

Bulletin #29 (English #8) - March/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 and Article 6 Cooperation Instruments, 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 **February** we had updates regarding the themes of:

Adaptation, Carbon Markets and Article 6 Cooperation Instruments, Climate Finance, Mitigation, Loss and Damage, Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform.

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

Adaptation and Carbon Markets and Article 6 Cooperation Instruments.

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

Action for Climate Empowerment, Adaptation, Agriculture, Carbon Markets and Article 6 Cooperation Instruments, Capacity Building, Climate Finance, Gender, Loss and Damage, Mitigation, Response Measures and Transparency.

Check it out below!

Happened in February:

General

Event Type: Concept note

Subject: Roadmap to mission 1.5 Troika High-level Dialogue: Towards a future of shared prosperity.

Date: February 03rd, 2025.

Involved Body: Azerbaijan.

Summary: The document outlines that the objective of the event is to assess the "Roadmap to Mission 1.5" in the context of the evolving global climate landscape, highlighting challenges and opportunities for climate action and ambition. Building

on the legacy of COP28, acknowledging expectations for COP29, and anticipating the path from Baku to Belém, the event aims to strengthen coherence across the COP Presidencies and establish clear priorities for 2025 to enhance ambition and enable action in order to keep the 1.5°C goal and global resilience within reach.

Related Links: concept note.

Event Type: Notifications to parties and observers.

Subject: Information note to Parties and observer States, the United Nations and related organizations and specialized agencies, admitted intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations - Opening of the Online Registration System - SB 62 - 16 - 26 June 2025 - Bonn, Germany

Date: January 06th, 2025.

Involved Body: UNFCCC.

Summary: The notification informs United Nations and related organizations and specialized agencies that the online registration system for the sixty-second sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBST) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SB 62), to be held from 16–26 June 2025 at the World Conference Center Bonn, is now open. The registration system allows UN organizations to nominate representatives to attend sessions and will remain open for nominations and confirmation of delegations until 15 June 2025, 23:59 Central European Summer Time .

Related Links: Note to the United Nations and related organizations and specialized agencies; Parties and observer States; and admitted intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

Event Type: Notifications to parties and observers.

Subject: The document addresses Parties and Observer States regarding the submission of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs).

Date: February 12th, 2025.

Involved Body: UNFCCC.

Summary: The document issues a Message to Parties and Observer States, notifying them of the need to submit their Nationally Determined Contributions and National Adaptation Plans.

Related Links: note.

Adaptation

Event Type: Report.

Subject: Technical guide on sea level rise.

Date: February 04th, 2025.

Involved Body: UNFCCC

Summary: The document outlines a set of technical guides aimed at establishing a common understanding of how to manage the impacts and anticipate the risks of slow onset events. The guides offer policy options, tools, and approaches tailored to the needs of policymakers, governments, implementing agencies, and other stakeholders, highlighting challenges specific to regional contexts and ecosystems, and showcasing a variety of response approaches.

Related Links: report.

Event Type: Publication.

Subject: Efforts of the least developed countries in accessing funding for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans.

Date: February 05th, 2025.

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

Summary: The document outlines that, in recognition of the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties (Article 7, para. 14(a), of the Paris Agreement), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement requested the secretariat to prepare synthesis reports every two years, starting in 2020. These reports, developed under the guidance of the Adaptation Committee and the LEG, focus on specific adaptation themes, lessons learned, and good practices in developing countries. The report highlights progress made by LDCs in accessing adaptation funding, noting that as of 24 September 2024, 22 LDCs had completed and submitted a National Adaptation Plan (NAP).

Related Links: publication.

Event Type: Publications.

Subject: Promoting synergies between Land Degradation Neutrality and climate change adaptation.

Date: February 14th, 2025.

Involved Body: United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

Summary: The document present promotion on synergies between land degradation neutrality and climate change adaptation, which serves as a supplement to the National Adaptation Plan technical guidelines.

Related Links: publication.

Carbon Markets and Article 6 Cooperation Instruments

Event Type: Standard.

Subject: Draft Standard

Date: February 03rd, 2025.

Involved Body: Methodological Expert Panel (MEP)

Summary: The documents present draft standards under the Article 6.4 Mechanism: (1) addressing leakage in mechanism methodologies, (2) demonstrating additionality in mechanism methodologies, and (3) setting the baseline in mechanism methodologies.

Related Links: 1- (v.01.0); 2- (v.02.0); 3- (v.02.0)

Event Type: Report.

Subject: Meeting report: Third meeting of the Accreditation Expert Panel (version 01.0).

Date: February 04th, 2025.

Involved Body: Accreditation Expert Panel (AEP)

Summary: The document outlines the agenda and meeting organization, including governance and management matters, case-specific rulings, and relations with forums and other stakeholders.

Related Links: report.

Event Type: Report.

Subject: Meeting report: Fifteenth meeting of the Article 6.4 mechanism Supervisory Body (v.01.0) (SBM015).

Date: February 14th, 2025.

Involved Body: Article 6.4 Supervisory Body

Summary: The document includes information on the agenda, governance and management matters, regulatory and procedural matters, rulings, and relations with forums and other stakeholders.

Related Links: report.

Climate Finance

Event Type: Report.

Subject: BN-3: SCF 36: COP 29 and CMA 6 Mandates and updated workplan of SCF

for 2025.

Date: February 07th, 2025.

Involved Body: Standing Committee on Finance (SCF)

Summary: The document suggests that the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) may agree on its updated workplan, as presented in annex I, in light of the new mandates and guidance received from Parties at COP 29 and CMA 6. It also invites the SCF to take note of the tentative timeline and proposed approach for its meetings and inter-sessional work in 2025, as outlined in annex II.

Related Links: report.

Event Type: Report.

Subject: SCF 36: BN-5 and BN-6.

Date: February 13th, 2025.

Involved Body: Standing Committee on Finance (SCF)

Summary: The document outlines the expected actions of the Standing Committee on Finance, including appointing co-facilitators, defining the approach for drafting guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism in 2025, and discussing the scope and working modalities of the seventh Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows (BA). Additionally, the Committee is expected to provide guidance on preparing the workplan for the technical report of the seventh BA, including elements such as a draft annotated outline, timeline, and outreach strategies. The co-facilitators, with support from the secretariat, will be responsible for developing the draft annotated outline and workplan, taking into consideration received inputs.

Related Links: report BN 5 e BN6.

Loss and Damage

Event Type: Report.

Subject: Decisions of the Board – Fourth meeting of the Board, 2–5 December 2024.

Date: February 03rd, 2025.

Involved Body: UNFCCC.

Summary: The document compiles the decisions of the Board of the Fund on responding to loss and damage, adopted at its fourth meeting in Manila, Philippines, from December 2 to 5, 2024.

Related Links: report.

Event Type: Notifications to parties and observers.

Subject: Notification to NGOs - Fifth meeting of the Board of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage

Date: February 07th, 2025.

Involved Body: UNFCCC.

Summary: The document announces that the fifth meeting of the Board of the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage will take place from April 8 to 10, 2025, in Bridgetown, Barbados. It also details participation limits for NGO observers and webcast availability.

Related Links: note to NGO and Parties and observers.

Mitigation

Event Type: Notifications to parties and observers.

Subject: Message to Parties and Observers from the Chairs of the Subsidiary Bodies.

Date: February 19th, 2025.

Involved Body: UNFCCC.

Summary: The document announces the appointment of Angela Churie Kallhauge (Sweden) and Gao Xiang (China) as co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh Mitigation

Ambition and Implementation Work Programme for 2025–2026, pursuant to decision 4/CMA.

Related Links: note.

Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform

Event Type: Notifications to parties and observers

Subject: Message To Parties and Observers - Baku Workplan of the Local

Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform

Date: January 04th, 2025. **Involved Body**: UNFCCC.

Summary: The document states that at its twenty-ninth session, COP 29 decided to extend the mandate of the Facilitative Working Group (FWG). It also confirms the adoption of the 2025-2027 LCIPP workplan, named the Baku Workplan, to enhance collaboration among Parties, Indigenous Peoples, and local communities in addressing climate change and restoring nature.

Related Links: note.

Scheduled for March

General

Event Type: Meeting.

Subject: 13th meeting of the Consultative Group of Experts

Date: March 04th -06th, 2025.

Involved Body: Consultative Group of Experts (CGE)

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

been released.

Related Links: event page.

Adaptation

Event Type: Workshop.

Subject: Third Workshop under the UAE-Belém work programme on indicators.

Date: March 21st- 22nd, 2025.

Involved Body: UNFCCC

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: Expert meeting to review draft updated NAP technical guidelines.

Date: March 10th - 12th, 2025.

Involved Body: UNFCCC

Summary: The document informs that for in-person participants, registration will take place at the entrance lobby of the Altes starting at 08:00 a.m. on Monday, 10 March 2025. All registered observers will receive their conference badge upon registration. The MS Teams link for virtual participation will be shared with participants who have registered for virtual attendance before the start of the meeting.

Related Links: event page.

Event Type: Meeting.

Subject: COP29 Outcome Webinar Series on Adaptation Part I: Adaptation and

Resilience.

Date: March 11th, 2025.

Involved Body: UNFCCC

Summary: The agenda includes an introduction and welcome remarks by Motsomi Maletjani from the Adaptation Division of UN Climate Change, followed by an overview of COP 29 by UN Climate Change. The panel features speakers from RCC WAC Africa, NDC Partnership, LEG, and AdaptAction, followed by another Q&A session and closing remarks from Walters Tubua, Regional Lead of RCC WAC Africa.

Related Links: event page.

Carbon Markets and Article 6 Cooperation Instruments

Event Type: Meeting.

Subject: 124th meeting of the CDM Executive Board

Date: March 19th -21st, 2025.

Involved Body: UNFCCC

Summary: As the closing 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
ACE Action for Climate Empowerment	Suggestions for structuring the annual Dialogues on Action for Climate Empowerment, such as proposed speakers and lists of guiding questions, so as to enhance the Dialogues with a view to meeting the needs of Parties and the broader Action for Climate Empowerment community.	Open	<u>Brazil</u> (28/02)
Adaptation Adaptation Communications	Information on their experience with the application of the guidance contained in decision 9/CMA.1	February 27 th , 2025	<u>Japan</u> (26/02)
Agriculture Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of	Views on the workshop regarding systemic and holistic approaches to implementation of climate action on agriculture, food systems and food	February 28 th , 2025	European Union (26/02) Lebanon Brazil -

climate action on agriculture and food security	security, understanding, cooperation and integration into plans		Gurpo SUR Brazil (28/02)
Carbon Markets and Article 6 Cooperation Instruments 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	<u>Suriname</u> (05/02)
Capacity Building Matters related to capacity-building	Parties, constituted bodies under the Convention, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, representatives of relevant processes under the Convention and other non-Party stakeholders are invited to submit via the submission portal views 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.	February 27 th , 2025	<u>Brazil</u> (28/02)
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 th , 2024	Switzerland (17/02) Norway (26/02)
Climate Finance Sharm el-Sheikh dialogue on the scope of Article 2, paragraph 1(c) of the Paris Agreement, and its	Parties, the constituted bodies, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, climate finance institutions, observers and observer organizations, and other stakeholders, particularly from the private sector, to submit by 1 March 2025 their views	February 28 th , 2025	European Union Canada Australia (28/02)

complementarity with Article 9 of the Paris Agreement	on the issues to be addressed during the workshops to be held in 2025		
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	United Kingdom (12/02) European Union (13/02) Malawi (14/02) Philippines (14/02) Pakistan (14/02) Chile (19/02) Norway (19/02) Palau (19/02) Palau (19/02) Eolivia (20/02) Kenya (25/02) Canada (26/02) Brazil (27/02)
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	Australia (11/02) Saudi Arabia (13/02) Bolivia (13/02) Malawi (14/02) Chile (19/02) Palau (19/02) Norway (20/02) Türkiye (20/02) Canada (26/02)

Issue	Call	Deadline	Submissions last month
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	<u>Australia</u> (26/02)
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 st , 2026	None
Carbon Markets and Article 6 Cooperation Instruments Work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 4/CMA.3	Parties and observers are invited to submit their views on: (a) Barriers to using the NMA Platform and potential solutions, with a view to enabling the NMA Platform to be used to its full potential; (b) Their engagement with the NMA Platform and the challenges encountered in unlocking its full potential; (c) How non-market approaches can support a Party's implementation of its nationally determined contribution.	March 30 th , 2025	None
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	July 20 th , 2025	None
Climate Finance Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the	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

Global Environment Facility			
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	Australia (28/02)
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
Loss and Damage Report of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage and guidance to the Fund	Parties to submit views and recommendations on elements of guidance for the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage via the 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)	August 31 th , 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 th , 2025	None
Response Measures	Views on possible topics for the global dialogues on the impacts of the	July 14 th , 2025	None

Matters relating to the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures serving the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement	implementation of response measures in 2025.		
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.

ACE: Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) is a term adopted by the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change to denote work under Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement.

AEP: The Accreditation Expert Panel supports the implementation of standards and procedures for accrediting operational entities involved in validation and verification of projects and programmes of activities under the Article 6.4 mechanism, also known as the Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism.

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.

CGE: Consultative Group of Experts (CGE) is the main channel for the provision of technical assistance and support to developing country Parties in fulfilling their reporting requirements in relation to measurement, reporting, and verification (MRV) under the Convention and the enhanced transparency framework (ETF) under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement.

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.

FWG: A body established at COP 24 in 2018 to operationalize the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP).

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.

LEG: A group established in 2001 to provide technical guidance and support to Least Developed Countries (LDCs) on formulating and implementing National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), preparing and implementing National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPAs), and executing the LDC work programme. The LEG also advises on accessing funding from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) to support these activities.

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

MEP: A panel that supports the development of standards and guidelines for emission reduction and removal activities, providing clarifications to facilitate the registration of such activities under the Article 6.4 mechanism of the Paris Agreement.

NAP: Plans developed by countries, particularly Least Developed Countries (LDCs), to identify and address medium- and long-term climate change adaptation needs. These plans include strategies and programs aimed at enhancing resilience to climate impacts.

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.

SCF: The Standing Committee on Finance supports the COP in enhancing coherence, coordination, resource mobilization, and oversight of the UNFCCC financial mechanism.

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.

UNCCD: The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, adopted in 1994, is the sole legally binding international agreement linking environment and development to sustainable land management.

Find out more about the Paris Agreement and COP 29

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 "<u>Summary of COP 29</u>".

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