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The Global Stocktake will lay bare where increased action is needed the most. Harnessed properly, it will be a “global accelerator,” driving the political will and momentum we need now to mobilize toward transformative action.

To get ready for the political phase, iGST and partners are focusing our efforts to advocate for an inclusive Stocktake that results in concrete and ambitious commitments that get us on track for a climate-safe future.

Today, iGST regional hubs are building capacity and expanding their networks to advocate for strong GST outputs, and to prepare the ground to respond with accelerating climate action and implementation.

Read on for GST-related news and upcoming events.

Best,
Josefina and the iGST team



Latest in the Formal Process

Since our last bulletin, there have been several significant convenings focused on shaping the GST and the rest of this year's negotiating agenda. This includes sessions in April hosted by the UNFCCC on the design of the GST's political phase and sessions earlier this month during the Petersberg Dialogue.

Given its prominence, the GST will be the backdrop of most events on the UNFCCC negotiating calendar this year. Highlights include the upcoming SB58 meetings in Bonn next month, during which the final set of more technically oriented dialogues to inform the outcome of the GST will take place; the UNSG Climate Ambition Summit in September in New York; the second UNFCCC-convened GST meeting in October; and, finally, COP28 in Dubai this December.

Expected in early September, the Global Stocktake will release a final technical synthesis report summarizing findings from the three technical dialogues. The final set of new political commitments coming out of the GST will be delivered during COP28. The exact format is under discussion, but we are hearing increasing support for a dual approach of a negotiated decision text paired with a declaration.

The Global Stocktake will lay bare where increased action is needed the most. "We must unite and seize the moment of the Global Stocktake to put the world on the right track to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement," says COP President Dr. Sultan Al Jaber in a speech at the Petersberg Climate Dialogue in Berlin, adding that the Stocktake is "an unprecedented opportunity to turn policies into practical outcomes."

We cannot afford to lose this opportunity to accelerate transformation, capture the public's attention, shift financial markets, and make government and business leaders step up and hold their end of the bargain.

Finally, the [summary report from the second technical dialogues](#) has been released. In addition to summarizing inputs and the dialogues, the co-facilitators offered a set of sixteen reflections across the three themes of the stocktake (mitigation including response measures, adaptation including loss and damage, and means of implementation and support) as well as on cross-cutting themes.

The information note outlining plans for organization of the third and final technical dialogue is [also now available](#). It clarifies that the upcoming events will include, as in previous dialogues, an opening and closing plenary, a set of round table discussions on the main GST topic areas, as well as a more open World Café-style event to support interactive discussion across a wider variety of issue areas. Most of the technical events, aside from the closing plenary, will take place the first week. Additional detail is available [in this document](#).

Opportunity for NPS: The upcoming SB58 meetings will also feature a poster session, with [submissions due May 21](#), as well as opportunities to pilot test an improved GST

submission search interface currently under development. Limited guidance is available for the poster session, but information from the TD1.2 poster session is [available here](#), and the call for inputs can be seen [here](#) by searching "poster".



Upcoming Events

The Global Stocktake at COP28: Why Getting it Right Matters for the Future of Climate Action

Thursday, May 18, 2023.

13:00-14:30 GMT (15:00-16:30 CEST || 9:00-10:30 am US Eastern)

The world's first Global Stocktake will be the focal point of this year's COP28. This process was never intended to just be a look in the rear-view mirror; it was also designed to accelerate us toward where we need to be. But does it have the teeth to make a meaningful impact? How can it supercharge our transition to a greener, safer future?

[Join us on May 18 for a high-level webinar](#), where experts will tackle these questions and explore the necessary steps for ensuring a process that packs a political punch.



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On March 30, the iGST Latin America and Caribbean hub held an informative **webinar** on the basics of the GST global process and its relevance to advancing ambition and implementation of climate policies throughout the region. Speakers included Enrique Maurtua of the iGST LAC Hub, Juliana Arciniegas of Transforma, and Camila Fernández of the The Climate Champions Team. They provided a general approach to the ongoing GST process and discussed implications and opportunities from the expected results. Participants expressed interest in understanding the GST process and learning how civil society can contribute. The [webinar recording is available here](#).



On April 11th, several **Brazilian climate actors** discussed how the GST can enhance **national climate action**. The event, organized by CDP and the High-Level Climate Champions Latin America Team, and supported by Climate and Society Institute (ICS), aimed to promote capacity building around the GST and engage relevant stakeholders in the discussions. During the workshop, states, cities, companies, financial institutions, and

civil society organizations dialogued about the Stocktake process and other relevant subjects regarding the Brazilian climate agenda.

“Islands All In for GST 2023” Launch Event



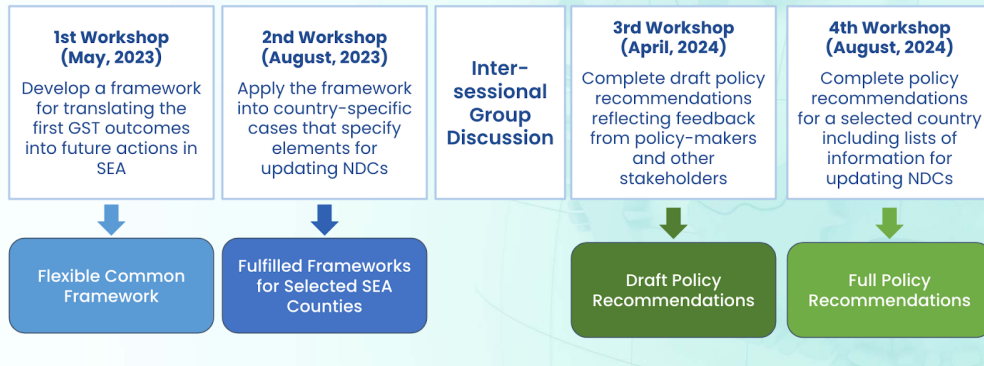
To commemorate Earth Day, [Climate Analytics Caribbean](#) hosted the event, *Islands All In for GST 2023*, to raise awareness about the GST and launch a campaign to increase public engagement and advocacy as countries take stock of progress towards the Paris Agreement targets. The hybrid event in Trinidad and Tobago had ample in-person and virtual participation and was widely [covered on TV](#), [newspapers](#) and [regional news](#). The event also featured the **GST animated explainer** titled [Islands All In for the GST 2023 - Animation](#). The [full event recording can be watched here](#).

iGST Southeast Asia Hub

The Southeast Asia Hub will formally launch on May 16, 2023 in Manila, Philippines. This event will be followed by a **two-day hybrid workshop from May 17 to 18 to develop a framework for translating the first GST outcomes into future actions in the region**. The workshop will also be the first in-person meeting of the Hub’s governing body to develop an action plan toward its key 2023 and 2024 milestones below, which was outlined during the online Roadmap Workshop in March.

Milestone for 2023–2024 iGST SEA Hub Activities

5 Activities to Translate GST into SEA and Develop Policy Recommendations for NDC Updates



iGST West Africa Hub



In preparation for the **launch of the iGST West Africa Hub** at the end of May, lead organizations carried out **six in-country meetings in Burkina Faso, Benin, Mali, Ghana, Senegal, and Nigeria**. The hub engaged with a total of **110 people** representing local organizations, about a third representing youth and grassroots organizations. The national-level workshops have been [reported in local news](#) and will be documented for validation ahead of the launch of the regional network at the end of May.



Other Recent Work on the GST

Final Technical Submissions

The iGST consortium — alongside many other non-Party stakeholders — submitted a final [consolidated joint input](#) for the GST's technical assessment phase in March. Many branches of the iGST also submitted in depth standalone information on [finance](#), [equity](#), [adaptation](#), and regional approaches in Southeast Asia and [Latin America](#). All submissions can be found on the UNFCCC's [GST Information Portal](#).

What does the Global Stocktake mean for India?

Organized by the [Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad](#), [IDDRI](#) and [CEEW](#) researchers and policymakers in India recently met for a workshop to discuss **opportunities and challenges that the Global Stocktake process offers for India**. The discussions also addressed ways to make the Stocktake outputs more robust. [View a recording of this workshop here](#).



What does the Global Stocktake (GST) mean for India?

16 March 2023 | 1030 – 1400 IST
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Event recording: Adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation

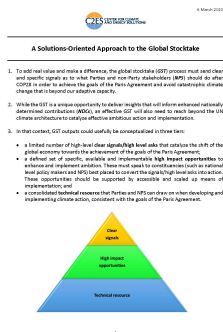


Launched in March, the iGST Adaptation Working Group's (AWG) newly published perspectives on [understanding "adequacy and effectiveness" of adaptation](#) ([watch webinar recording here](#)) was featured in UNEP's submission to UNFCCC. And in its 23rd meeting, the Adaptation Committee referred to the iGST AWG work in the [state of play on adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support](#).



How the Global Stocktake can enhance global cooperation: the case of international finance

This [new blog from IDDRRI](#), summarizes their submission to the GST's third information collection phase. The blog states that "although international financial cooperation is most needed for climate action in the least developed countries and other developing countries, it is also necessary for the transition in emerging economies—although different modalities and kinds of cooperation could be relevant." Furthermore it highlights that the GST's bottom-up approach could serve to identify priority areas for international and financial cooperation according to national circumstances.



Two papers from C2ES on the Global Stocktake and the UNFCCC Regime

[*A Solutions-Oriented Approach to the GST*](#) sets out a short list of clear signals and high impact opportunities across mitigation, adaptation and loss and damage (L&D), and means of implementation that could be reflected in the GST or COP28 outcome. It includes direction for what Parties and NPS should do after COP28 in order to inform enhanced nationally determined contributions and reap low-hanging fruits in terms of climate action.

In [*Reinvigorating the UNFCCC*](#), C2ES examines whether the logic of the UNFCCC, and the Paris Agreement in particular, is beginning to work. It also examines how the regime's norm-setting function can be strengthened to make it fit for emerging purposes, to remain functionally relevant, and to deliver on the goals of the Paris Agreement. The paper also reviews the Paris regime's catalytic role in the wider landscape of climate action.



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