MITIGATION WORK PROGRAMME

Overview

The Mitigation Work Programme (MWP) was created at COP26 and operationalised at COP27 to urgently scale up mitigation ambition and implementation in this critical decade. It runs two global dialogues and investment-focused events a year and is the only formal UNFCCC agenda item dedicated to cutting emissions. Its mandate ends at CMA 8 (COP31, Antalya, 9–20 November 2026), where Parties must decide whether it continues; Bonn (June 2026) ended without agreement, so the item went to Antalya under Rule 16.

Negotiation Goal

Adopt a CMA 8 decision on continuing the MWP (mandate: decision 4/CMA.4), negotiated at SB 65.

- **Continuation:** end in 2026, run to 2030, or become open-ended or a standing agenda item.
- **Functioning:** better dialogues and investment events (thematic tracks, more experts, financiers and project developers, actionable solutions).
- **Scope:** whether it supports GST 1 outcomes and informs GST 2 and future NDCs, and whether a technical body is created.
- **Link:** GST 2 starts at COP31 and ends in 2028, so the MWP's post-2026 role matters for that cycle.

GCE Objectives

GCE insists on continuing the MWP with renewed ambition and implementation to deliver on commitments already made.

- **Continue the MWP and its Global Dialogues** to drive Paris Agreement implementation and complement the GST.
- **Turn dialogue into pathways:** outcomes must become concrete implementation steps.
- **Meaningful youth participation** throughout the MWP, backed by finance.
- **Scale up finance in line with the NCQG:** mitigation support, grant-based public finance, technology transfer and capacity building.
- **Build on the Santa Marta process** to strengthen cooperation and implementation.

Status Quo

The MWP has been a contested track since its creation, and the June 2026 Bonn session (SB 64) left the following points entirely open.

- Whether and how long the MWP continues; Bonn produced no text, not even procedural conclusions.
- Scope (NDC support only, or also GST 1 and GST 2 links), institutional form, dialogue modalities, and link to finance.
- Whether Bonn's informal note and reflections paper can be a basis for text.

Key Terms & Acronyms

MWP	Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme
CMA	Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement
Rule 16	Draft rule of procedure that keeps an unresolved item on the next session's agenda
Global dialogue	MWP event (at least two a year) for exchanging views on mitigation topics
Investment-focused event (IFE)	MWP event connecting mitigation opportunities to investors and project developers
GST 1 / GST 2	First (2023) and second (2026–2028) Global Stocktake
UAE consensus	The GST 1 decision, with the energy package (tripling renewables, doubling efficiency, transitioning away from fossil fuels)

Key Stakeholders

- **EU, AOSIS, AILAC, LDCs, UK, Norway, Korea, Tuvalu:** favour continuation, a stronger GST link and delivery focus; LDCs want a standing agenda item and a technical body; AILAC says "critical decade" means urgency, not an end date.
- **LMDCs, Arab Group, African Group:** oppose a GST link and substantive informal notes; stress support and not reopening CMA 7 decisions. Arab Group stresses barriers and bankable projects.

- **India, Egypt, Kuwait, UAE:** oppose extending the mandate beyond “this critical decade”; Egypt also rejects NDC content discussion.
- **Presidencies:** Türkiye hosts; Australia (Chris Bowen) leads negotiations. Brazil says a landing zone is possible.
- **Observers and bodies:** civil society, youth and business join dialogues; Co-Facilitators (SB 64: Germany, South Africa), SB Chairs and the Secretariat run the process.

Expected Challenges & Fault Lines

- **Political:** driver of urgent cuts and GST input versus a non-prescriptive exchange of views; extension beyond 2026 or 2030; 1.5°C and IPCC references.
- **Technical:** how dialogue outputs are recorded and used, and whether a technical body is created.
- **Finance:** developing countries tie ambition to support; developed countries stress investment and private capital.
- **Procedural:** work restarts without text; without a CMA 8 decision the MWP has no mandate beyond 2026; groups link items (“you-first-ism”) and late Presidency or Chair text is possible.

What to watch out for

- **Progress:** Co-Facilitators publish a draft decision text early, groups engage on it paragraph by paragraph, the LMDCs and Arab Group stop insisting the informal note be limited to headings, and Presidencies signal a landing zone.
- **Stalling:** the debate returns to which documents may be used as a basis, points of order on how work is organised, linkages to finance or adaptation, and a Heads of Delegation meeting late in week two with no text

Links to Other Streams

- **GST 2** launch, the UAE dialogue, and 1.5°C and IPCC disputes.
- **Climate finance:** Article 9 work programme and Veredas Dialogue.
- **Adaptation:** GGA and the call to triple adaptation finance, also sent to Antalya.
- **Just transition:** JTWP review and mechanism due at CMA 8.
- **Article 6.8** non-market approaches review and NMA Platform; response measures and trade dialogues.
- **Presidency initiatives:** fossil fuel and deforestation roadmaps, Belém Mission to 1.5°C, Global Implementation Accelerator.