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United Arab Emirates just transition work programme

As recognized in the JTWP Annual Summary Report, subnational governments play a key role in enabling just transitions that enhance food security and industrial transformation. The Report emphasises growing consensus that non-party stakeholders must be central to the just transition mechanisms, with subnational governments able to access technical assistance, capacity-building, peer exchanges, and communities of practice, while multilevel partnerships emerge as critical enablers of a just transition. **In light of this, the LGMA proposes retaining the following:**

Key messages

- **Para 6 (m):** The importance of **urban and peri-urban [food systems][food production] and the role of subnational governments and local authorities** in translating nationally determined just transition pathways into locally responsive implementation;
- **Para. 7 (r)** : The importance of **place-based approaches that support economic diversification in regions and communities** affected by industrial restructuring, including those dependent on a single industry, through the use of, inter alia, **just transition agreements and plans developed jointly with workers, employers, local authorities and communities;**
- **Para. 7 (s):** The importance of coherent, predictable and long-term policy, regulatory and governance frameworks, **based on whole-of-government approaches, multilevel and inclusive governance** and nationally determined priorities, in mobilizing investment in industrial transformation, including through measures that create demand for low-emission products, such as public procurement;

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- **Para 15 (c):** Enhancing the inclusiveness of the dialogues, with strengthened participation of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and balanced regional representation among invited experts, including greater participation of experts from developing countries, and **meaningful engagement by observer constituencies and other non-Party stakeholders;**
- **Para 15 (d):** Selecting the topics for the dialogues through a transparent and Party-driven process on the basis of an indicative **multi-year plan**, with each dialogue organized around a limited number of clearly defined topics and guiding questions, using interactive formats;

Just Transition Mechanism

- **Para 20:** Further decides that the mechanism shall comprise two [tiers][dimensions]: a Partydriven policy [tier][dimension], in the form of a [joint contact group][steering committee with equitable geographical representation], and an implementation-oriented [tier][dimension] **with meaningful engagement of non-Party stakeholder in both [tiers][dimensions] as appropriate [including through inclusive implementation-focused groups];**
- **Para 24 (a):** Facilitate access to means of implementation and **demand-driven technical assistance, including at the national, subnational and community level,** from relevant organizations, bodies and experts for planning, designing and implementing nationally determined just transition pathways;
- **Para 24 (d) :** Collaborate with and **facilitate inclusive and participatory processes involving non-Party stakeholders and other relevant actors**, including those referred to in paragraph 12(d) of decision 2/CMA.7, and regional cooperation and partnerships, as appropriate;