

Bulletin #28 (English #6) - February/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

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This edition:

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

Carbon Markets and Climate Finance.

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

Adaptation, Carbon Markets and Climate Finance.

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

Adaptation, Agriculture, Capacity Building, Carbon Market, Climate Finance, Gender, Just Transition, Loss and Damage, Mitigation, Response Measures and Transparency.

Check it out below!

Happened in January:

General

Event Type: Notifications to parties and observers.

Subject: Appointment of the President-Designate COP30/CMP20/CMA7

Date: January 29th, 2025.

Involved Body: UNFCCC

Summary: The announcement informs that Ambassador André Corrêa do Lago, Secretary for Climate, Energy, and Environment at Brazil's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has been appointed as the President-Designate for COP 30/CMP 20/CMA 7, to be held in Belém, Brazil, from November 10-21, 2025. Additionally, it announces that Ana Toni, National Secretary for Climate Change at Brazil's Ministry of the Environment, has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of COP 30.

Related Links: message.

Event Type: Publication.

Subject: Trust Fund for the Core Budget of the UNFCCC: status of contributions.

Date: January 01st, 2025.

Involved Body: UNFCCC.

Summary: The document includes the values for the Trust Fund for the Core Budget

of the UNFCCC, providing the status of contributions from each country.

Related Links: report.

Carbon Markets

Event Type: Publication.

Subject: Draft Procedure for Article 6.4 mechanism registry and Article 6.4 manual for host Parties participation in the mechanism.

Date: January 23rd, 2025.

Involved Body: Article 6.4 Supervisory Body.

Summary: Article 6.4 Supervisory Body published the draft procedure to establish a procedural framework for the operation of the mechanism registry. It outlines steps, defines roles and responsibilities of various actors, and specifies operational requirements for the registry's functioning. Additionally, it references decision texts to provide context and clarify specific operational elements.

Also, the Supervisory Body presented a draft updated manual on the participation of Parties in the Article 6.4 mechanism, outlining their roles and responsibilities at various stages of the activity cycle.

Related Links: procedure and note.

Climate Finance

Event Type: Information note.

Subject: Compilation of decisions relevant to the Global Environment Facility and the Green Climate Fund that emanated from COP.

Date: January 10th, 2025.

Involved Body: UNFCCC Secretariat.

Summary: The UNFCCC Secretariat published documents that compiles the decisions from the twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties and the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement that may be relevant to the work of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

Related Links: report for the GEF- and report for the GCF.

Event Type: Report.

Subject: Thirteenth report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Date: January 10th, 2025.

Involved Body: Green Climate Fund (GCF)

Summary: The report provides an overview of the Green Climate Fund's activities from August 1, 2023, to July 31, 2024, in response to the guidance received from the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the UNFCCC). The GCF reports its progress in supporting developing countries in limiting or reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change. According to the report, the successful second replenishment period of the GCF (provided the resources needed to scale up programming over the next four years.

Related Links: report.

Scheduled for February

Adaptation

Event Type: Meeting.

Subject: Fourty-seventh meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group.

Date: February 18th- 21th, 2025.

Involved Body: Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG).

Summary: The LEG meets twice a year to develop and review progress on the implementation of its work programme. At this meeting, the LEG will develop the

work programme for 2025–2026 considering ongoing work and new mandates arising from COP 29.

Related Links: event page OBJ.

Carbon Markets

Event Type: Meeting.

Subject: 3rd meeting of the Accreditation Expert Panel (AEP 003).

Date: February 03rd, 2025.

Involved Body: Accreditation Expert Panel

Summary: As the closing date of this bulletin, the agenda for the event had not yet

been released.

Related Links: event page.

Event Type: Meeting.

Subject: 15th meeting of the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body (SBM 015)

Date: February 10th - 14th, 2025.

Involved Body: Article 6.4 Supervisory Body.

Summary: The Supervisory Body will consider the outcomes from COP 29 and CMA 6 and update its workplan for 2025, as well as the workplans for the Accreditation Expert Panel (AEP) and the Methodological Expert Panel (MEP). The SB will also consider the draft documents published, such as the draft procedure for the mechanism registry, and the recommendations for initial accreditation of applicant entities, and requests for transition of CDM activities.

Related Links: event page and annotated agenda.

Climate Finance

Event Type: Meeting.

Subject: Thirty-sixth Standing Committee on Finance Meeting.

Date: February 18th - 19th, 2025.

Involved Body: Standing Committee on Finance.

Summary: The Standing Committee on Finance will reflect on its mandates from COP 29 and CMA 6 and update its workplan for 2025. Also, the SCF will discuss: the 2025 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance, the draft guidance to the Operating Entities of the Financial Mechanism, and the preparatory work for the mandates to be delivered in 2026: (a) The Seventh Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows; (b) The third report on progress towards achieving the goal of mobilizing jointly USD 100 billion per year to address the needs of developing countries in the context of meaningful mitigation actions and transparency on implementation.

Admitted NGOs must submit their observer nominations through the constituency focal points. Each constituency may send up to two representatives for in-person participation, with a nomination deadline of February 7, 2025. Additional observers may participate virtually, with registration open until February 10, 2025.

Related Links: event page and notification to NGOs.

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
Carbon Markets Initial reporting regarding Article 6.	Interim solution for the submission of information pursuant to decision 2/CMA.3, annex, chapter IV (Reporting), until the centralized accounting and reporting platform and the Article 6 database are released (decision 6/CMA.4, paragraph 28).	N/A	Mongolia (29/01)
Climate Finance Biennial communications on indicative quantitative and qualitative information on	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	December 30 th , 2024	<u>Iceland</u> (13/01)

projected levels of public financial resources to be provided to developing country	providing resources are encouraged to communicate biennially such information on a voluntary basis.		
Mitigation Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme	Parties, observers and other non-Party stakeholders to submit 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 st , 2025	Japan (31/01) United Kingdom (31/01) European Union (31/01)

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 th , 2025	None
Adaptation Global Goal on Adaptation - Baku Adaptation Road Map	Parties are invited to submit views on matters and on the modalities for work under the Baku Adaptation Road Map	March 30 th , 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 th , 2025	None
Agriculture	Views on the workshop regarding progress, challenges and opportunities related to identifying needs	March 1 st , 2026	None

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Sharm el-Sheikh	and accessing means of		
joint	implementation for climate action in		
work on	agriculture and		
implementation of	food security, including sharing of best		
climate action on	practices		
agriculture and food			
security			
	Parties, constituted bodies under the		
	Convention, the operating entities of		
	the Financial Mechanism,		
	representatives of relevant processes		
Capacity Building	under the Convention and other non-		
	Party stakeholders are invited to	February	
Matters related to	submit via the submission portal views	27 th , 2025	None
capacity-building	on the fifth comprehensive review of		
	the implementation of the framework		
	for capacity-building in developing		
	countries based on the terms of		
	reference contained in the annex.		
	Parties and observers are invited to		
Caulana Mantant	submit their views on: (a) Barriers to		
Carbon Market	• •		
Mark programma	using the NMA Platform and potential		
Work programme under the framework	solutions, with a view to enabling the		
	NMA Platform to be used to its full		
for non-market	potential; (b) Their engagement with	March	None
approaches referred	the NMA Platform and the challenges	30 th , 2025	
to in Article 6,	encountered in unlocking its full		
paragraph 8, of the	potential; (c) How non-market		
Paris Agreement and	approaches can support a Party's		
in decision 4/CMA.3	implementation of its nationally		
	determined contribution.		
Climate Finance			
	Parties, the constituted bodies, the		
Sharm el-Sheikh	operating entities of the Financial		
dialogue on the	Mechanism, climate finance		
scope of Article 2,	institutions, observers and observer	Ech with a min	
paragraph 1(c) of the	organizations, and other stakeholders,	February	None
Paris Agreement,	particularly from the private sector, to	28 th , 2025	
and its	submit by 1 March 2025 their views		
complementarity	on the issues to be addressed during		
with Article 9 of the	the workshops to be held in 2025		
Paris Agreement	,		
Climate Finance	Views and recommendations on		
	elements of guidance for the Green	July	
Report of the Green	Climate Fund via the submission portal	20 th , 2025	None
Climate Fund and	no later than 16 weeks prior to the	,	
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guidance to Green Climate Fund	thirtieth session of the Conference of the Parties		
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	July 20 th , 2025	None
Gender 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 th , 2025	None
General Arrangements for intergovernmental meetings	Views from Parties and observer organizations on increasing efficiency in the UNFCCC process, including the streamlining of the agendas of the governing and subsidiary bodies	March 30 th , 2025	None
Just Transition			
United Arab Emirates Just Transition Work Programme topics for the dialogues	Views of Parties, observers, and other non-Party stakeholders on work to be undertaken under, as well as possible topics for the dialogues under, the work programme	February 14 th , 2025	None
Report of the Fund for responding to	Parties to submit views and recommendations on elements of guidance for the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage via the	August 31 th , 2025	None

Loss and Damage and guidance to the Fund	submission portal no later than 10 weeks prior to the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (November 2025)		
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 th , 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 th , 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 th , 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.

SBM: Supervisory Body of the Article 6.4 mechanism

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 preindustrial 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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