Fourth informal virtual meeting of Heads of Delegation to the INC

Meeting Outline and Guiding Questions

The fourth informal virtual meeting of Heads of Delegation (HODs) to the INC will be held on **8 and 9 September 2026.** To facilitate participation across time zones, the meeting will be held in two alternative sessions. All session times are in East African Time (GMT+3):

- Session 1: 8 September 2026, 14:00-16:00
- Session 2: 9 September 2026, 00:00-02:00

The meeting will be conducted in English only and will be held on the Interactio platform.

Meeting Outline

1) **Opening**
2) **Informal exchange of views with Members based on guiding questions**
3) **Any other business (AOB)**
4) **Closing**

Further details on selected outline item

Item 2) Informal exchange of views with Members based on guiding questions

The two guiding questions are intended to be considered together in order to strengthen reflection on possible linkages between the topics.

Groups of Members will be requested to limit their interventions to five minutes while individual Members will be requested to limit their interventions to three minutes.

The following narrative is offered as a facilitative tool, designed to support discussion on the guiding questions.

*During the first in-person informal Heads of Delegation meeting held in Nairobi, a range of views was raised by Members of the Committee on the design of the **financial mechanism**, including whether the financial mechanism should be part of an existing entity, such as the Global Environment Facility (GEF), a new dedicated fund should be established under the instrument, or a hybrid approach could be considered.*

There was common recognition of the critical role of predictable, adequate and timely financial support to ensure effective implementation and delivery of the objective of the instrument, noting the unique challenges faced by developing countries.

We heard views on the conditions for predictable and adequate support for implementation, as well as the possible role of the private sector in achieving the objective of the instrument.

Many views also indicated that private finance should complement, rather than replace, public finance. Availability of information and data on financial flows was also raised as a tool to ensure adequate provision of financial resources.

*Members also raised a range of views on arrangements for effective **capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer**, including whether to establish dedicated arrangements or strengthen existing institutions and mechanisms.*

There was broad recognition that support should be country-driven, responsive to national needs, linked to implementation and national plans, and provided on a sustained basis.

Guiding questions

1. **Financial resources and mechanism:**

   What characteristics should the financial mechanism have in order to provide or mobilize the needed resources to ensure effective and comprehensive implementation of the instrument?

2. **Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer:**
   What practical examples could inspire opportunities for capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer?

This virtual meeting will also offer Members the opportunity to provide general reactions to the Aid to Negotiations, time permitting, as part of their interventions.