

## **Submission by Timor-Leste on behalf of the Least Developed Countries Group (LDC Group) on Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme**

(topics to be discussed in the context of the Sharm el-Sheikh Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Work Programme in 2026)

Timor-Leste on behalf of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) Group welcomes the opportunity 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 2026.

### **1. Context**

The LDC Group takes this opportunity to reaffirm its understanding of the importance of the Mitigation Work Programme (MWP), in alignment with the overarching mandate to urgently scale up mitigation ambition and implementation in this critical decade. The Group recognizes the importance of enhancing mitigation ambition and accelerating implementation to align with the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C goal.

The LDC Group wishes to reaffirm its understanding of the MWP as follows:

**Mandate:** The Glasgow Climate Pact at CMA3 (2021) (Decision 1/CMA.3, para. 27) decided to establish a work programme to urgently scale up mitigation ambition and implementation in this critical decade and requested the SBI and SBSTA to recommend a draft decision. At CMA4 (2022) in Sharm el-Sheikh, Parties further decided to convene two global dialogues and investment-focused events annually, an annual high-level ministerial roundtable, and to have the CMA consider progress based on joint SBI/SBSTA reporting.

**Complementarity with the Global Stocktake:** CMA4 elaborated that the objective of the MWP is to scale up mitigation ambition and implementation in a manner that complements the Global Stocktake (GST). Decision 4/CMA.4 also established linkages with NDC cycles and clarified that the work programme is non-prescriptive, non-punitive, facilitative, respectful of national sovereignty and circumstances, and will not impose new targets or goals. The CMA5 (2023) decision on GST calling for Parties for the need for deep, rapid and sustained reductions in greenhouse gas emissions in line with 1.5 °C pathways and actions outline on Para 28 of 1/CMA.5 provides useful context for the implementation of the MWP.

**Urgency of action:** At CMA7 (2025) in Belém, the MWP decision under the COP30 political package reaffirmed the programme's mandate to urgently scale up mitigation ambition and implementation in this critical decade in a manner that complements the Global Stocktake. It underscored the importance of the best available science, including IPCC assessments indicating

significantly lower impacts at 1.5°C. The decision also took note of key findings from activities under the work programme, including opportunities, barriers, and actionable solutions, and invited the GCF and GEF to consider supporting projects identified through the work programme.

## 2. Topics to be discussed in the context of the MWP in 2026

The LDC Group recalls that the topics to discuss in the dialouge should be in line with the scope of the MWP, be based on broad thematic areas relevant to urgently scaling up mitigation ambition and implementation in this critical decade and include all sectors covered in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, thematic areas in the contribution of Working Group III to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and relevant enabling conditions, technologies, just transitions and cross-cutting issues.

The LDC Group would like to prioritize the topic along two tracks: the global context and LDC priorities.

**Global context:** In line with the scope of the MWP and its complementarity with the GST, the LDC Group calls for a focus on advancing work on “transitioning away from fossil fuels in energy systems, in a just, orderly and equitable manner, accelerating action in this critical decade, so as to achieve net zero by 2050 in keeping with the science” as a priority topic. This could also consider “phasing out inefficient fossil fuel subsidies that do not address energy poverty or just transitions, as soon as possible.” This presents an opportunity to make a meaningful contribution under the MWP to urgently scale up mitigation ambition and implementation in this critical decade. It should also identify barriers and challenges, as well as the role of quality finance, technology transfer and capacity-building support to developing countries, particularly climate vulnerable LDCs in the transition and subsidy reform. In addition, it should explore opportunities to accelerate the uptake of clean energy sources and technologies.

**LDC priorities:** In line with the sectors covered in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, the LDC Group suggests the following key mitigation priorities relevant to LDCs, as reflected in LDC NDCs:

- **Energy:** Scaling up modern clean cooking solutions, including improved cookstoves and electric alternatives, to reduce emissions and health risks.
- **Transport:** Expanding sustainable public transport systems, including Bus Rapid Transit and electric mobility.
- **Agriculture:** Expanding renewable energy in agriculture by integrating solar irrigation, water and fertilizer use efficiency and biogas into agricultural operations.
- **Waste:** Strengthening waste-to-energy initiatives by supporting waste management solutions that generate energy while reducing landfill emissions.
- **Forestry:** Strengthening nature-based mitigation through afforestation and reforestation programmes addressing degraded forest and community-led forest conservation.

- **Industry:** Supporting low-carbon industrialization by improving energy efficiency and renewable energy in manufacturing and promoting circular economy approaches.
- **Cross-cutting considerations:** Ensuring that LDCs receive equitable access to grant-based mitigation finance, dedicated financing for LDCs, while strengthening institutional and technical capacity to implement and scale up mitigation actions.

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