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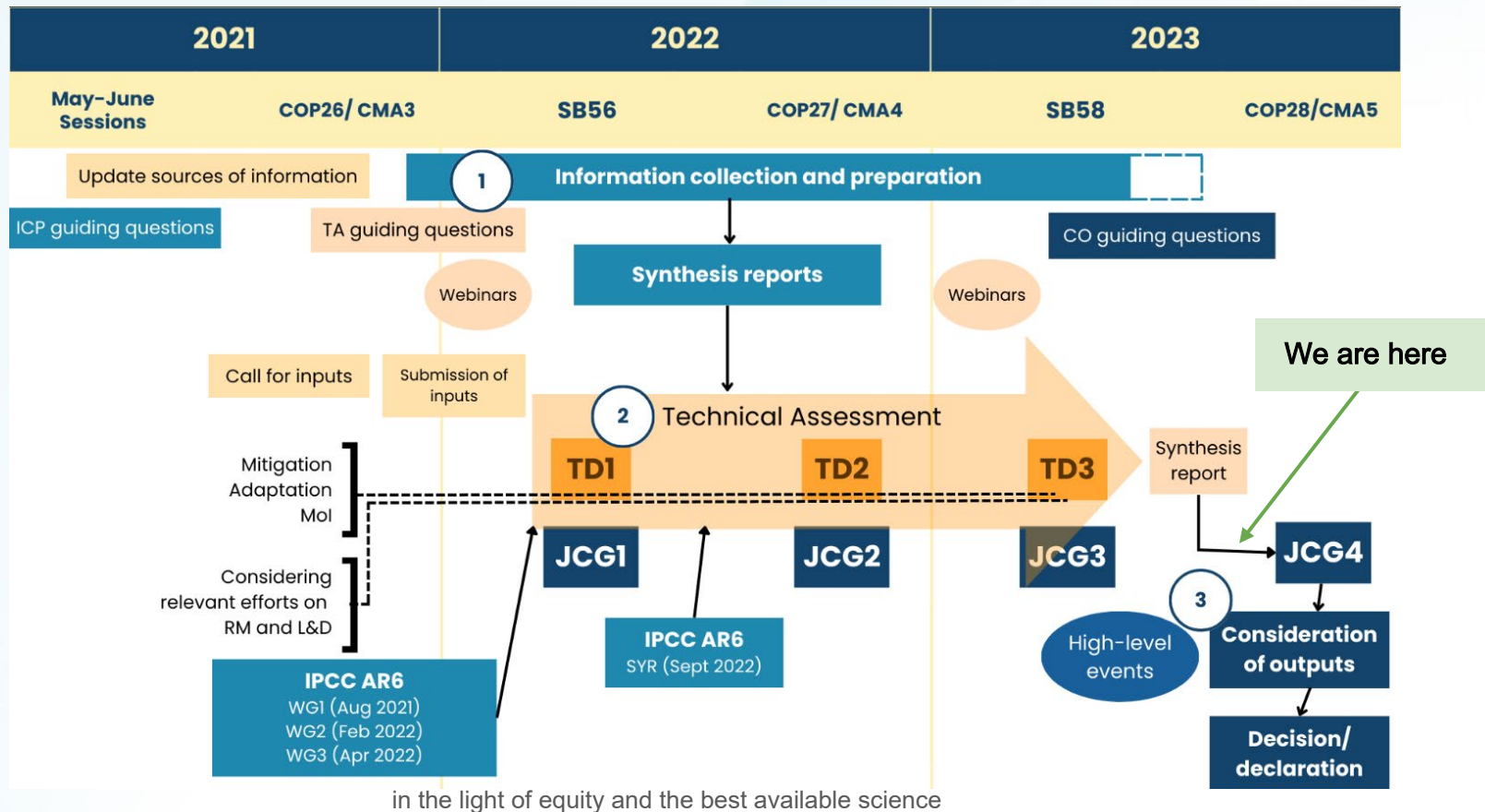
Delivering a Robust Global Stocktake

Key points and opportunities from the intersessional
phase

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Temporal Framework of the GST



Opportunities for NSAs: Perspective from the iGST SEA Hub Initiatives

	2021 - 2023	Post - 2023 GST processes
Objective 1. Convene regional stocktake with participants of iGST Regional Hub	Establish a collaboration platform to discuss regional perspectives on the GST's key thematic areas. Deepen understanding on the GST and identify opportunities for synergies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Translate community driven, science and evidence-based research outputs into action, including policy change and transformation at national and regional levels• Contribute to creating opportunities for dialogue between governments and NSAs
Objective 2. Create an opportunity to discuss results and implications among different levels of stakeholders, including government officials	Increase public awareness and understanding on the GST process through dialogues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advocate outputs and actions of NSAs and create networks of NSAs committed to GST through dialogues, capacity-building activities, and communication.

GST Intersessional Workshop: October 12 Abu Dhabi, UAE

- 14, 2023

- **Objectives:**
 - Develop **elements for the consideration of GST 1's outputs component**, which will inform the work of the joint contact group on the first global stocktake.
 - Considering the substance of **what a GST outcome to look like** and to identify **areas of convergence and divergence**
- Discussions for each thematic areas/section of the synthesis report follows the **two views: Backward** and **Forward looking**.
- **Recognition of non -Party stakeholders** contributions in the GST processes. Encouraging NPS' to keep on developing submissions to the UNFCCC - GST.



Backward looking: Collective progress, gaps, challenges, and barriers

- Based on recent reports, states that **we are not on track to meet the Paris Agreement goals**, particularly from the technical assessments of the GST itself.
- The GST is significant in this critical decade to **course - correct and get us back on track** towards the Paris Agreement Goals.



Although great progress has been achieved, substantial work lies ahead.

More opportunities and solutions arise from challenges in the implementation of climate commitments. Countries in Southeast Asia can learn from each other's experiences and share best practices to accelerate climate action implementation and support in the region.

Download the full report at:
bit.ly/SEAstocktake2023

or scan the QR code:



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Forward looking aspect: Opportunities and messages for further action

- **Forward looking views** provides a snapshot of what we can work on:
 - In-country technical policy development support
 - Encourage collaboration between Parties and NPS, and
 - Develop advocacy campaigns to communicate the outcomes of the GST1 to the region, national, and local levels.
- Strengthen international cooperation by leveraging a **regional stocktaking**
 - **Bottom -up approach:** local and national level experiences as important building blocks
- **Expectations for COP 28:** look forward for a **robust CMA decision** encompassing collective progress and political messages on opportunities.
 - 2024 - 2025 will be a critical window to translate and tailor the outcomes of GST1 into concrete action plans conveyed in the next round of NDCs.



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Policy Recommendations for Engaging Regional Non - State Actors in the Follow - up Period of the First Global Stocktake

Drawing experience from regional collaborations

Policy recommendations and discussions at the APCW 2023

iGST SEA Hub's submission to
GST1 (September, 2023):

1. Integrate the role of NSAs in the follow - up period of GST1
2. Make use of NSAs' platforms to translate the outcome of GST1
3. Establish in - country mechanisms for incorporating the outcomes of GST1



A full report for these recommendations are available

[here!](#)

APCW 2023 Event on November 15, 2023, Johor Bahru, Malaysia
Learn more from [here!](#)

Policy Recommendation 1:

Integrate the role of NSAs into the national policy -making process in the follow -up period of GST1

- NSAs can contribute to the follow -up of GST1 in multiple ways
- It's important to make the role and responsibilities of NSAs clear in the national policy -making process
- This includes ensuring the opportunities for NSAs to engage with Parties' updating NDCs as well as providing financial support for NSAs to implement their activities in support of the GST

Discussion at the APCW :

- NSAs include the private sector, financial institutions, cities and other subnational authorities, local communities and Indigenous Peoples.
- **We need more concrete stories from various actors and regions are needed.**

Policy Recommendation 2:

Make use of regional collaboration platforms of NSAs that can facilitate a regional stocktake to translate the outcome of GST1 in updating and enhancing NDCs

- NSAs can share good practices and explore areas for cooperation specific to each region .
- Such regional stocktake can help Parties translate the outcomes of GST1 into their respective NDC .
- Existing regional high -level policy forums, such as ASEAN and policy advocacy forums organized by NSAs, can be useful entry points .

Discussion at the APCW :

- If successful, GST can connect governments and NSAs ever more strongly.
- **We need creative ideas to connect GST with regional, national, local actions.**

Policy Recommendation 3:

Build in - country mechanisms for incorporating the outcome of GST1 in updating and enhancing NDCs, and for monitoring and reporting of the implementation of those NDCs .

- This ensures that Parties consider the outcome of GST1 with the participation of NSAs systematically as part of the NDC update and implementation process .
- Ex-post reporting of Parties' experiences and lessons as to how it incorporates the outcome of the GST1 can be extremely useful for designing the GST2 and beyond

Discussion at the APCW :

- The GST should not only assess collective progress, but also promote solutions to fill the gaps it identified.
- **We need to understand common areas of collaboration between governments and NSAs.**



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Today's program

- **NSAs Collaboration Cases**

- West Africa Hub, Dr. Kwame Opong Hackman, Senior Scientist, WASCAL
- NSAs and local government policy and action for carbon neutrality, Professor Dr Ho Chin Siong, UTM

- **Interactive Panel Discussion - Feedback from State Actors and NSAs**

- Government: Mr. Isaac Kwabena Danso, Environmental Protection Agency of Ghana
- Local government: Ms. Nor Janah Affandi, Deputy Director, City Planning Department, Kuala Lumpur City Hall
- Private sector: Mr. Fernando Castellanos, Head of Environment and Climate, UN Global Compact
- Funding institution: Ms. Josefina Cobian, Program Manager, Global Intelligence, ClimateWorks Foundation

- **Interactive Panel Discussion - Way Forward**



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