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(Prepared by the UNFCCC Secretariat)

(Submitted by the Secretary of the IPCC)





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This note describes the activities undertaken by the UNFCCC in collaboration with the IPCC, as well as other activities relevant for the work of the IPCC, since the last update submitted in May 2024. The UNFCCC activities are now focused on the preparations for COP29 that is planned to be held 11–22 November 2024 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

1. 60th sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June 2024)

SB 60 took place from 3 to 13 June 2024. It featured negotiations on research and systematic observation, as well as several mandated events, with IPCC participation, including:

- 16th meeting of the research dialogue;¹
- First dialogue under the United Arab Emirates Just Transition Work Programme 2024;²
- In-session workshop on progress, challenges, gaps and priorities in implementing the gender action plan and on future work to be undertaken on gender and climate change;³
- Expert dialogue on mountains and climate change;⁴
- Expert dialogue on the disproportionate impacts of climate change on children and relevant policy solutions.⁵

In addition, the Secretary of the IPCC made a statement in the opening plenary⁶ and the IPCC organized two side events, one, co-hosted with the UNFCCC Secretariat, on the IPCC Inventory Software as a tool to support the Enhanced Transparency Framework Implementation under the Paris Agreement and a second side event outlining the scientific foundations of the products of the IPCC's seventh assessment cycle.

Parties also considered the IPCC in negotiations, including on:

- Research and systematic observation; and
- Procedural and logistical elements of the overall global stocktake process.

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¹ <u>https://unfccc.int/event/sixteenth-meeting-of-the-research-dialogue</u>

² <u>https://unfccc.int/event/first-dialogue-under-the-united-arab-emirates-just-transition-work-programme-2024</u>

³ <u>https://unfccc.int/gender/sb60#In-session-workshop</u>

⁴ <u>https://unfccc.int/event/expert-dialogue-on-mountains-and-climate-change</u>

⁵ <u>https://unfccc.int/event/expert-dialogue-impacts-of-CC-on-children-and-relevant-policy</u>

⁶ https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/SubmissionsStaging/Documents/202406041801---

In the conclusions on Research and Systematic Observation,⁷ the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) noted with appreciation the statements delivered at the opening plenary of this session by representatives of the Global Climate Observing System, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the World Climate Research Programme and the World Meteorological Organization. The SBSTA welcomed the commencement of the seventh assessment cycle and the progress of work of the IPCC. It encouraged the IPCC to continue providing relevant information to Parties on scientific, technical and socioeconomic aspects of climate change and to enhance inclusivity and regional representation in its seventh assessment cycle.

In the conclusions on the procedural and logistical elements of the overall global stocktake process,⁸ the SBSTA and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the conclusion of the first global stocktake and the adoption of decision 1/CMA.5 on the outcome thereof. The SBSTA and the SBI commenced and advanced consideration of refining the procedural and logistical elements of the overall global stocktake process on the basis of experience gained from the first global stocktake. The SBSTA and the SBI took note of the informal note⁹ prepared by the co-facilitators for these agenda items at these sessions, noted that the informal note does not represent consensus among Parties, and agreed to continue consideration of this matter, taking into account the informal note, at SB 61 (November 2024) with a view to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Partis Agreement concluding consideration of this matter at its sixth session (November 2024).

2. Forthcoming events in 2024 relevant for the IPCC

The remainder of 2024 includes the following activities of relevance for the scientific work and inputs of the IPCC:

- Joint SBSTA-IPCC working group (timing tbd)
- UN Climate Change Conference Baku November 2024 featuring the 61st sessions of the subsidiary bodies, the 29th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP29) and Earth Information Day 2024 for which submissions on possible themes for and ways to organize it are due by 30 August 2024.

UNFCCC will work closely with the IPCC Secretariat and presiding officers to ensure an efficient and effective participation of IPCC in these events.

UNFCCC wishes to express gratitude to the Chair of IPCC, the Co-Chairs of the IPCC Working Groups, the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories and other presiding officers, colleagues in the secretariat of the IPCC, and IPCC experts for the valuable contributions to the climate change events organized under the UNFCCC process in the first half of 2024 and looks forward to IPCC's contribution to events and meetings that will be convened in the second half of 2024.

⁷ <u>https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/sbsta2024_L09E.pdf</u>

⁸ https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/sb2024 L03E.pdf

⁹ https://unfccc.int/documents/639774