
Ninth meeting of the Adaptation Committee Bonn, Germany, 1–3 March 2016

Concept note

Information product on promoting livelihoods and economic diversification

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its ninth meeting, is invited to consider the concept note and decide on the objective, format, target audience, approach and proposed length for the information product, including whether the final product should be made available in print and/or electronic format.

1. Introduction

1. The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its eighth meeting, agreed that a concept note for an information product should be prepared for consideration by the AC at its next meeting. The information product will be produced as a follow-up to the expert meeting held on 7-8 September 2015 on promoting livelihoods and economic diversification to build resilience in the context of planning, prioritizing and implementing adaptation.

2. Objective and approach

2. The objective of this information product is to reach out to a broad range of stakeholders inside and outside of the climate community presenting the key outcomes and messages from the related expert meeting.

3. The information product will take into account a target audience of decision-makers in the public, private and non-profit sectors representing all levels (from community to international). The information product is aimed at informing these stakeholders of the key messages from the AC expert meeting, generating synergies and promoting the option of using livelihoods and economic diversification to build resilience in the context of planning, prioritizing and implementing adaptation.

4. In this regard, the approach to the product will be to focus on the key messages highlighted in the discussions at the expert meeting. It will be produced as a 1-4 page fact sheet and be written in easy-to-read, accessible language. Where existing information/sources are available that can provide additional in-depth information on a specific topic, relevant references will be included. The product will also benefit from consultations with relevant experts from the meeting to clarify and refine information on specific issues as appropriate.

5. The product will be disseminated through established channels such as the UNFCCC (AC, NWP, Newsroom) webpages, the Facebook Adaptation Exchange, NAP Central, key organizations, regional centers and relevant listservs. In addition, several presentation slides summarizing the product will be made available to AC members for relevant presentations at adaptation related events/meetings.

3. Outline

6. It is suggested that the information product (and associated presentation slides) include the following sections:¹

I. General information

- Objective of the Adaptation Committee, background on the expert meeting (date, location, objective, NWP partners) and contact information

II. Introduction

- The challenge and innovation of bringing together livelihoods and economic diversification and the AC's role therein;
- Role of livelihoods diversification and associated benefits
- Role of economic diversification and benefits of macroeconomic policies
- Importance of complementary approaches - livelihoods and economic diversification in the context of climate change and the process to formulate and develop national adaptation plans (NAPs)

III. Key lessons from the expert meeting

- Importance of strong governance and regulatory mechanisms
- Scaling up results from local vulnerability and risk assessments to the regional and national level
- Diversification in rural and urban settings
- Innovation and traditional knowledge as complementary approaches
- Careful planning to avoid detrimental effects and engage with all stakeholders, including women and youth
- National adaptation planning can integrate livelihoods and economic diversification bridging different groups and non-climate factors
- Climate-proof sectoral plans to build capacity
- Communities utilizing livelihoods diversification and – capabilities can be further strengthened particularly to target vulnerable communities
- Capacity building particularly for developing countries that are particularly vulnerable, can help to use livelihoods and economic diversification approaches in the NAP process
- Countries recognized the importance of climate risk screening in national development strategies at the Paris Conference
- Companies / private sector can develop diversification tools to strengthen resilience and lead social development
- Existing adaptation measures already undertaken by the private sector can be highlighted through the work of the Adaptation Committee
- Adaptation Committee to continue examining the linkages between livelihoods and economic diversification

IV. Good practices / Case studies

- Quality upgrading as diversification that can stimulate growth without creating new products (example Botswana Economic Diversification Drive)
- Existing tools can be simple and effective solutions (example Equip toolbox)

¹ The outline may be adjusted to accommodate results of the review phase.

4. Suggested timeline

Milestone	Timing	Responsible
Agreement on approach and outline	AC9	AC
Completion of schematic draft	1 June 2016	Secretariat and experts
Comments on final draft	By AC 10	AC and secretariat
Completed and disseminated	1 October 2016	Secretariat
