

Bulletin #27 (English #6) - January/2025

#### Introduction

This is the Monthly Bulletin of the Paris Agreement Monitor, which tracks the key developments in the Paris Agreement negotiation process, including meetings, workshops, official statements, submission deadlines, and document publications. The reported developments are those that occurred up until the last day of the reference month.

The Bulletin presents **retrospective updates** related to the previous month, and **future updates** concerning the current month, based on the publication of documents and event schedules available on the official agendas of the UNFCCC website. It also includes open deadlines and document submissions by the Parties and UNFCCC bodies.

The developments are categorized according to the main thematic pillars of the Paris Agreement negotiations: Mitigation, Adaptation, Loss and Damage, Carbon Markets, Finance, Forests, Gender, Transparency, Global Stocktake, Compliance, Technical Capacity Building, Response Measures, Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples, Action for Climate Empowerment, Research, Technology, and Just Transition. For issues concerning the entire negotiation process and the UNFCCC system, we use the General category.

At the end of the edition, you will find a glossary with the most frequently used terms in the document.

The updates are reported in a way that describes the events and their relevance in the negotiation process. For more in-depth information on the content of the discussions at each described event, you can access the links provided in the updates. The links refer to the original transcript of the mentioned documents, meeting agendas and minutes, submitted documents, event recordings, referred technical reports, and official event web pages. All disclosed information is official and obtained through the UNFCCC website.

In this monthly bulletin, there is no critical analysis from the LACLIMA Paris Agreement Observatory team on the updates, but technical opinions may be issued on specific matters in other adjacent publications. If you are interested in learning more about our technical opinions, please contact us at info@laclima.org.

To understand each thematic pillar of the negotiations and the issues being addressed, we recommend reading this Bulletin together with the publication "Summary of COP 29".

Happy reading!

Paris Agreement Observatory Team

### This edition:

In **December** we had updates regarding the themes of:

Carbon Markets, Just Transition, Loss and Damage, and Transparency.

In **January** the program includes events regarding the themes of:

Carbon Markets.

There are **active and open calls for submissions** regarding the themes of:

Adaptation, Agriculture, Climate Finance, Gender, Mitigation, Response Measures, Carbon Market and Transparency.

Check it out below!

### **Happened in December:**

#### **Carbon Markets**

**Event Type**: Publication.

Subject: Forms for Article 6.4.

Date: December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Involved Body**: Article 6.4 Supervisory Body.

**Summary**: Article 6.4 Supervisory Body published drafts for the following forms:

- (i) Deregistration no-objection form for Article 6.4 projects.
- (ii) Request for renewal of crediting period withdrawal form for Article 6.4 projects.
- (iii) Request for review of request for renewal of crediting period form for Article 6.4 projects.
- (iv) Request for renewal of crediting period submission form for Article 6.4 projects.
- (v) Request for issuance withdrawal form for Article 6.4 projects.
- (vi) Request for review of request for issuance form for Article 6.4 projects.
- (vii) Request for issuance submission form for Article 6.4 projects.
- (viii) Request for prior approval of post-registration change withdrawal form for Article 6.4 projects.
- (ix) Request for review of request for prior approval of post-registration change form for Article 6.4 projects.
- (x) Request for prior approval of post-registration change submission form for Article 6.4 projects.
- (xi) Request for review of request for registration form for Article 6.4 projects.

- (xii) Request for registration submission form for Article 6.4 projects.
- (xiii) Modalities of communication statement form for Article 6.4 projects.
- (xiv) Global stakeholder consultation PDD submission form for Article 6.4 projects.
- (xv) <u>Validation report for post-registration changes for Article 6.4 projects under the prior approval track.</u>
- (xvi) Validation report for renewal of crediting period for Article 6.4 projects.
- (xvii) <u>Verification and certification report form for Article 6.4 projects.</u>
- (xviii) Validation report form for Article 6.4 projects.
- (xix) Monitoring report form Article 6.4 projects.
- (xx) <u>Project design document (PDD) form for Article 6.4 projects.</u>
- (xxi) New baseline and monitoring methodology or methodological tool expert review form.
- (xxii) <u>Simplified summary of the new baseline and monitoring methodology or methodological tool form.</u>
- (xxiii) New baseline and monitoring methodology or methodological tool initial assessment form.
- (xxiv) New baseline and monitoring methodology or methodological tool proposal form.
- (xxv) Request for review of transition request of CDM project activity to Article 6.4 mechanism form.
- (xxvi) Request for review of transition request of CDM programme of activities to Article 6.4 mechanism form.
- (xxvii) Proposed new baseline and monitoring methodology or methodological tool form.
- (xxviii) New baseline and monitoring methodology and methodological tool recommendation form.

#### **Just Transition**

Event Type: Publication.

Subject: Second annual high-level ministerial round table on just transition.

Date: December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Involved Body**: President of CMA 6.

**Summary**: The President of CMA 6 published an informal note with a non-exhaustive summary of the second annual high-level ministerial round table on just transition, held during the twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties.

Related Links: <u>report</u>.

### **Loss and Damage**

Event Type: Publication.

Subject: Documents from the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of the Fund for responding to Loss

and Damage.

Date: December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

**Involved Body**: Board of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage.

**Summary**: The Board of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage published the following documents:

- (i) Report of the third meeting of the Board of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage.
- (ii) First annual high-level dialogue on coordination and complementarity.
- (iii) Workplan and administrative budget of the Fund for 1 January to 30 June 2025.
- (iv) Status of resources.
- (v) Payments of contributions to the Trustee by means of promissory notes as an alternative to cash.

#### **Transparency**

Event Type: Deadline.

Subject: First Biennial Transparency Reports.

**Date:** December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Involved Body: UNFCCC Seretariat.

**Summary**: Parties to the Paris Agreement shall submit their first Biennial Transparency Report (BTR) and National Inventory Report (NIR), in accordance with the modalities, procedures and guidelines (MPGs), at the latest by 31 December 2024. According to the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the Enhanced Transparency Framework (annex to decision 18/CMA.1), BTR include information on national inventory reports, progress towards NDCs, policies and measures, climate change impacts and adaptation, levels of financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support, capacity-building needs and areas of improvement.

The countries that did comply with the deadline are: Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czechia, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Eswatini, European Union, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Holy See, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Latvia, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, and Zimbabwe.

Related Links: reports page.

# Will happen in January

### **Carbon Markets**

**Event Type**: Meeting.

**Subject:** 4th meeting of the Methodological Expert Panel.

**Date:** January 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**Involved Body**: Methodological Expert Panel.

**Summary**: As of the date of this bulletin, the agenda for the event had not yet been released.

Related Links: event page.

# **Call for submissions:**

### **Call for active submissions**

Active calls for submissions, meaning those without a defined deadline or with an expired deadline, but which received submissions in the last month.

Issue	Call	Deadline	Submissions last month
Climate Finance  Biennial communications on indicative quantitative and qualitative information on projected levels of public financial resources to be provided to developing country	Developed country Parties to submit the biennial communications of indicative quantitative and qualitative information, as applicable, including, as available, on projected levels of public financial resources to be provided to developing country Parties, starting in 2020. Other Parties providing resources are encouraged to communicate biennially such information on a voluntary basis.	December 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	UK (30/12) Canada (30/12) Monaco (29/12) Japan (20/12) EU (20/12) USA (19/12) Australia (19/12) New Zealand (18/12)
Carbon Market  Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the	Parties to submit their views on potential challenges in the preparation of the reporting on elements listed in the initial report	N/A	Mongolia (26/12)

Paris Agreement and in decision 2/CMA.3			
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# **Open deadlines of call for submissions**

Issue	Call	Deadline	Submissions last month
Adaptation  Adaptation  Communications	Information on their experience with the application of the guidance contained in decision 9/CMA.1	February 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	None
Agriculture  Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security	Views on the workshop regarding systemic and holistic approaches to implementation of climate action on agriculture, food systems and food security, understanding, cooperation and integration into plans	February 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 (SB 62) February 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 (SB 64)	None
Agriculture  Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security	Views on the workshop regarding progress, challenges and opportunities related to identifying needs and accessing means of implementation for climate action in agriculture and food security, including sharing of best practices	March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2026	None
Climate Finance  2025 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance on accelerating climate action and resilience through financing sustainable food systems and agriculture	Input on its 2025 Forum on accelerating climate action and resilience through financing for sustainable food systems and agriculture. The Forum will be held from 8 to 9 September 2025.	January 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	<u>Gambia</u> (24/12)
Climate Finance  Sharm el-Sheikh dialogue on the scope of Article 2, paragraph	Parties, the constituted bodies, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, climate finance institutions, observers and observer organizations, and other stakeholders, particularly from the	February 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	None

1(c) of the Paris Agreement, and its complementarity with Article 9 of the Paris Agreement	private sector, to submit by 1 March 2025 their views on the issues to be addressed during the workshops to be held in 2025		
Climate Finance  Report of the Green Climate Fund and guidance to Green Climate Fund	Views and recommendations on elements of guidance for the Green Climate Fund via the submission portal no later than 16 weeks prior to the thirtieth session of the Conference of the Parties	August 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2025	None
Climate Finance  Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility	Views and recommendations on elements of guidance for the Global Environment Facility via the submission portal no later than 16 weeks prior to the thirtieth session of the Conference of the Parties	August 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2025	None
<b>Gender</b> Gender and climate change	Views on the format and scope of the in-session technical workshop to be held at the sixty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, to facilitate the design of gender action plan activities, taking into account, inter alia, the progress, challenges, gaps and priorities identified by Parties and observers during the review of the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan in 2024, and the information presented in the synthesis report on progress, challenges, gaps and priorities in implementing the gender action plan, and future work to be undertaken on gender and climate change	March 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	None
General  Research and Systematic Observation	Views on possible themes for the seventeenth meeting of the research dialogue, to be held in conjunction with SBSTA 62	March 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	None
Mitigation  Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme	Suggested topics in line with the scope of the work programme referred to in paragraph 4 of Decision 4/CMA.4, to be discussed under the dialogues in 2025	January 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2025	None

Mitigation  Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme	Views on the design and features of a digital platform to facilitate implementation of mitigation actions by enhancing collaboration between governments, financiers and other stakeholders on developing investable projects in a country-owned and nationally determined manner	April 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	None
Response Measures  Matters relating to the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures serving the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement	Views on possible topics for the global dialogues on the impacts of the implementation of response measures in 2025	July 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	None
Experience and challenges related to implementing Article 13 of the Paris Agreement as part of the set of activities set out in decision 18/CMA.5	Information on their experience and challenges related to implementing Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, including in relation to establishing or enhancing their institutional capacity and national reporting	March 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	None

### **Glossary**

**Paris Agreement:** An international climate change treaty signed in 2015 and in effect since 2016. It is an implementation treaty linked to the UNFCCC.

AILAC: Independent Association of Latin America and the Caribbean. A group of countries.

AOSIS: Alliance of Small Island States. A group formed by small island countries.

BASIC: Group of countries composed by Brazil, China, India and South Africa.

**BTR:** Biennial Transparency Reports. Reports required under the Paris Agreement, prepared in accordance with the procedures and guidelines approved in decision 18/CMA.1. BTRs include information on mitigation, adaptation, financing, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building.

**CMA:** Conference of the Parties to the Paris Agreement. The annual meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement to make implementation decisions for the treaty.

**COP:** Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC. The annual meeting of the Parties to the UNFCCC to make implementation decisions for the treaty.

**EIG:** Environmental Integrity Group. A group of countries.

**FAO:** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

**G77 + China:** Coalition of developing countries.

ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organization

IMO: International Maritime Organization

**LDC:** Least Developed Countries. A group formed by the least developed countries.

**LMDC:** Like-Minded Group of Developing Countries. A group formed by developing countries with similar views.

**NDC:** Nationally Determined Contribution, an individual document presented by the Parties to the Paris Agreement that contains the Party's contribution to preventing the Earth's temperature from rising more than 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and achieving the objectives of the Paris Agreement.

**Party(ies):** Member country(ies) of the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement.

**PCCB:** Paris Committee on Capacity-Building.

SBI: Subsidiary Body for Implementation.

**SBSTA:** Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice.

**Stakeholders:** State or non-state actors, public or private entities, accredited or not as "observers" of the UNFCCC system, who have an interest in the negotiated topics.

**Submission:** A document in which an interested party presents their view on a specific discussion point in the negotiations, which may contain technical and scientific contributions, recommendations, and concrete proposals on how that discussion point should be addressed and resolved among the Parties in the negotiation.

**SUR:** A group of countries composed of Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay.

**UNFCCC:** United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, or "Climate Convention," an international treaty signed in 1992, of which the Paris Agreement is a part.

### Find out more about the Paris Agreement and COP 28

The 2015 Paris Agreement is an almost universally adopted international treaty with 193 member countries. It is linked to the UNFCCC, an overarching international treaty system that provides broader principles, guidelines, and policies for the global community to cooperatively address the climate crisis. One of the main goals of the Agreement is to prevent the global temperature from rising above 1.5°C or to keep it well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels—a threshold that science has shown to be a "point of no return" with devastating effects on life on Earth. Additionally, the Paris Agreement aims to make countries resilient to climate change and to decarbonize financial flows.

To learn more about the Paris Agreement and understand the main negotiation topics, read our publication on the outcomes of COP 29 "Summary of COP 29".

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