Draft decision -/CMA.8

Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,

Recalling the Paris Agreement,

Also recalling decisions 1/CMA.3, 4/CMA.4, 4/CMA.5, 2/CMA.6 and 13/CMA.7,

Further recalling Article 2, paragraph 1, of the Paris Agreement and *reaffirming* that the Paris Agreement temperature goal of holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels,

Recalling Article 2, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement, which states that the Paris Agreement will be implemented to reflect equity and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances,

Also recalling Article 4, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement, which states that each Party shall prepare, communicate and maintain successive nationally determined contributions that it intends to achieve and that Parties shall pursue domestic mitigation measures with the aim of achieving the objectives of such contributions,

Further recalling Article 4, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement, which states that developed country Parties should continue taking the lead by undertaking economy-wide absolute emission reduction targets and that developing country Parties should continue enhancing their mitigation efforts and are encouraged to move over time towards economy-wide emission reduction or limitation targets in the light of different national circumstances,

Recalling Article 4, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement, which states that support shall be provided to developing country Parties for the implementation of Article 4 of the Paris Agreement, in accordance with Articles 9–11, recognizing that enhanced support for developing country Parties will allow for higher ambition in their actions,

Also recalling paragraph 1 of decision 4/CMA.4, in which it was confirmed that the objective of the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme shall be to urgently scale up mitigation ambition and implementation in this critical decade in a manner that complements the global stocktake,

Further recalling paragraph 2 of decision 4/CMA.4, in which it was decided that the work programme shall be operationalized through focused exchanges of views, information and ideas, noting that the outcomes of the work programme will be non-prescriptive, non-punitive, facilitative, respectful of national sovereignty and national circumstances, take into account the nationally determined nature of nationally determined contributions and will not impose new targets or goals,

Recalling paragraph 3 of decision 4/CMA.4, in which it was decided that that the work programme shall function in a manner that is consistent with the procedures and timelines for communication of successive nationally determined contributions established in the Paris Agreement, recalling its Article 4, paragraph 11, and decision 1/CMA.3,

Recognizing the importance of the best available science for effective climate action and policymaking,

Noting the assessment of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that the impacts of climate change will be much lower at a temperature increase of 1.5 °C compared with a temperature increase of 2 °C,

Reaffirming the nationally determined nature of nationally determined contributions,

Recognizing that Parties have different starting points, capacities and national circumstances,

Also recognizing the importance of social and environmental safeguards in mitigation action, including for achieving just transitions that are people-centred and promote decent work, gender equality, the empowerment of women and respect for the rights of Indigenous Peoples, and of local communities, in accordance with national laws and priorities,

Highlighting the importance of financial, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building support for developing countries,

1. *Expresses appreciation* to the co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme and the secretariat for organizing the two global dialogues and investment-focused events held under the work programme in 2026;

2. *Also expresses appreciation* to Parties and non-Party stakeholders, including experts, for their contributions to the discussions under the global dialogues and investment-focused events;

3. *Further expresses appreciation* to the Governments of the Republic of Korea and Australia for hosting the seventh and eighth global dialogues and investment-focused events respectively in 2026;

4. *Welcomes* the progress in implementing the work programme in 2023–2026, including through:

(a) Focused exchanges of views, information and ideas among Parties and stakeholders, including on best practices, opportunities, challenges, barriers and actionable solutions, in relation to both sector-specific and cross-sectoral issues, on specific topics;

(b) Initiating the provision of opportunities for matchmaking between project proponents selected by Parties and financiers and development partners;

(c) Publishing the annual report on the work programme;

5. *Notes* the focused exchange of views, information and ideas at the global dialogues and investment-focused events held in 2026 on the topic of enabling mitigation ambition and implementation in industries, drawing on national and regional experience, and cross-cutting issues, noting that the topic was decided by the co-chairs of the work programme;

6. *Also notes* the convening of the fourth annual high-level ministerial round table on pre-2030 ambition at this session, the discussions at the round table and that the annual round table was not held at the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;

7. *Also notes* the key findings, opportunities, barriers and actionable solutions identified during the discussions held at the seventh and eighth global dialogues and investment-focused events, as summarized in the annual report for 2026 on the work programme,[1] recognizing that they do not represent an exhaustive summary of all views and regional priorities or the full diversity of national contexts, capacities and challenges, including that:

(a) A wide range of technologies and approaches are needed to decarbonize industry, for example technologies and approaches related to energy efficiency, electrification, renewable energy, the circular economy, low-emission hydrogen, sustainable

[1] FCCC/SB/2026/8.

fuels, including biofuels, and carbon dioxide capture, use and storage for hard-to-abate sectors and processes;

(b) International cooperation and means of implementation, including finance, technology transfer and capacity-building, are important for supporting efforts to implement mitigation actions in industry, particularly in developing countries;

8. *Emphasizes* that addressing the key findings, leveraging the opportunities, overcoming the barriers and considering the actionable solutions referred to in paragraph 7 above is voluntary and can be enabled by country-specific action in the light of different national circumstances, international cooperation and the mobilization of financial, technology and capacity-building support for developing countries; that there is no single solution that fits all contexts; that not all of the opportunities, barriers and actionable solutions are applicable to every national or regional context; and that opportunities and challenges will vary according to national circumstances, development stage and priorities, as well as the diverse pathways followed by different countries;

9. *Decides* that the work programme shall continue up until the end of 2030, to rename it the Sharm el-Sheikh–Antalya mitigation ambition and implementation work programme, and that it shall be operationalized through focused exchanges of views, information and ideas, noting that the outcomes of the work programme will be non-prescriptive, non-punitive, facilitative, respectful of national sovereignty and national circumstances, take into account the nationally determined nature of nationally determined contributions and will not impose new targets or goals;[2]

10. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to consider the progress, functioning and effectiveness of the work programme at their seventy-second sessions (June 2030) with a view to recommending a draft decision on the continuation of the work programme for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its twelfth session (November 2030);

11. *Invites* Parties, observers and non-Party stakeholders to submit via the submission portal[3] by 1 April 2030 views on the progress, functioning and effectiveness of the work programme for consideration by the subsidiary bodies at their seventy-second sessions;

12. *Reaffirms* its decision that the scope of the work programme should be based on broad thematic areas relevant to urgently scaling up mitigation ambition and implementation in this critical decade and include all sectors covered in the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change,[4] thematic areas in the contribution of Working Group III to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change,[5] and relevant enabling conditions, technologies, just transitions and cross-cutting issues;[6]

13. *Decides* that the topic selection for and organization of the global dialogues and investment-focused events to be held in 2027, as well as the preparation and publication of the annual report on the work programme for 2027, will follow the same approach as in 2026;

14. *Invites* the co-chairs of the work programme for 2025–2026 to continue their roles in 2027;

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[2] Pursuant to decision 4/CMA.4, para. 2.

[3] https://submissions.unfccc.int.

[4] Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. 2006. *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*. S Eggleston, L Buendia, K Miwa, et al. (eds.). Hayama, Japan: Institute for Global Environmental Strategies. Available at http://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/public/2006gl.

[5] Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. 2022. *Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of Climate Change. Contribution of Working Group III to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change*. P Shukla, J Skea, R Slade, et al. (eds.). Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press. Available at https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg3/.

[6] Decision 4/CMA.4, para. 4.

15. *Also invites* Parties, and observers and other non-Party stakeholders to submit via the submission portal by 1 February 2027 suggestions for broad topics and initial subtopics for 2028–2030 that align with the scope of the work programme referred to in paragraph 12 above;

16. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to develop a workplan for 2028–2030 for the work programme, taking into account the submissions referred to in paragraph 15 above, at their sixty-sixth sessions (June 2027) with a view to recommending a draft decision on the workplan for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its ninth session (November 2027);

17. *Invites* Parties, and observers and other non-Party stakeholders to submit via the submission portal by 1 February in 2028, 2029 and 2030 suggestions for additional subtopics for each year, in line with the workplan for 2028–2030 for the work programme referred to in paragraph 16 above and the scope of the work programme, as well as views on best practices, opportunities, challenges, barriers and actionable solutions relevant to the topic for that year, noting that the submissions may include suggestions regarding the experts, financiers and investors to be invited to participate in the global dialogue and the investment-focused event for that year;

18. *Requests* the co-chairs of the work programme to decide on and communicate by 1 February 2028 the broad topic and subtopics, taking into account the submissions referred to in paragraph 15 above, in the event that the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement is unable to conclude its consideration of the matter referred to in paragraph 16 above;

19. *Decides* that one global dialogue of at least three days in duration will be held every year prior to or in conjunction with the first regular sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the year, starting in 2028;

20. *Also decides* that one investment-focused event will be held every year in conjunction with the second regular sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the year, starting in 2028;

21. *Recalls* its decision that other in-person or hybrid dialogues may be held each year in conjunction with existing events, such as climate weeks, at the discretion of the co-chairs of the work programme, with a view to ensuring inclusive and balanced geographical representation at the dialogues;[7]

22. *Requests* the secretariat to facilitate, under the guidance of the co-chairs of the work programme, inclusive and effective engagement by Parties and non-Party stakeholders at the global dialogues and investment-focused events, including by:

(a) Announcing the date, the agenda and the guiding questions well in advance of each dialogue and event;

(b) Ensuring regional and gender balance among the participating experts, practitioners and financiers;

(c) Holding the global dialogues and investment-focused events in hybrid format to allow both in-person and virtual participation;

(d) Promoting inclusive, geographically balanced participation, including of virtual participants and representatives of Indigenous Peoples, local communities, financial institutions, scientific research institutes and civil society organizations;

(e) Supporting matchmaking between project proponents, technical partners and finance providers;

(f) Organizing sessions with a focus on the least developed countries and small island developing States;

[7] Decision 4/CMA.4, para. 9.

(g) Inviting representatives of relevant constituted bodies and work programmes under the Convention and/or the Paris Agreement, including the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and the constituted bodies under the Technology Mechanism, as well as multilateral development banks and other financial institutions and private sector entities, collaborating, as appropriate, with the climate high-level champions to facilitate such invitation, to participate in the global dialogues and investment-focused events and present information on their activities relevant to the work programme, in line with their respective mandates and subject to resources;

23. *Also requests* the secretariat, under the guidance of the co-chairs of the work programme, including through its regional collaboration centres, to:

(a) Provide, upon request, in-person or virtual Party-driven learning opportunities and follow-up activities to the discussion held at the global dialogue and the investment-focused event, to be taken up on a voluntary basis, including opportunities for learning in relation to the development of project pipelines and the preparation or improvement of project concept notes for submission to financiers, technology providers and capacity-building providers, as well as opportunities for exchanges on policy development;

(b) Maintain a contact list of experts who participated in the global dialogues and investment-focused events, subject to prior informed consent of the experts and applicable data protection requirements, noting that contact details may be shared with Parties only for the purposes expressly agreed by the expert concerned;

24. *Further requests* the secretariat to prepare, under the guidance of the co-chairs of the work programme, an annual report that reflects in a comprehensive and balanced manner the discussions held at the global dialogue and investment-focused event for that year, including a factual summary of the discussions and a non-prescriptive synthesis of key enablers and barriers identified and case studies presented relevant to the topic for the year, and make it available no later than six weeks prior to the second regular sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation of the year for their consideration with a view to the subsidiary bodies recommending a draft decision thereon for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its coinciding session;

25. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to consider, at each of their session, progress in implementing the work programme and non-prescriptive key findings, taking into account the annual report referred to in paragraph 24 above, with a view to recommending a draft decision for consideration and adoption by the Conference of Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its coinciding session;

26. *Also requests* the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to appoint, in consultation with the respective regional groups and constituencies, well in advance of the sixty-eighth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June 2028), two co-chairs for the work programme for 2028–2030, one from a developing country Party and one from a developed country Party;

27. *Recalls* its invitation to the co-chairs of the work programme to make a presentation on the annual report on the work programme at the annual high-level ministerial round table on pre-2030 ambition;[8]

28. *Notes* that the annual report referred to in paragraph 24 above will be made available for the global stocktakes;[9]

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Option 1:

[8] Decision 4/CMA.4, para. 17.

[9] Consistently with the modalities set out in section I of decision 19/CMA.1.

Agrees that the work programme shall take into account barriers and enablers for addressing the mitigation-related outcomes of each global stocktake when planning its activities including the selection of topics for, and the framing of, the dialogues;

Option 2:

No text

30. *Reaffirms* its encouragement to Parties to record projects that they identify under the work programme on the NMA Platform;[10]

31. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs x and x above;

32. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

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[10] Decision 13/CMA.7, para. 10.