

## Submission from Norway on topics for the Mitigation Work Programme in 2024

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**Norway welcomes the opportunity to provide our views on the topics for the Mitigation Work Programme for 2024. Norway suggests that the MWP in 2024 should, in addition to the follow-up of the GST decision, specifically address the topic “Accelerate Substantial Reductions of Non-CO<sub>2</sub> Greenhouse Gas Emissions”.**

### Overarching considerations and proposal

The topics for the mitigation work programme should be in line with the scope of the work programme, i.e. be based on broad thematic areas relevant to urgently scaling up mitigation ambition and implementation in this critical decade outlined in decision 4/CMA.4.

The GST decision from COP28 invites relevant work programmes and constituted bodies to integrate relevant outcomes of the GST in their future work in line with their mandates. The GST decision contains a number of mitigation-related outcomes. Norway sees the Mitigation Work Programme as one of several avenues for following up the mitigation outcomes of the GST.

The objective of the mitigation work programme is to urgently scale up mitigation ambition and implementation in this critical decade in a manner that complements the global stocktake. In Norway's view, the objective implies that we should work on topics where the potential for emission reductions is high before 2030, and where there is potential for deep and rapid reductions.

The IPCC AR6 report already gives a solid basis for discussion by Parties and non-party stakeholders, to share their expertise and experience. The IPCC AR6 report points out that policy packages tailored to national contexts and technological characteristics have been effective in supporting low-emission innovation.

The IPCC WGIII Summary for policymakers (SPM) highlights the need to reduce non-CO<sub>2</sub> greenhouse gases. At COP28 Parties agreed to call on Parties for *accelerating and substantially reducing non-carbon-dioxide emissions globally, including in particular methane emissions by 2030*.

In Norway's view, a Mitigation Work Programme topic for 2024 should therefore be how to accelerate substantial reductions of non-CO<sub>2</sub> greenhouse gas emissions.

### Other topics of the mitigation work programme towards 2026:

There are also other areas that have great potential to reduce emissions significantly before 2030. We would inter alia highlight the importance of protecting, conserving and restoring nature and ecosystems, including sharing experience concerning nature-based solutions and ecosystem based approaches for mitigation action, which parties also highlighted in the GST-outcome. We believe these are important topics that are crucial to have as topics in the Mitigation Work Programme towards 2026. We will not be able to achieve emissions reductions needed before 2030 without significant progress on these areas.

However, this year we believe a focus on the topic of non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is important as action in this area needs to be enhanced as soon as possible.