

Joint special event – 12 May 2017, 10.00-13.00

## **Adaptation Committee and Least Developed Countries Expert Group**

### **Interim results towards the implementation of joint mandates from the Paris Agreement and decision 1/CP.21**

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- 1. Overview of the joint Paris mandates**
- 2. Approach taken to address the joint mandates**
- 3. Progress made towards the implementation of the joint mandates**



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# 1. Overview of the Paris mandates



### The COP requested the following tasks be undertaken and recommendations be provided for CMA 1

#### AC and LEG

- Jointly develop modalities to recognize the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties as referred to in Article 7.3 of the Paris Agreement (decision 1/CP.21, para 41)

#### AC and LEG, in collaboration with SCF and others

- Develop methodologies on taking the necessary steps to facilitate the mobilization of support for adaptation in developing countries in the context of the limit to global average temperature increase referred to in Article 2 of the Paris Agreement (decision 1/CP.21, para 45(a))

#### AC and LEG, in collaboration with SCF and others

- Develop methodologies on reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support referred to in Article 7.14(c) of the Paris Agreement (decision 1/CP.21, para 45(b))



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## 2. Approach taken to address the joint mandates



## Iterative 3-Step Approach

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**Step 1**  
**Q2-Q3 2016**

**Gathering and synthesizing information** relevant to the mandates, including through desk reviews, calls for submission and events such as the Adaptation Forum and the NAP Expo



**Step 2**  
**Q3 2016 –**  
**Q1 2017**

**Identifying a suite of possible methodologies and modalities** (“options”) and **validating them** through outreach to Parties and relevant stakeholders, including through side events



**Step 3**  
**Q2-Q4 2017**

**Selecting options** to be included in the recommendations for CMA



- **Joint meetings by the AC and LEG, with SCF participation**
- **Establishment of a joint AC-LEG working group with SCF participation**, to take work forward
- **Collection of information and views** through desk reviews, call for submissions and making use of events such as the Adaptation Forum, NAP Expo, side events and special events
- **Transparency** through open events to share progress and received feedback, publicizing reports and working papers on a joint AC-LEG webpage and providing information through reports



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### **3. Progress made towards the implementation of joint mandates from decision 1/CP.21**





## Initial options are being developed taking into account

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- Discussions by the AC and LEG and SCF members
- Desk reviews on all mandates undertaken by the secretariat
- Responses to a call for submissions from Parties and non-Party stakeholders
  - 8 Party submissions (Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay; the Democratic Republic of the Congo on behalf of the LDCs; Guatemala on behalf of AILAC; the Maldives on behalf of AOSIS; the Republic of Mali on behalf of the AGN; Slovakia and the EC on behalf of the EU and its member States; Turkey; and the USA)
  - Submission from the SCF
  - 8 Non-Party stakeholder submissions



## Reflections on the work so far

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- Identification of options evolving well for the first task: recognizing adaptation efforts of developing country Parties
- More methodological work is needed on the second and third task:
  - a) Necessary steps to facilitate the mobilization of support
  - b) Reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support



## 1. Modalities to recognize the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties as referred to in Art.7.3 of the PA: *Considerations (1/2)*

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- **Recognition to provide opportunity for developing countries to showcase efforts over time, in a non-competitive manner, without creating additional burden.**
- **Mindful of Art. 7.14** (GST shall, inter alia, recognize adaptation efforts of developing country Parties => negotiations ongoing)
- **Adaptation efforts of developing countries to be recognized to include:**
  - Financial investments
  - Processes and systems to enable/facilitate effective adaptation
  - Outputs, including the national adaptation plan, subnational and sectoral action plans, strategy or policy documents
  - Outcomes or demonstrable results



## 1. Modalities to recognize the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties as referred to in Art.7.3 of the PA: *Considerations (2/2)*

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- **Considerations guiding the development of modalities:**
  - Importance of periodic analysis and synthesis of information that could feed into the GST
  - The need to strike a balance between political recognition at the global level and technical/practitioner recognition at country level



## 1. Modalities to recognize the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties as referred to in Art.7.3 of the PA *Possible modalities*

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Modality	Details
<b>1. Annual event at the CMA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To allow for high-level, political recognition</li><li>• Themes and countries whose efforts would be recognized would change annually</li></ul>
<b>2. Regular events throughout each year</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To showcase and recognize adaptation efforts among adaptation practitioners at different national, regional and global events, including the NAP Expos, the Adaptation Forums etc.</li></ul>
<b>3. An annual compilation and synthesis report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not intended to result in conclusions or decisions</li><li>• Could be considered in the GST</li><li>• To provide a thematic snapshot highlighting positive aspects of adaptation efforts</li></ul>



## 2. Methodologies for taking the necessary steps to facilitate the mobilization of support for adaptation in developing countries in the context of the limit to global average temperature increase referred to in Art.2 of the PA: *Considerations*

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- **Methodologies** in the context of mobilization of support are understood to be tools, vehicles and instruments
- Developing country Parties could **select** those tools, vehicles and instruments with the highest potential of addressing their identified support gaps
- Possible **iterative steps** could be identified to facilitate the mobilization of support
- **Financial, technology and capacity-building support** would be needed for each step.



## 2. Methodologies for taking the necessary steps to facilitate the mobilization of support for adaptation in developing countries [...]: *Possible steps*

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Step	Details
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creating an enabling environment</li></ul>
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adaptation planning, implementation and M&amp;E, in particular in the context of NAPs, including<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Following the appraisal of adaptation interventions, assessing and formulating support needs, including review of existing support, undertaking a gap analysis between existing support and estimated/projected needs, communication of support needs;</li><li>ii. Addressing support needs through implementing adaptation projects and programmes;</li><li>iii. Tracking and review of support, including monitoring and evaluating how support needs are being addressed</li></ol></li></ul>



## 2. Methodologies for taking the necessary steps to facilitate the mobilization of support for adaptation in developing countries [...] **Some options (1)**

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- CMA to note that steps to facilitate the mobilization of support should reflect principles of country drivenness, equity, common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances
- CMA to note that effective mobilization of support, in particular financial support, for adaptation in developing countries involves a multitude of complementary approaches, including international bilateral and multilateral public support, domestic public support and private sector support;

*The three bodies noted that further work is needed, including to clarify:*

- *Action needed at national level vis-à-vis collective/ international level*
- *Multilateral public support, including how to mobilize such support*
- *How support is being provided*
- *Etc...*





## 2. Methodologies for taking the necessary steps to facilitate the mobilization of support for adaptation in developing countries [...] **Some options (2)**

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- CMA to invite Parties to make use of available variety of methodologies and to report on support provided and received

*The three bodies noted that further work is needed, including to:*

- *Clarify references to mobilization and reporting;*
- *Highlight some methodologies, e.g. how to assess adaptation support needs or how to prioritize and translate needs into priority projects;*
- *Add specificity on reporting mechanisms (support provided and received);*
- *Consider the interrelationships between the three AC-LEG mandates, especially ensuring feedback from reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of support;*
- *Etc...*



### 3. Methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support referred to in Art. 7.14(c) of the PA: *Considerations and options (1/2)*

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- **Focus of the review** should be on assessing collective progress, be undertaken in a comprehensive and collective manner and build on existing processes to the extent possible
- **Periodic in-session meetings of experts** could be organized and be aligned with 5-year cycle of the GST
- **Review could be guided by methodological questions** and informed by relevant information, including information contained in the adaptation communications



### 3. Methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support referred to in Art. 7.14(c) of the PA: *Considerations and options (2/2)*

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- **Technical team of experts** could be established to undertake a preliminary review, as input to the in-session meetings
- **Reports of the review**
  - Would feed into the GST
  - Include processes and systems, inputs and outputs, outcomes or demonstrable results, impacts or long-term societal, economic, or environmental consequences.

*The three bodies to continue working towards further expanding detailed methodologies that should be the basis for the work of the technical team of experts in undertaking the review*



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