Opportunity and Issue-Based Coalition
OIBC4 Plenary Meeting held on 3 February 2026 in Microsoft Teams

Present

- Rose Mwebaza, Chair, Convener, UNEP
- Matthias Naab - Convener, UNDP
- Chiagozie Udeh - UNFPA
- Zainab Yunusa UNFPA
- Daisy Mukarakate - UNDP
- Charles Nyandiga - UNDP
- Chantal Line Carpentier - UNCTAD
- Yosef Amha - UNECA
- Linus Asanji Mofor - UNICEF
- Nozipho Freya Simelane - RCP Joint Secretariat
- Margaret Oduk - UNEP
- Christopher Ambala - UNEP
- Renee Gift - UNEP
- Bowe Malebogo - UNESCO
- Kedine, Denis - UNESCO
- Mathewos Tulu –-UNDRR
- Chantal Line Carpentier – UNCTAD
- Sebastian MULLER -WFP
- Yosef Amha - UNECA
- Emebet Mesfin - UNECA
- Catherine Mwangi - OIBC4 Secretariat
- Kindie Alamneh - OIBC4 Secretariat

Agenda

1. COP30 outcomes - UNFPA
2. OIBC4 performance in 2025 - Secretariat
3. Governance Framework for COP32 (deferred)
4. Preparations for ARFSD 12 - UNDP/UNICEF/UNECA
5. Support to Mozambique - Review of Draft Carbon Markets Decree
6. Status of RCP Pooled Funding MOU

Opening and Adoption of Agenda

The Chair, **Rose Mwebaza (UNEP)**, formally opened the meeting by welcoming the participants to the first OIBC4 Plenary meeting of 2026. She started by acknowledging the continued system-wide changes within the UN and emphasised the importance of coordination and collective delivery under constrained circumstances.

The Secretariat confirmed the quorum, and the members reviewed the draft agenda.

The following are the adjustments made to the agenda:

- Agenda Item on **training modules on climate change (Eswatini model)** was deferred to the next meeting as UNFCCC colleagues were on mission and required additional internal consultations.

- Agenda Item on **Governance Framework for COP32** was deferred to another date due to the absence of the designated leader from UNECA, who was travelling.

- The item on **OIBC4 meetings for 2026** was made a substantive agenda item due to its strategic importance.

With these adjustments, the agenda was adopted.

Agenda 1: COP30 Outcomes

Presenter: Chiagozie Udeh (UNFPA)

Udeh of UNFPA delivered a comprehensive overview of COP30 outcomes, highlighting decisions relevant to Africa and to OIBC4 thematic priorities.

Key outcomes presented:

a) Belém Gender Action Plan (2026–2034):

- Adoption of a long-term Gender Action Plan covering five priority areas, 27 activities, and 98 deliverables.
- Strengthened provisions on gender-based violence, safeguarding, health protection, and care.
- Explicit recognition of women of African descent and women environmental defenders.
- Identification of multiple entry points for engagement, including submissions, technical workshops, and high-level dialogues between SB64 and COP31.

b) Climate Finance

- Establishment of a two-year work programme under Article 9 of the Paris Agreement to advance consensus on public finance responsibilities.
- Commitment to triple adaptation finance.
- Operationalisation of the Baku–Belém Roadmap towards mobilising USD 1.3 trillion annually by 2025, with emphasis on private sector engagement.

c) Just Transition:

- Launch of the Belém Action Mechanism to provide technical assistance and foster partnerships for implementation.
- Strong rights-based framing, including labour rights, human rights, clean environment, free prior and informed consent (FPIC), gender equality, and clean cooking.

d) Adaptation and Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA):

- Adoption of 59 adaptation indicators (from an initial 100) across thematic areas.
- Establishment of the Belém–Addis Roadmap to guide operationalisation.
- Emphasis that indicators are voluntary, non-punitive, non-prescriptive, and not a condition for accessing finance.
- Invitation to International Organisations to support operationalisation, including metadata development, methodologies, and data harmonisation.

e) Health:

- Launch of the Belém Health Action Plan, a Presidency-led non-negotiated outcome.
- Initial USD 300 million pledged by the Climate and Health Funders Coalition.
- Focus on health equity, climate justice, surveillance, evidence-based policy, innovation, and digital health.

f) Loss and Damage:

- Launch of initial implementation modalities for the Loss and Damage Fund, with USD 215 million available in the first funding round.
- Progress on the review of the Warsaw International Mechanism, including agreement to develop a State of Loss and Damage report.

g) Article 6 and Carbon Markets:

- Launch of the Global Carbon Market Coalition, endorsed by 18 countries.
- Maintenance of autonomy of Article 6.4 Supervisory Body.
- Extension of the CDM transition deadline to June 2026.

Discussion on the presentation

Daisy Mukarakate (UNDP) highlighted the growing prominence of climate–trade linkages and resilient food systems, noting AU and AGN interest and UNDP's strengthened regional food systems capacity.

Chantal Line Carpentier (UNCTAD) outlined upcoming UNCTAD–WTO–ITC climate–trade dialogues, the Integrated Framework on Climate Change and Trade, and opportunities for African countries to leverage trade policy for NDC implementation.

Matthias Naab (UNDP) highlighted the UNDP Climate Promise as a delivery mechanism for translating NDCs into action and proposed the scheduling of an OIBC4 briefing session on the same.

Yosef Amha (UNECA/ACPC) underscored the importance of the Global Stock-take outcomes for Africa and announced an upcoming African Climate Summit side event to assess COP30 outcomes.

The Chair thanked UNFPA for the comprehensive briefing and noted the need to translate COP outcomes into coordinated regional action.

Agenda 2: OIBC4 Performance in 2025

Kindie Alamneh (FAO, OIBC4 Secretariat) made a presentation on behalf of the Secretariat.

He gave a detailed review of OIBC4 activities and performance in 2025.

Key achievements include the following:

- Convening of an OIBC4 planning retreat and adoption of the 2025–2026 workplan. –
- Organisation of side events at ARFSD and support to Africa Climate Week and the Africa Climate Summit. –
- Technical assistance to Member States: Training of climate negotiators for Eswatini.
- Support to the Democratic Republic of Congo on carbon markets and providing technical support on the Proposed Carbon Markets Research Centre
- Currently providing technical inputs to the draft Carbon Markets Decree for the government of Mozambique.
- Active participation in AMCEN (COP30].
- Support to countries on loss and damage, early warning, and adaptation initiatives.
- Strengthened collaboration across OIBCs on nexus approaches (water–energy–food–ecosystems), value chains, critical minerals, and agriculture.

Areas for improvement were listed as follows:

- There is a need for stronger and proactive engagement by all member agencies.
- Improved monitoring, reporting, and documentation of outcomes from key OIBC4 events.
- Addressing financing gaps to ensure effective implementation of the 2026 workplan.

Agenda 3: Governance Framework for COP32

This agenda item was deferred due to the absence of the designated lead presenter from UNECA. Members agreed that early planning for COP32 is critical and requested that this item be made a standing agenda item in all the meetings. They also agreed, as indicated in the previous meeting, to retain the item as a standing agenda item.

Agenda 4: Preparations for ARFSD 12

Linus briefed members on preparations for the 12th Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD 12), scheduled for 28–30 April 2026 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

- He pointed out that the SDGs under review are: 6, 7, 9, 11, and 17.
- Highlighted that there was ongoing interagency task force work on background papers, with a reminder that once submitted for editing, content changes are no longer possible.
- He mentioned that there is potential for OIBC4 engagement through side events and a one-day retreat.

Margaret Oduk (UNEP) reminded the members of successful engagements with RCs during previous ARFSDs and encouraged similar engagement in 2026.

Nozipho Freya Simelane (RCP Joint Secretariat) noted forthcoming guidance and templates for side events and highlighted energy as a strategic focus area.

Bowe Malebogo (UNESCO) suggested that hybrid or virtual formats of ARFSD would maximise participation amid competing events and resource constraints.

Charles Nyandiga (UNDP) reminded the meeting of the need to revise the 2026 workplan, taking into consideration the financial constraints faced by the UN system. Members agreed to discuss the issue in the next OIBC4 Plenary Meeting.

The Chair stated that due to the current financial constraints, OIBC4 might lack the capacity to fully participate in the ARFSD12.

Agenda 5: Support to Mozambique – Carbon Markets Decree

The Secretariat informed members that the draft decree is under review by FAO, UNEP, UNDP, UNECA, UNICEF, and UNFCCC Experts. The chair commended the Experts for agreeing to take up the role. The government of Mozambique have requested final consolidated feedback by **12 February 2026**. She requested that the Experts identify a small inter-agency team and designate a lead agency to validate and consolidate comments before submission to the Chair and then DCO.

Agenda 6: Status of RCP Pooled Funding MOU

Nozipho Freya Simelane (RCP Joint Secretariat) provided an update on the pooled funding mechanism.

- The pooled fund was approved in 2022. She stated that the RCP Secretariat would like to launch the fund during the ARFSD. However, this launch requires a minimum threshold of signatories.
- To date, only 12 entities have signed the MOU, with seven having already contributed financially.
- Approximately USD 140,000 is currently available.

Members discussed options, including revising the threshold or launching with a coalition of willing agencies. The Chair requested that a written status update be circulated to enable informed decision-making ahead of the RCP retreat.

Agenda 7: OIBC4 Meeting Schedule for 2026

Members discussed the importance of streamlining the frequency of OIBC4 meetings to optimise time constraints. It was agreed in principle to establish a structured monthly plenary meeting, to be preceded by consultations between the Co-Conveners and followed by a plenary meeting. This monthly meeting with the Conveners will take place on the last Thursday of each month. The Conveners will gather to discuss agenda items and address any emerging issues. The meeting will provide the Conveners with an opportunity to discuss any pressing issues relating to OIBC4.

The meeting requested the Secretariat to propose an annual meeting schedule for circulation.

Any other Business

- **COP32 as a Standing Agenda Item:** Members proposed that preparations for COP32 be included as a standing agenda item in future OIBC4 meetings, underscoring the need for early planning and coordination with the African Union Commission and UNFCCC. It was agreed that UNECA would provide a formal briefing at the next meeting to guide this discussion.
- **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Follow-up:** Mathias Naab requested an update on ongoing engagement with DRC, including progress on potential climate finance (including GCF-related discussions) and the proposed establishment of a Carbon Markets Research Centre. UNECA, UNEP, UNFCCC and UNDP will report with an update at the next meeting.
- **Acknowledgement of Contributions:** Members thanked the OIBC4 Secretariat for its coordination, documentation and reporting efforts, which increased visibility of OIBC4. They also recognised the contributions of departing colleagues, Excellent (Secretariat, UNDP) and James (Convener, UNECA). The meeting recommended that an appreciation note be sent to them.

Meeting Adjournment

The Chair thanked members for their active participation and constructive discussions, noting the strong collective performance of OIBC4 and the importance of adapting priorities to the evolving UN and financing context. The meeting ended at 15:30 hrs.

Action Items

No	Action Item	Responsible	Timeline
1)	Circulate the COP30 presentation and identify priority follow-up actions for OIBC4	Chiagozie-UNFPA / Secretariat	27 February 2026
2)	Schedule a dedicated OIBC4 briefing session on UNDP Climate Promise as a delivery mechanism for translating NDCs into action	Daisy-UNDP/ Secretariat	Next OIBC4 meeting
3)	Share the detailed OIBC4 2025 performance report with members.	Secretariat	27 February 2026
4)	Nominate a UNDP representative to the OIBC4 Secretariat.	Mathias, UNDP	27 February 2026
5)	Provide a briefing on the COP32 Governance Framework Include the COP32 Governance Framework as a standing agenda item for OIBC4 Plenary Meetings. .	Cosmas, UNECA/Secretariat	Next Plenary Meeting
6)	Circulate ARFSD12 side event template to OIBC4 members to assess feasibility and interest in OIBC4 ARFSD12 side event and retreat	RCP Joint Secretariat / OIBC4 Secretariat	Next Plenary Meeting
7)	Nominate the lead agency to validate Mozambique Carbon Markets Decree inputs.	UNICEF / UNFCCC / UNDP/UNEP/UNECA/FAO	By 12 Feb 2026
8)	Continue consultations on revising the pooled fund MOU threshold.	Joint Secretariat/OIBC4 Secretariat	Before the ARFSD
9)	Update on engagement with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), focusing on: - Climate finance progress - Green Climate Fund (GCF) discussions - Proposed Carbon Markets Research Centre	UNEP, UNECA, UNDP, UNFCCC	Next meeting
10)	To recognise the contributions of departing colleagues (Excellent (UNDP) and (James UNECA)	Conveners/OIBC4 members	Next meeting
11)	Prepare OIBC4 meeting schedule for circulation	Secretariat	Before the next meeting
12)	Include the revision of the OIBC4 Work Plan 2026 In the next agenda	Secretariat	