

Mitigation Work Programme



Background

The Mitigation Work Programme (MWP) was created at COP27 to accelerate mitigation efforts with the goal of scaling up actions to achieve 1.5°C, as outlined in the Paris Agreement. It is set up to respect the national nature of NDCs, in that it is non-punitive, non-prescriptive and respectful of national sovereignty. It brings countries together in global dialogues to share experiences and best practices, identify implementation gaps, and support the achievement of NDCs.

SB62 Outcomes

Parties agreed on the MWP's purpose of facilitating dialogue and information exchange without imposing prescriptive or punitive targets as well as over-generalized solutions. While many emphasized the need to align with the 1.5°C goal, improve global dialogues, and ensure scientific input, they could not agree on integrating outcomes from the Global Stocktake and linking the MWP to NDCs. Moreover, there were differing opinions on the proposed digital platform and whether it addresses real needs. In light of this, it was suggested that further discussions be held between now and COP30.

Party Positions

	Mitigation Alignment Gap	Mitigation Support Deficit	Digital Platform Deliberations
EU, Switzerland, Australia	Mentioned the need for a roadmap to phase out fossil fuels equitably beyond 2026	Emphasized the insufficient financial resources for mitigation	Requested further discussions before advancing the digital platform
Africa Group and Arab States	Oppose the expansion of the MWP's mandate (e.g. its alignment with the Global Stocktake) and emphasize the national nature of NDCs	Emphasized technology transfer for vulnerable countries	Supported the informal note as a non-final reference for COP30
AOSIS	Mitigation efforts (national climate plans) must urgently align with the 1.5° goal	Finance is essential to meet global mitigation targets	Questioned on the relevance of the digital platform
Final Outcome	The Mitigation Work Programme will remain ongoing	No final outcome	Minimal changes were made to improve the informal note

Sources:

<https://unfccc.int/topics/mitigation/workstreams/mitigation-work-programme>

<https://climatalk.org/2024/12/15/sharm-el-sheikh-mitigation-ambition-implementation-work-programme-mwp/>

<https://www.carbonbrief.org/cop29-key-outcomes-agreed-at-the-un-climate-talks-in-baku/>

<https://unfccc.int/event/sixth-global-dialogue-and-investment-focused-event-under-the-sharm-el-sheikh-mitigation-ambition-and-0>

The Road Ahead

Although no final decision was made at SB62, Parties agreed on an informal note that will guide discussions toward COP30 in Brazil. Until then, Parties and observers will continue to exchange views on strengthening the Mitigation Work Programme, most notably at the Sixth global dialogue and investment-focused event under the Sharm el-Sheik mitigation ambition and implementation work programme, which will take place on September 5th-6th, 2025 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Discussions will focus specifically on “enabling mitigation solutions in the waste sector, including through circular economy approaches”.

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