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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chairs

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) considered matters relating to the implementation of the United Arab Emirates just transition work programme, including the development of terms of reference for its review,¹ which will take place at the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) (November 2026),² and the process for the operationalization of the just transition mechanism referred to in paragraph 25 of decision 2/CMA.7.
2. The SBSTA and the SBI welcomed the fifth dialogue under the work programme,³ held in hybrid format from 24 to 25 April 2026, on the topic of just transition pathways for holistic approaches to food security, including with a focus on agriculture and oceans, in the context of element (c) in paragraph 2 of decision 3/CMA.5, as decided upon and communicated by the Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI on the basis of views submitted by Parties, observers and other non-Party stakeholders.⁴
3. The SBSTA and the SBI recalled paragraph 2 of decision 3/CMA.5, in which the elements of the work programme were set out, and paragraph 7 of decision 2/CMA.7, in which the importance was emphasized of comprehensively and systematically considering all elements of the work programme.
4. The SBSTA and the SBI also recalled paragraph 3 of decision 3/CMA.5 and paragraphs 27–28 of decision 2/CMA.7 and developed the terms of reference for the review of the work programme referred to in paragraph 1 above, as contained in the annex, and agreed to conduct the review at SB 65 (November 2026) in accordance with the terms of reference with a view to informing the consideration of the continuation of the work programme at CMA 8.

¹ Pursuant to decision 2/CMA.7, para. 27.

² Pursuant to decision 3/CMA.5, para. 3.

³ Held pursuant to decision 3/CMA.5, para. 5.

⁴ Pursuant to decision 3/CMA.5, para. 7. The submissions, invited in decision 3/CMA.5, para. 6, are available at <https://submissions.unfccc.int> (in the search field, type “just transition”).

5. The SBSTA and the SBI invited Parties and non-Party stakeholders to submit via the submission portal⁵ by 1 September 2026 views on the review of the work programme on the basis of the terms of reference contained in the annex.
6. The SBSTA and the SBI requested the secretariat to prepare a report on the views referred to in paragraph 5 above, including proposals for improving the modalities of the work programme.
7. The SBSTA and the SBI discussed the potential key messages emerging from the dialogue referred to in paragraph 2 above.
8. The SBSTA and the SBI initiated discussions on the process for the operationalization of the just transition mechanism referred to in paragraph 1 above.
9. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to continue consideration of this matter at SB 65, taking note of the informal note⁶ prepared by the co-chairs for these agenda items at these sessions as input, recognizing that the informal note has been prepared by the co-chairs under their own responsibility and that it does not reflect all views shared and proposals made by Parties, does not represent a basis for further negotiations, is non-exhaustive, includes divergent views, does not prejudge further work or prevent Parties from expressing additional views at any time, as well as the views submitted via the submission portal no later than four weeks prior to SB 65, with a view to recommending a draft decision thereon for consideration at CMA 8.
10. The SBSTA and the SBI invited the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies to consider informal intersessional work on the issues under these items, prior to SB 65, in appropriate formats subject to the availability of financial resources.
11. The SBSTA and the SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 6 above.
12. They requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

⁵ <https://submissions.unfccc.int>.

⁶ Available at <https://docs.unfccc.int/documents/10000184>.

Annex

Terms of reference for the 2026 review of the United Arab Emirates just transition work programme

I. Mandate

1. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) agreed to review the effectiveness and efficiency of the United Arab Emirates just transition work programme and consider its continuation at CMA 8 (November 2026).¹
2. The CMA requested the subsidiary bodies to develop terms of reference for the review at their sixty-fourth sessions, considering, inter alia, ways to improve existing modalities, without prejudice to the outcome of the consideration of the continuation of the work programme.²
3. The review of the work programme will be conducted by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation.

II. Objective

4. The objective of the review is to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the work programme, as well as ways to improve its modalities, with a view to informing the consideration of the continuation of the work programme at CMA 8.

III. Scope

5. When undertaking the review, the subsidiary bodies will consider:
 - (a) Progress in implementing the work programme since its establishment in decision 1/CMA.4;
 - (b) Contributions of the work programme in achieving its objective as defined in paragraph 1 of decision 3/CMA.5;
 - (c) How all elements of the work programme, as set out in paragraph 2 of decision 3/CMA.5, have been comprehensively and systematically considered;
 - (d) The usefulness of the outputs of the work programme for Parties, non-Party stakeholders and constituted bodies, as well as relevant processes, under the Convention and the Paris Agreement;
 - (e) The effectiveness and efficiency of the modalities of the work programme, including the dialogues, annual high-level ministerial round table on just transition and reports;
 - (f) The inclusiveness of the modalities of the work programme, including with regard to enabling participation of Parties and non-Party stakeholders in implementing the work programme;
 - (g) Opportunities for improving the modalities of the work programme;
 - (h) How the review of the work programme could inform or be informed by the process for the operationalization of the just transition mechanism, without prejudice to the mandate set out in paragraph 25 of decision 2/CMA.7.

¹ Decision 3/CMA.5, para. 3.

² Decision 2/CMA.7, paras. 27–28.

IV. Sources of input

6. The review will be informed by:
 - (a) Submissions from Parties and non-Party stakeholders called for in paragraph 5 of this document;
 - (b) Annual summary reports on the dialogues under the work programme;
 - (c) The summary report, on activities under the work programme, to be prepared in accordance with paragraph 11 of decision 3/CMA.5;
 - (d) The mapping of relevant instruments, initiatives and processes under the Convention and the Paris Agreement and relevant entities in the United Nations system and the synthesis report to be prepared as requested in paragraph 24 of decision 2/CMA.7, including areas of complementarity and coherence if any;
 - (e) Informal notes summarizing the annual high-level ministerial round tables on just transition;
 - (f) The synthesis report to be prepared by the secretariat on proposals submitted by Parties and non-Party stakeholders for improving modalities in accordance with paragraphs 5–6 of this document.

V. Modalities

7. The following modalities are to be used in conducting the review:
 - (a) The call for submissions referred to in paragraph 5 of this document;
 - (b) The consideration of the synthesis report prepared by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 6(f) above;
 - (c) The undertaking of the review by the subsidiary bodies through the joint contact group on the work programme at their sixty-fifth sessions (November 2026).

VI. Expected outcome

8. On the basis of the assessment undertaken in accordance with paragraphs 1–7 above, the subsidiary bodies will prepare a draft decision at their sixty-fifth sessions including a set of recommendations that respond to the objective of the review as defined in paragraph 4 above, for consideration at CMA 8.
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