

Concept note by the Chairs of the Subsidiary Bodies on the mandated workshop under the UAE-Belém work programme on indicators

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I. Introduction and Mandate

1. CMA 5 adopted the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience which includes seven thematic and four dimensional targets. It also launched a two-year UAE–Belém work programme on indicators for measuring progress achieved towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5 with a view to identifying and, as needed, developing indicators and potential quantified elements for those targets. The work programme is to be carried out jointly by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI).
2. The Subsidiary Bodies, at their sixtieth session, provided guidance on the modalities of the work programme. This included mandates for technical work led by experts convened by the Chairs of Subsidiary Bodies, as well as for the numerous workshops and outputs.
3. At its sixth session, the CMA provided further guidance for the work programme, including requesting the Chairs of the Subsidiary Bodies to organize a hybrid workshop under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme, to take place prior to the sixty-second sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies (June 2025), to facilitate the work of the experts referred to above.
4. CMA 6 also provided guidance for the experts' work in the first half of 2025, including that they are invited to:
 - (a) Commence their work on further refining the indicators, addressing gaps and developing new indicators, as needed, immediately after the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;
 - (b) Produce a consolidated list of indicator options for Parties, including metadata, where available, and a progress report, to be published no later than four weeks prior to the sixty-second sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies for consideration at those sessions;
 - (c) Finalize and submit their inputs to the technical reports, including their recommendations on the use of indicators, to the secretariat in time to enable the issuance of the reports no later than four weeks prior to the sixty-second sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies, ensuring adequate time for Party review and publication prior to the workshop.
5. This mandated workshop will take place as experts are in the process of conducting this work.

II. Substantive overview of the workshop

6. The workshop is designed to facilitate expert deliberations on refining indicators under the UAE–Belém Work Programme. Following the initial review of indicators submitted in 2024, experts have assessed indicators based on their relevance to adaptation and to the targets. CMA 6 introduced additional criteria and considerations, including paragraphs 17 and 21, which guide the process of consolidating and finalizing indicators. Given the substantial technical work required within strict timelines, this workshop will primarily serve as a working space for experts, with opportunities for Parties and observers to engage in discussions and receive updates.
7. The agenda is structured to reflect key priority areas in the indicator development process:

(a) Updates since CMA 6s: the mandate from CMA 6 invites experts to ensure that they apply common approaches and methodologies, as appropriate, as they continue their work and to enhance collaboration among the experts working across both the thematic and dimensional targets with a view to identifying synergies, and facilitate contributions by experts from all geographical regions across all the targets. There will be a short presentation from the secretariat to update on the work of experts

(b) Data readiness for indicators: One of the new criteria from CMA 6 that experts may consider is ‘the use of metrics where baselines exist’, which follows discussions at previous workshops on data readiness, and the acknowledgement by Parties¹ of its importance. This session will include insights from the IPCC as well as discussions on data feasibility and methodology development (para 17a-c, 3/CMA.6). Discussions will also focus on how to balance short-term feasibility (using existing data) with long-term impact (developing new methodologies and data collection systems).

(c) Interlinkages across targets: Another new criterion from CMA 6 is to consider the relevance to multiple thematic targets as well as outcome and output orientation (para 17d-e, , 3/CMA.6). Experts will also consider the benefits and feasibility of different types of indicators and provide examples, where relevant, and explore how these considerations could be integrated into the indicator process.

(d) Global indicators & overall trends and identified gaps and new indicators: Paragraph 10(c) of decision 3/CMA.6 invites experts to keep indicators that reflect overarching trends and common challenges. The workshop will be an opportunity to unpack this in more detail and explore the overarching trends and challenges that indicators should capture. In this session, participants can also unpack identified gaps and the need for the development of new indicators. Paragraph 10(d) of decision 3/CMA.6 invites experts to develop, if needed, or identify indicators from the existing compilation for enabling factors for the implementation of adaptation action, including means of implementation. Based on their review of indicators thus far, experts will have the opportunity to unpack and reflect on this as well as wider enabling factors that could be reflected in the indicator list, and how such indicators can provide a catalyst for increasing adaptation actions.

8. Finally, the workshop will identify the next steps in the indicator refinement process, including how to incorporate feedback from the workshop into the final indicator compilation for consideration at SB 62 and CMA 7.

¹ SB 60 Conclusions, paragraph 31.

III. Draft Agenda of the workshop

Day 1	
10:00 – 11:00	Registration and coffee
11:00 – 11:30	Opening • Remarks by the SB Chairs • Short update presentation by the secretariat on the experts' work in 2025
Session 1: Data readiness for indicators	
11:30 – 13:00	Presentation from the IPCC (TBC) Discussions on data and methodology feasibility assessments (3/CMA.6, para 17a-b) • Balancing potential trade-offs between short-term feasibility (using existing data) and long-term impact (developing new methodologies and data collection systems) • Possibility of integrating alternative data sources or proxy indicators to fill gaps in data collection
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
Session 2: Interlinkages across indicators	
14:00 – 15:30	Plenary discussions on: • Interlinkages across indicators with examples from experts • Challenges in aligning indicators across thematic and dimensional targets compound indicators and sub-indicators
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 – 17:30	Breakout group discussions
17:30 – 18:00	Reporting back and closing of day 1
Day 2	
Session 3: Global indicators and overall trends and identified gaps and new indicators	
09:00 – 11:00	Expert presentations/discussion on: • Indicators reflecting overarching trends and common challenges related to adaptation efforts across countries • Analysing gaps and exploring the need for new indicators
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:30	Breakout group discussions
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	Breakout group discussions
15:00 – 15:45	Reporting back from breakout groups
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:00	Plenary discussions • The next steps and suggestions on how experts can overcome the challenges faced by them
Session 4: Closing	
17:00 – 17:30	Wrapping up and closing remarks by the SB Chair(s)