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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) recalled decision 4/CMA.7, in particular paragraph 5 thereof, in which SBI 64 was invited to continue consideration of the timing for initiating actions related to taking stock of, and if necessary revising, the guidance relating to adaptation communications contained in decision 9/CMA.1.[1]

2. The SBI welcomed the translation from English into all other official United Nations languages of the supplementary guidance prepared by the Adaptation Committee for voluntary use by Parties in communicating information in accordance with the possible elements of an adaptation communication.[2]

3. The SBI recognized the benefits of Parties ensuring coherence in the information provided in their national adaptation plans, adaptation communications, nationally determined contributions, biennial transparency reports and national communications, keeping in mind the voluntary nature and flexibility of adaptation communications.

4. The SBI invited Parties to submit via the submission portal[3] by 1 September 2027 further information on their experience, best practices and lessons learned in relation to the application of the guidance contained in decision 9/CMA.1.

5. The SBI requested the secretariat to provide, at SBI 66 (June 2027), an oral report on the status, up to that date, of the submission of information as referred to in paragraph 4 above.

6. The SBI also requested its Chair to convene at SBI 66 an informal discussion, among Parties and members of the Adaptation Committee, the Consultative Group of Experts and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, to share their experience, best practices and lessons learned in relation to the application of the guidance contained in decision 9/CMA.1, also open to the attendance of non-Party stakeholders.

7. The SBI agreed to continue consideration, at SBI 66, of the timing for initiating action related to the following activities:

[1] See document FCCC/SBI/2026/15, para. 69, in which SBI 64 agreed that consideration of this matter would continue at this session.
[2] As requested in decision 4/CMA.7, para. 3. The guidance is available at https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/workstreams/adaptation-communications.
[3] https://submissions.unfccc.int.

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(a) Requesting the secretariat to update the synthesis report prepared for consideration at SBI 62 on experience with the application of the guidance contained in decision 9/CMA.1[4] to reflect the information in the submissions referred to in paragraph 4 above for consideration at SBI [number] ([month and year of session]);

(b) Taking stock of, and if necessary revising, the guidance contained in decision 9/CMA.1, taking into account the submissions referred to in paragraph 4 above and the synthesis report referred to in paragraph 7(a) above, at SBI [number] ([month and year of session]).

8. The SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 7(a) above.

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

[4] FCCC/SBI/2025/9.