

9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Adaptation Committee

**Report to plenary**  
**Session 6 (a)** Technical examination process on adaptation

**Group 2**

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At the outset:

- The group agreed to the setting up of a taskforce on the TEP-A
- and recognize that the TEP-A need to be looked at holistically taking into consideration:
  - all of its elements (TEMs, Technical paper, summary for policymakers)
  - and the flexibility it could also provide to explore new approaches



### Lessons learned from TEP-M

- In February 2015, a dedicated meeting was organized to reflect on the results of the M-TEP in 2014 --) see **[unfccc.int/8804](http://unfccc.int/8804)**
- TEP-M deliverables replicated to TEP-A, including TEMs, TP, SPM
- Lessons learned from M-TEMs on renewable energy (2015):
  - A wide range of stakeholders involved
  - Issues were addressed in a very concrete way; specific actions and solutions from a wide range of stakeholders were discussed; information could be understood and analyzed by all
  - Actions were presented also in terms of means of implementation
  - Not all parties could attend due to conflicting schedule --) A lesson, for the TEP-A = should explore various ways to disseminate the results of the TEP-A widely.



### Short-term considerations

- ToR of TEP-A taskforce to contain modalities that would ensure effectiveness the TEP-AP
- Importance for 2016 TEP-A to be organized taking into account 2016 adaptation related events, including events outside the Convention

### Membership

- AC to be the core of the taskforce supplemented by some non-AC members (including external organizations) which will provide specific expertise
- The selection of external stakeholders should be made in a transparent manner

### Views on conduct of technical expert meetings (TEMs)

- Need to ensure that sufficient space is given for exchange of views --) possibly a mix of plenary and breakout group discussions
- Or any other modalities that would make the meetings lively



### Topics discussed during the breakout group, include:

- Role of multi-stakeholder dialogue in adaptation
- Local knowledge
- Importance of standardization
- Public/private partnership
- Enhancing implementation of adaptation action, with emphasis on gaps, needs challenges and opportunities for implementation on the ground/ adaptation needs and options
- Water and agriculture in the context of implementation of adaptation action



### Topics discussed during the breakout group, include (contd):

- Effective policy framework and institutional arrangements (as an umbrella topic)
- How systematic observation and climate services could enhance adaptation action?
- Best practices for reducing vulnerability
- Adaptation finance
- Adaptation governance
- Adaptation in the context of sustainable development
- NAP as an umbrella topic:
  - Technical and institutional capacity to advance the NAP process
  - Accessing finance for NAPs



### **Criteria to review the topics proposed during the breakout group:**

- All 5 criteria from the concept note and discussion on day 1, i.e. to choose topics that:
  1. Sufficiently broad and cross-cutting in nature and reflected in several submissions and could be of interest to a large and diverse group of stakeholders
  2. Are not covered by other workstreams in 2016 so as to avoid duplicating existing efforts
  3. Are multi-faceted and could offer future opportunities for looking into some of their specificities in more details
  4. Build on previous work of the AC
  5. Complement each other
  
- In addition, the group proposed one more criteria:

**Topics that would enhance the conduct of adaptation in an integrated manner**



- The group asked the facilitator and rapporteur to screen all the topics against these 6 criteria
- As a result, six topics fulfill at least 5 out of 6 of the criteria, including:
  1. **Enhancing the implementation of adaptation action, with emphasis on gaps, needs challenges and opportunities for implementation on the ground/ Adaptation needs and options**
  2. **Effective policy framework and institutional arrangements (as an umbrella topic)**
  3. **Best practices for reducing vulnerability**
  4. **Adaptation governance**
  5. **Adaptation in the context of sustainable development**
  6. **The process to formulate and implement NAPs (as an umbrella topics)**

