

EIG Submission related to the 2023 work plan of the ad hoc work programme on the new collective quantified goal (NCQG) and the 5th technical expert dialogue

The Environmental Integrity Group (EIG) comprising Georgia, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Monaco, the Republic of Korea and Switzerland hereby would like to share its views in line with the call for submissions by the co-chairs of the ad hoc work programme on the NCQG from January 17, 2022.

The members of the EIG have expressed their initial views regarding the goal itself, its scope and its structure in their first submission on the NCQG in March 2022.

EIG input on the 2023 workplan:

First, the EIG would like to recall that rich discussions have already taken place on this issue over the past year.

Past Technical Expert Dialogues (TEDs) have focused on the following topics:

- lessons learned from the USD 100bn goal,
- needs and priorities of developing country Parties,
- the role of the public and the private sector, including public and private sources of finance,
- access features,
- milestones and structuring of the NCQG process.

In addition the following issues were also discussed in the context of the past TEDs:

- climate finance landscape overall,
- quantity, quality and scope (including the overall volume of the goal and its thematic scope)
- translating needs into national finance strategies and concrete projects / programmes,
- financing strategies in the context of the NCQG

Future TEDs should not focus on the same topics again but build on the work conducted so far and with this make the most efficient use of the limited time available.

Topics and Sequencing

The EIG is of the opinion that the 5th technical expert dialogue should focus on the temporal scope and transparency considerations related to tracking progress of the goal. We believe these two topics should be discussed early in 2023, because the discussions during CMA4 showed, that no conversations on these have taken place so far. The temporal scope may effect the overall volume and ambition of the goal quite significantly. The transparency considerations may influence the potential quantitative or qualitative options on the various elements of the goal, which is why these should also be discussed early. The 6th technical expert dialogue should focus on ways to increase the impact, effectiveness and efficiency of the goal. These aspects have so far not been discussed, but they are essential. The lessons learned from the USD 100bn goal also showed that the impact, effectiveness and efficiency has not been considered in the design of the goal and is very difficult to assess. We should not repeat this mistake and therefore not only discuss the level of finance, but more importantly also consider the impact, both in terms of climate adaptation and mitigation as well as of strengthening the climate capacities/governance and enabling environments, which can be achieved by it and whether specific impact targets would make sense. The 7th technical expert dialogue should focus on the possible integration of the implementation of Art. 2.1c) of the PA in the goal and options to identify and expand sources of funding and how the different sources of finance should be targeted to best address the diverse needs of the different developing countries and in particular of the most vulnerable countries and people. These are highly political issues, which will for sure have to be discussed on a political level, but to facilitate the political debate, the issues will have to be discussed on a technical level before. This conversation should provide sufficient input to the co-chairs to draft possible options for consideration by Parties. The 8th technical expert dialogue should focus on the identification of options for quantitative and qualitative elements within the goal based on

the discussions from TED1-TED7 and inputs received in the NCQG process until then. The outcome of this last TED will be crucial as it will summarize the outcome of the rich discussions from TED1-TED7 and should provide quantitative and qualitative options for the technical and political discussions and decisions in 2024.

Outcome from 2023

Ideally the co-chairs would prepare a set of quantitative and / or qualitative options for all elements / themes / dimensions, which have been discussed until TED7. This note could then be used as an input for the discussion at TED8 and further refined by the co-chairs based on the discussions at TED8, attached to their annual report and used as an input into Parties deliberations at CMA5 and the high-level ministerial dialogue during CMA5. We would also appreciate it, if the co-chairs would clearly identify the questions / themes, which need to be further elaborated on a political level and what could and should be further refined on a technical level. This will help to structure the discussions and shape Parties positions to facilitate a decision at CMA6 in 2024.

Synergies between the NCQG and related processes

Ideally, the learnings from the Global Stocktake, which is tracking progress of what has been achieved so far, should be taken into account in the conversations on the NCQG in 2024, after the conclusion of the Global Stocktake.

Similarly the results of the work on the Global Goal on Adaptation should be taken into account, where relevant, in the NCQG work programme in 2024, after the Glasgow-Sharm el-Sheikh work programme on the Global Goal on Adaptation has concluded at CMA5.

Unfortunately there is no established process related to Art. 2.1c) under the PA yet, despite a strong call for this by multiple Parties and groups of Parties, during past CMA sessions. The discussions in the context of the Sharm El-Sheikh dialogue on Art. 2.1c) should be taken into account, where relevant, and ideally feed into the discussions at TED7 on the possible integration of the implementation of Art. 2.1c) of the PA in the NCQG.

Specific EIG input for the fifth technical expert dialogue (TED5):

Topics for TED5

The members of the EIG believe that it is essential to discuss the temporal scope and transparency considerations related to tracking progress of the goal. The learnings of the USD 100bn goal and challenges related to domestic planning processes should be taken into account, when discussing these topics.

Expected Outcomes / Outputs of TED5

Ideally the discussions would be captured in an informal co-chair's note, indicating the areas of convergence and divergence, potential options to bridge divergences and already indicating potential options for quantitative and / or qualitative elements, which could be part of the goal and / or the transparency considerations to track progress of the goal.

Format of TED5

Overall the EIG is disappointed about the low level of stakeholder participation during TED1-4. We would like to see a much broader participation of non-state actors, including civil society, private sector, financial institutions and academia, including from the most vulnerable developing countries most in need of climate finance, and of multilateral organizations, such as MDBs and climate funds. Any adjustment to the format that you can find, which will facilitate broader participation, will be very welcome. The EIG would also like to encourage you to think of more creative ways to engage with non-state actors and the various stakeholders also outside the regular TEDs to ensure you'll receive inputs from various perspectives. If possible, the TEDs should continue to be offered for in-person and virtual participation to facilitate broader participation also for actors, who can not travel.