

EIG Submission on the UAE Dialogue

The Environmental Integrity Group (EIG) is pleased to submit its views on the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Dialogue, in response to the call from submissions from June 2024.

The EIG is convinced that the first global stocktake will only be as successful as its follow-up. The world will expect to see progress on achieving the recommendations, calls, and commitments adopted in the first global stocktake decision. The UAE Dialogue serves as an important space to ensure collective accountability towards the implementation of the global stocktake decision. It must also provide a helpful space where countries can obtain information that will support them in implementing the decision.

In order to design a UAE Dialogue that is fit for purpose, the EIG foresees the modalities describes below.

Modalities

1. Scope: The scope of UAE dialogue will cover all elements of the first global stocktake outcome, in a holistic manner, with a focus on areas that do not have an institutional home.

The UAE Dialogue should focus on:

- a) Keeping track of progress on the operational calls of the global stocktake, through reporting by the Secretariat and relevant organizations;
- b) Knowledge exchange and sharing of best practices on how countries can implement the operational calls of the global stocktake;
- c) Providing countries with a toolbox for implementation of the operational calls, through expert presentations;
- d) Informing further work of relevant work programmes and constituted bodies.
- e) Considering additional recommendations that are necessary to implement the decision of the first global stocktake.

To the extent possible, elements relevant to the implementation of the global stocktake that already have a home in other work streams and constituted bodies should not be duplicated in the UAE dialogue; they could periodically inform the UAE dialogue.

A list of potential activities that could be carried out under the UAE Dialogue is included in annex to this submission.

2. Objective: as per Decision 1/CMA.5.
3. Timeline: the UAE Dialogue is to start at CMA6 in 2024, until CMA10 in 2028. Such a timeline allows for the UAE Dialogue to feed into the discussions of the second global stocktake, but does not prejudice the follow-up processes for the second global stocktake.
4. Frequency: dialogue to take place in conjunction with the SBs. Agenda item at each session: SBs and CMA.
5. Scope: all elements of the global stocktake, with a focus on areas that do not have an institutional home.
6. Input: invite Parties to prepare submissions ahead of each dialogue, on a voluntary basis, on how they are implementing the global stocktake. The dialogue could also benefit from reports of relevant

institutions, including / in particular: IPCC, IEA, IRENA, FAO, UNEP/UNDP, NDC Partnership, Bretton Woods, GCF, NPS coalition supporting the global stocktake follow-up.

7. Output:

- Mandate the Secretariat to produce a summary report of the dialogue, for consideration and adoption of a decision at CMA6, CMA7 and CMA8;
- Mandate the Secretariat to develop a mapping of which bodies, agenda items or processes are working on each call and recommendation of the global stocktake, to be made available to parties in advance of CMA7;
- Mandate the UNFCCC Secretariat, with the support of relevant organizations, to produce a report ahead of CMA7 in 2025, to keep track of progress on all the global stocktake calls at the global level;
- Recalling paragraph 186 of the global stocktake, request all work programmes and constituted bodies under or serving the Paris Agreement, to include consideration of the global stocktake in their work in 2025, and to report on the consideration of this matter by CMA7;

8. Chairing arrangements: facilitators designated by the SB Chairs, according to practice;

9. Participation: Inclusion of Non-Party Stakeholders (balance between developed and developing, balance between components).

ANNEX: Possible activities under the UAE Dialogue

Below is a list of potential activities that could be carried out under the UAE Dialogue, aligned with decision 1/CMA.5. The following list is provided as a food for thought, and is not meant to be an exhaustive reflection of the themes and topics addressed under decision 1/CMA.5 of the first global stocktake.

The UAE Dialogue could provide a space to:

- A. Convene dialogues where Parties can share experiences, best practices, opportunities and challenges on preparing NDCs and long-term strategies, including with regards to the definition of economy-wide NDCs, including all sectors and gases, and aligned with 1.5°C. Activities could be designed in a manner that feeds into the GST Annual Dialogue;
- B. Convene dialogues where Parties can share experiences, best practices, opportunities and challenges with regards to contributing to the global calls and commitments contained in the decision of the first global stocktake, namely paragraphs 28 to 36, which include global calls related to energy transition, deforestation, oceans, sustainable lifestyles.

The UAE Dialogue can provide a helpful space to discuss how Parties can inform, as part of the NDCs, on how they intend to contribute towards the implementation of these global objectives.

Discussions could include breakout group discussions, or world café formats, for Parties to share their experiences and challenges with regards to implementing the operational calls of the global stocktake:

- Convene a workshop for countries to share best practices around renewable energy expansion, and energy efficiency measures, propose a peer-to-peer exchange;
- Convene a workshop to share best practices on transitioning away from fossil fuels in energy systems;
- Call for a workshop on transitional fuels, with presentations of existing standards by international organizations or think tanks;
- Convene a workshop on carbon capture and storage, with a view to fostering cooperation. Provide a space for countries to announce removal targets, in order to support transparency and drive investments;
- Invite Parties to share or present their best practices and knowledge regarding acceleration of zero- and low-emission technologies;
- Invite Parties to present plans to reduce non-CO₂ gases, especially methane reduction plans. Invite organizations such as the Climate and Clean Air Coalition, and initiatives like the Global Methane Pledge, to present best practices for reducing non-CO₂ gases;
- Invite Parties to share experience in conserving, protecting and restoring nature and ecosystems towards achieving the Paris Agreement temperature goal;
- Invite Parties to present their plans to enhance support and investment, including through financial resources, technology transfer and capacity-building, for efforts towards halting and reversing deforestation and forest degradation by 2030;
- Invite Parties to share efforts to preserve and restore the ocean and coastal ecosystems and scale up, as appropriate, ocean-based mitigation action;

- Invite Parties to present their plans and efforts towards transitioning to sustainable lifestyles and sustainable patterns of consumption and production in efforts to address climate change, including through circular economy approaches, and encourages efforts in this regard;
- C. Share experience in increasing ambition and enhancing adaptation action and support, in line with decision 2/CMA.5, in order to accelerate swift action at scale and at all levels, from local to global, in alignment with other global frameworks, towards the achievement of, inter alia, the targets contained in paragraph 63 of Decision 5/CMA.1 by 2030, and progressively beyond;
 - D. Share experience with the framework for the global goal on adaptation, namely the targets as contained in paragraph 64 of Decision 1/CMA.5 in relation to the dimensions of the iterative adaptation cycle;
 - Convene a workshop where countries share how they are implementing the adaptation objectives. Following CMA7, share experience on applying the indicators;
 - E. Provide space for Parties to present their national efforts to respond to loss and damage, noting ongoing work under the WIMExCom, Santiago Network and the “high-level dialogue on coordination and complementarity”;
 - F. Take stock of the progress, namely with regards to calls for research, including on artificial intelligence;
 - G. Take stock of progress on Capacity Building, namely through the PCCB, including with regards to support to the preparation of NDCs;
 - H. Take stock of the progress, namely with regards to calls for research contained in the global stocktake, namely through presentation of how research institutions will take on the calls for further research from the global stocktake. For example, the IPCC could be invited to present work on tipping points, and how further efforts are put in place to enhance research in that area;
 - I. Convene presentations by the High-Level Champions, including on initiatives, with a view to seek further support from Parties and Non-Party Stakeholders.
 - J. Provide space for Parties and Non-Party Stakeholders to showcase new innovative modes of international cooperation.
 - K. Take stock of resources available for the implementation of the operational paragraphs of the global stocktake, namely how the new collective quantified goal could support the recommendations of the global stocktake.
 - L. Convene discussions on how to enhance synergies between conventions, namely the Rio Conventions.