

Just Transition Work Programme



Background

A just transition can be understood as a green transition that protects the interests of vulnerable groups, especially workers and minorities. At COP29, Parties could not come to an agreement on the Just Transition Work Programme (JTWP), disagreeing on the scope of the JTWP and what should be referenced in the decision document. The discussions at SB62 are intended to finalise a recommendation for a draft decision at COP30, which parties can adopt.

SB62 Outcomes

All Parties came to negotiations enthusiastic for progress, but they could not agree on a final decision text by the end of SB62. Instead, an informal note was submitted, and the work will continue at SB63 in November. This was partly because of disagreement on key issues, such as whether or not the text should reference the harm done by unilateral trade measures. Parties also agreed that a final text should include the reports from their ongoing social dialogues, which have not yet been completed; they agreed to include placeholders for now.

Party Positions

	Unilateral Trade Measures	Implementation	Paris Temperature Goals
LMDC	Reference the harm done by unilateral trade measures	Stress the responsibility of developed countries to implement first	Include the full range of temperature goals from the Paris Agreement
Arab Group	Reference the harm done by unilateral trade measures	Needs to be clearly up to countries to decide	Include the full range of temperature goals from the Paris Agreement
European Union	Do not include reference; do not frame all response measures as unilateral	Language is imbalanced toward financing, section should be streamlined	Be clear that the point of JTWP is to achieve the 1.5 °C temperature goal
Final Outcome	No final decision at SB62	No final decision at SB62	No final decision at SB62

The Road Ahead

At COP30 in November, Parties are expected to consider and adopt a draft decision on the JTWP. Before that, at SB63, Parties will have to meet again to finish a draft decision to propose. Between SB62 and SB63, Parties are expected to participate in the Fourth Dialogue under the JTWP on the topic of "Adaptation". They further agreed to include the report on dialogues' outcomes in their draft decision.

Sources:

[Final Informal Note submitted at SB62 on the JTWP](#)
[Final Draft Text submitted at SB62 on the JTWP](#)
[Third World Network on the COP29 Outcome](#)