with a view to presenting an offer to host COP 33, to be held from 6 to 17 November 2028, as soon as possible and no later than at COP 31 to facilitate timely planning.

12. The SBI noted that, in keeping with the rotation of the office of President among the United Nations regional groups, the President of COP 34 (November 2029) would come from the Eastern European States.

13. The SBI encouraged the Eastern European States to accelerate consultations within the group and submit an offer to host COP 34, to be held from 5 to 16 November 2029, as soon as possible and no later than at SBI 66 (June 2027) to facilitate early planning.

14. The SBI acknowledged the views expressed by Parties and observer organizations at this session on improving the inclusivity and accessibility of, and the overall experience of participants in, the sessions of the governing and subsidiary bodies and encouraged the secretariat, the host countries of such sessions and mandated events, and the presiding officers of the governing and subsidiary bodies, as appropriate, to continue making efforts to:

(a) Improve accessibility, including through accessible communication and availability of reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities;

(b) Enhance the timely dissemination of logistical, operational and scheduling information relating to conferences, sessions and mandated events;

(c) Improve the accessibility and usability of digital platforms and conference-related digital tools.

15. The SBI highlighted the importance of ensuring the full participation of Parties and the effective and meaningful participation of observer organizations in sessions of the governing and subsidiary bodies and mandated events.

16. The SBI acknowledged the continued efforts of the secretariat to facilitate the participation of delegates in sessions of the governing and subsidiary bodies and meetings of the UNFCCC constituted bodies. It reiterated its concern regarding the difficulties experienced by some delegates, in particular from developing country Parties, in obtaining

² See annex IV to document FCCC/SBI/2026/4.

³ FCCC/SBI/2025/11, para. 184.

⁴ <https://submissions.unfccc.int/>.

⁵ FCCC/SBI/2025/11, para. 192.

visas to enable them to attend sessions of the governing and subsidiary bodies and mandated events, including those convened at the seat of the secretariat,⁶ and urged the relevant authorities to continue efforts to simplify and facilitate the process of obtaining visas in a timely manner for all participants, in accordance with the respective agreements and arrangements concluded with the secretariat.

17. The SBI reaffirmed the importance of adhering to the equal treatment of the six official languages of the United Nations.⁷

18. The SBI reiterated the encouragement for hosts of sessions of the governing and subsidiary bodies and mandated events to reaffirm their commitment to upholding the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international human rights law before, during and after the sessions and mandated events. It reemphasized the importance of ensuring that participants can exercise human rights without fear of intimidation and repercussions⁸ while respecting, without prejudice to the privileges and immunities of the participants, the national laws and regulations in force in the host country.

19. The SBI highlighted the importance of participants abiding by the Code of Conduct for UNFCCC events⁹ at all sessions and events and, without prejudice to their privileges and immunities, respecting the national laws and regulations in force in the host country. It requested the secretariat to continue disseminating information on the arrangements for reporting breaches of the Code of Conduct, including through the designated focal point.¹⁰

20. The SBI also requested that only legally qualified¹¹ representatives be nominated by Parties to participate in sessions of the governing and subsidiary bodies as Party and Party overflow delegates, and further requested Parties to carefully review and verify the registration of their delegations in this regard, including Party overflow delegates, as well as to ensure appropriate badge management, and to take measures to prevent disruption of the integrity and order of the sessions and the process of negotiations.

21. The SBI recalled that host country agreements should reflect the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the respective obligations under international human rights law, and facilitate the inclusive and effective participation of Parties and observer organizations, with a view to ensuring that sessions and mandated events are convened in places where human rights and fundamental freedoms are promoted and protected, and where all participants are effectively protected against any violations or abuses, including harassment and sexual harassment.¹²

22. The SBI also recalled the recommendation¹³ that the secretariat and hosts of future conferences and mandated events work together to:

(a) Make logistical arrangements that facilitate the inclusive and effective participation of Parties and observer organizations, including timely issuance of visas, where required, to all participants; a safe and secure venue for all; and ease of access to the venue;

(b) Make sure that sufficient accommodation is available within a reasonable distance of the venue, and the safety and security of participants in those accommodations can be ensured;

(c) Consider affordability measures, including flexible payment arrangements, relating to the price of accommodation;

⁶ FCCC/SBI/2025/11, para. 194.

⁷ FCCC/SBI/2025/11, para. 195.

⁸ FCCC/SBI/2025/11, para. 196.

⁹ Available at <https://unfccc.int/about-us/code-of-conduct-for-unfccc-conferences-meetings-and-events>.

¹⁰ The focal point can be reached at speakup@unfccc.int.

¹¹ In accordance with Articles 7, paragraph 6, and 20 of the Convention, Article 24, paragraph 1, of the Kyoto Protocol, Article 20, paragraph 1, of the Paris Agreement and the draft rules of procedure being applied.

¹² FCCC/SBI/2025/11, para. 198.

¹³ FCCC/SBI/2025/11, para. 193(b).

(d) Consider affordability measures relating to delegation offices, the price of pavilion spaces and services at the venue.

23. The SBI encouraged the hosts of future conferences and mandated events and the secretariat, as appropriate, to ensure accessibility when selecting host cities, including the availability of convenient flight connections.

24. The SBI recalled its request to the secretariat to, when possible, undertake missions to gather logistical information on the location proposed for convening a COP session, in collaboration with the country nominated by its regional group to host the session, and inform the Bureau of its findings, with a view to facilitating early planning and collaboration between the secretariat and the nominated host country.¹⁴

25. The SBI acknowledged the ongoing efforts of the secretariat, host countries and incoming COP Presidencies to improve host country agreements with a view to enhancing inclusive, accessible, safe and effective participation in United Nations climate change conferences. It encouraged host Governments to ensure that host country agreements enter into force as expeditiously as possible, in accordance with the national laws of the host country.

26. The SBI acknowledged the views shared by Parties and observer organizations at this session regarding host country agreements and highlighted the following additional measures to facilitate the inclusive, accessible, safe and effective participation of Parties and observers in United Nations climate change conferences:

(a) Requesting the secretariat to:

(i) Publish, in consultation with the host Governments of United Nations climate change conferences, the legal text of the host country agreement on the UNFCCC website as soon as possible after entry into force;

(ii) Continue to support the implementation of provisions of the host country agreement relating to accessibility, visa issuance, affordable accommodation and safe and inclusive participation at United Nations climate change conferences;

(b) Inviting host countries and the secretariat to update the Bureau on the status of the implementation of host country agreements and request its guidance, as appropriate.

III. Calendar of future sessions

27. The SBI recommended the following dates for the sessional periods in 2032 for consideration and adoption at COP 31:

(a) First sessional period: Monday, 7 June, to Thursday, 17 June;

(b) Second sessional period: Monday, 8 November, to Friday, 19 November.

28. The SBI also recommended the following dates for the sessional periods in 2033 for consideration and adoption at COP 31:

(a) First sessional period: Monday, 6 June, to Thursday, 16 June;

(b) Second sessional period: Monday, 7 November, to Friday, 18 November.

29. In proposing the dates of future sessional periods, the SBI encouraged the secretariat to continue the practice of considering major religious observances with a view to facilitating the full, effective and inclusive participation of Parties and observers in the UNFCCC process.

IV. Increasing the efficiency of the UNFCCC process

30. The SBI welcomed the rich exchange of views among Parties at this session on increasing the efficiency of the UNFCCC process towards enhancing ambition and

¹⁴ FCCC/SBI/2025/11, para. 200.

strengthening implementation, while recognizing that agendas and mandates reflect the urgent need to address climate change. It underscored that efforts and measures to increase the efficiency of the UNFCCC process, including those referred to in paragraphs 32 and 35 below, must preserve its Party-driven nature, respect agreed mandates and the draft rules of procedure being applied and enable inclusive and effective participation of Parties and observer organizations in the process.

31. The SBI reiterated the invitation for Parties to pursue efficiency in the consideration of matters under agenda items at sessions of the governing and subsidiary bodies while respecting the Party-driven nature of the UNFCCC process and the draft rules of procedure being applied.¹⁵

32. The SBI acknowledged the efforts undertaken by all presiding officers, with the support of the Bureau and the secretariat, to improve coordination in and enhance the efficiency, transparency and inclusiveness of the UNFCCC process; encouraged the presiding officers and the secretariat to continue these efforts; and also encouraged further strengthening of the conduct and organization of work under the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement by:

(a) Encouraging all presiding officers, with the support of the secretariat, to continue striving for transparent, inclusive, consultative and effective approaches to the conduct of negotiations, and the preparation and adoption of decisions and conclusions, including by ensuring timely access to draft texts, clarity regarding negotiating modalities and procedures, and inclusive and equitable opportunities for all Parties to engage in consultations;

(b) Encouraging all presiding officers to continue their efforts to facilitate Parties' decision-making openly, transparently and inclusively;

(c) Inviting presiding officers of the governing and subsidiary bodies, and incoming Presidencies, with the support of the secretariat, to continue efforts to improve planning, coherence and coordination across sessions of the governing and subsidiary bodies and related workstreams under the UNFCCC process;

(d) Encouraging efforts by the secretariat and all presiding officers to improve the efficacy of scheduling for negotiations and mandated events, including by minimizing overlaps, where feasible, and communicating scheduling changes in a timely manner;

(e) Encouraging continued efforts to enhance the legal clarity and quality of draft decisions and conclusions, including through support provided by the secretariat and all presiding officers;

(f) Recalling its request to the secretariat to support Party delegates, in particular youth delegates, in building their capacity to engage in the negotiation process, and to make training and other relevant materials available on the UNFCCC website,¹⁶ and requesting the secretariat to provide an update on support provided in this regard;

(g) Inviting Parties to consider the potential impacts of increasingly extensive agendas on the effective participation of small delegations.

33. The SBI acknowledged the continued efforts of presiding officers and the secretariat to optimize the organization of work during sessions of the governing and subsidiary bodies, improve the efficient conduct of proceedings and time management and ensure the timely availability of documents, and encouraged them to continue their efforts in this regard.

34. The SBI urged Parties to respect and support the role of all presiding officers in guiding the UNFCCC process in an impartial, transparent and efficient manner, and to engage constructively in proceedings to facilitate timely outcomes.

35. The SBI noted the challenges associated with the increasing number of mandated events and highlighted the following measures aimed at improving the scheduling, coordination, organization and efficiency of such events to facilitate the timely preparation,

¹⁵ FCCC/SBI/2025/19, para. 133. See also document FCCC/SBI/2025/11, para. 176.

¹⁶ FCCC/SBI/2025/11, para. 209(b).

coordination and participation by all Parties and observers, as well as the efficient use of time, resources and meeting space:

(a) Reiterating the request for the secretariat to continue to cluster mandated events where feasible¹⁷ and inviting the secretariat and presiding officers to continue considering ways to improve the organization, coordination, scheduling and clustering of mandated events, where feasible, noting the need to ensure sufficient time for negotiations;

(b) Encouraging Parties, presiding officers and the secretariat, where appropriate and feasible, to make use of hybrid participation modalities for mandated events, taking into account different time zones and the need to facilitate inclusive and equitable participation, noting that virtual participation causes difficulty for some Parties;

(c) Requesting the secretariat and presiding officers, where possible, to make documents, concept notes and information relating to mandated events available at least two weeks in advance thereof to facilitate timely preparation and coordination by Parties and observers;

(d) Requesting the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to review, inter alia, the number, formats, duration, organization and cost-effectiveness of previous mandated events with a view to developing recommendations thereon for consideration at SBI 66.

36. The SBI recalled the recommendation that all meetings taking place on a Saturday during the first sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the year be completed by midday¹⁸ and recommended that such arrangements remain subject to negotiation needs, noting the importance of facilitating the scheduling of mandated and other events, as well as informal meetings among Parties.

37. The SBI welcomed the rich exchange of views among Parties at this session on proposals for improving the management of increasingly extensive agendas for sessions of the governing and subsidiary bodies with a view to ensuring sufficient time for the efficient consideration of mandates.

38. The SBI invited Parties and observer organizations to submit via the submission portal by 31 March 2027 views on possible measures for improving the efficiency of the UNFCCC process, including with regard to organization of work and management of agendas and mandated events.

39. The SBI requested the secretariat to prepare for consideration at SBI 66 an information paper informed by the submissions from Parties and observer organizations on the matter referred to in paragraph 38 above, including recommendations for further measures for increasing the efficiency of the UNFCCC process.

40. The SBI agreed to continue consideration of increasing the efficiency of the UNFCCC process at SBI 66.

V. Enhancing the engagement of observer organizations in the intergovernmental process

41. The SBI underscored the valuable contributions of observer organizations to advancing ambitious outcomes under the UNFCCC process and the value of open, inclusive and meaningful observer engagement in the UNFCCC process while upholding the Party-driven nature of the process and noted with appreciation statements made by constituencies in the UNFCCC process.

42. The SBI took note of the report¹⁹ by the secretariat on efforts to improve regional balance among observer organizations participating in sessions of the governing and subsidiary bodies, mandated events and side events; enhance transparency with regard to

¹⁷ FCCC/SBI/2025/19, para. 134.

¹⁸ FCCC/SBI/2014/8, para. 213.

¹⁹ FCCC/SBI/2026/4.

participants; and ensure more diverse representation of observers, including the group for persons with disabilities.

43. The SBI also took note of the large number of applications for admission, and the significantly increasing number of organizations admitted as observers, to the UNFCCC process and noted the associated physical and logistical challenges.

44. The SBI invited Parties and observer organizations to submit via the submission portal by 31 March 2027 views on ways to urgently address the challenges referred to in paragraph 43 above, taking into consideration the need for regional balance and diversity among observer organizations participating in the UNFCCC process.

45. The SBI requested the secretariat to prepare a paper, informed by the submissions from Parties and observer organizations on the matter referred to in paragraph 44 above, outlining options for addressing the challenges referred to in paragraph 43 above for consideration at SBI 66.

46. The SBI recalled its invitation to Parties, as appropriate, to consider the implications of their registration of Party overflow badges for the number of participants at conferences, as well as for manageability, pressure on conference services and on the price and availability of accommodation, and observer participation.²⁰

47. The SBI requested the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to implement mandates from past conclusions related to observer engagement in the UNFCCC process, including those related to the provision of targeted capacity-building and opportunities for intersessional and in-session engagement for newly admitted observer organizations and organizations from underrepresented regions.

48. The SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 32(e–f), 35(d), 39, 45 and 47 above.

49. It requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

²⁰ FCCC/SBI/2025/11, para. 193(a).