

DAY 4 and 5 – Nov. 14 and 15  
UNFCCC COP 29 – Baku, Azerbaijan

### In the Trenches

Day 4 and 5 saw negotiators discuss through the night to get texts on the table. The closing session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) is scheduled for Saturday, 16 November before critical agenda items are elevated to the COP, CMA, and CMP. Unfortunately, that means that Observers are excluded from the meeting rooms as Parties try to find compromise through informal sessions. Here is the round up of updates on major issues before the closing of the SBs and the end of Week 1 of COP 29:

### Finance

- *CMA 11a (NCQG)* – The Co-Facilitators for the NCQG have been quite busy with new texts presented to Parties on both days 4 and 5. The 14 November draft removed duplications as mandated by Parties while the 15 November draft merged options and streamlined issues on transparency, access, and rights-based language. The text has thus been whittled down from 34 to 33 to a more manageable 25, with the total number of options halved. Parties were given until 7:00 AM on Saturday, 16 November to discuss the text before a final Contact Group meeting at 10:00 AM.
- *CMA 11j (UAE Dialogue on Implementing the GST)* – Parties are still diverged in opinions regarding the scope (focus on finance or all GST outcomes, inclusion of NCQG) and modalities (process and inputs) of the dialogue. On Day 5, a revised Informal Note was presented which the EU, the LDCs, and Canada agreed could be a basis for discussion in the CMA. However, other groups and countries disagreed. Co-Facilitators invited Parties to make surgical edits before the Informal Note is forwarded to the CMA.

### Mitigation

- *CMA 6 (Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Work Programme)* – Draft Informal Notes were also provided on both days on this agenda item but were both rejected as a basis of further discussion with issues of mandate brought up. Parties were given time to discuss before the closing on Saturday.
- *CMA 15a (Article 6.2)* – Drafts were provided on both days with the 15 November draft whittled down to 19 pages from 43. This draft further developed discussions on authorization, transfers, and inconsistencies.
- *CMA 15b (Article 6.4)* – Parties continued to discuss possible bridging options for the draft text but have not given mandate for Co-Facilitators to provide a clean text. A three-page draft decision was prepared which included the Parties' requests to the Supervisory Body and providing guidance to its methodologies, among others.
- *CMA 15c (Article 6.8)* – A compromise was reached on this agenda item with a draft decision to be forwarded for adoption by the CMA. This decision discusses the first and second phases of implementing the work programme, the NMA platform, and capacity building activities.

### Adaptation

- *CMA 9a (Global Goal on Adaptation)* – Parties worked on a draft text, which have been shortened from 18 pages last 9 November to 9 pages by 14 November, and debated on the adaptation indicators. Co-Facilitators are expected to provide a revised text on Saturday.
- *SBI 11b (National Adaptation Plans)* – Parties rejected to consider a draft text provided by the Co-Facilitators on Friday considering it to be unbalanced. G77 stated that there was a lack of reference to Means of Implementation and rejected the references to the private sector in the provision of resources. A new draft text is expected on Saturday.

Some issues will not be discussed during the second week and have been concluded with or without significant progress:

- *CMA 7 (NDC Features)* – This agenda item is in danger of a stalemate when Parties could not agree on a mandate to produce a text. Parties were debating what constitutes an NDC feature and how these would be applied. As such, several groups and countries supported a suggestion to suspend the issue until 2029.
- *COP 9b (Linkages Between the Technology Mechanism and the Finance Mechanism)*: Due to disagreements on information and data, particularly the support provided by the GEF and the GCF, Parties rejected a draft text and decided to continue discussions at SBI 62.
- *COP 8b (Second Review of the Standing Committee on Finance)*: There was no engagement on substance on this topic as Parties were caught up in procedural issues. As such, Parties agreed to extend consideration of this agenda item until November 2025.
- *SBSTA 14b (Emissions from Fuel Used for International Aviation and Maritime Transport)*: Consistent with previous practice, Parties decided on procedural conclusions and decided to continue the consideration of this issue at SBSTA 62.
- *COP 6a (Report of the Adaptation Committee)*: Parties have been debating on the ways forward for this agenda item when a draft text was circulated without, according to the African Group, a mandate to do so. Without agreement on what text to continue working on, Parties decided to simply welcome the 2024 Report with no substantive outcome.
- *COP 6b (Review of the Progress, Effectiveness, and Performance of the Adaptation Committee)*: Parties were at a stalemate and decided to continue discussions at SB 62.

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