

Adaptation Committee:

Establishing a partnership platform with regional centres to provide technical support to developing country Parties on adaptation

Side event during the 44th sessions of the subsidiary bodies
Bonn, Germany



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What is the Adaptation Committee and what does it do?



The Adaptation Committee is the overall advisory body on adaptation under the Convention established in Cancun at COP 16 (2010)

It seeks to raise the profile of adaptation and to promote greater coherence in the way that adaptation is addressed



The Adaptation Committee at a glance

In doing so, the AC :

- Acts as a convener between the international policy process and “outside” expertise, science and practitioners at different scales
- Reinforces the coherence of the adaptation work and priorities through its work with other UNFCCC constituted bodies, support institutions (e.g. GCF, GEF) and others
- Develops and presents draft recommendations to COP

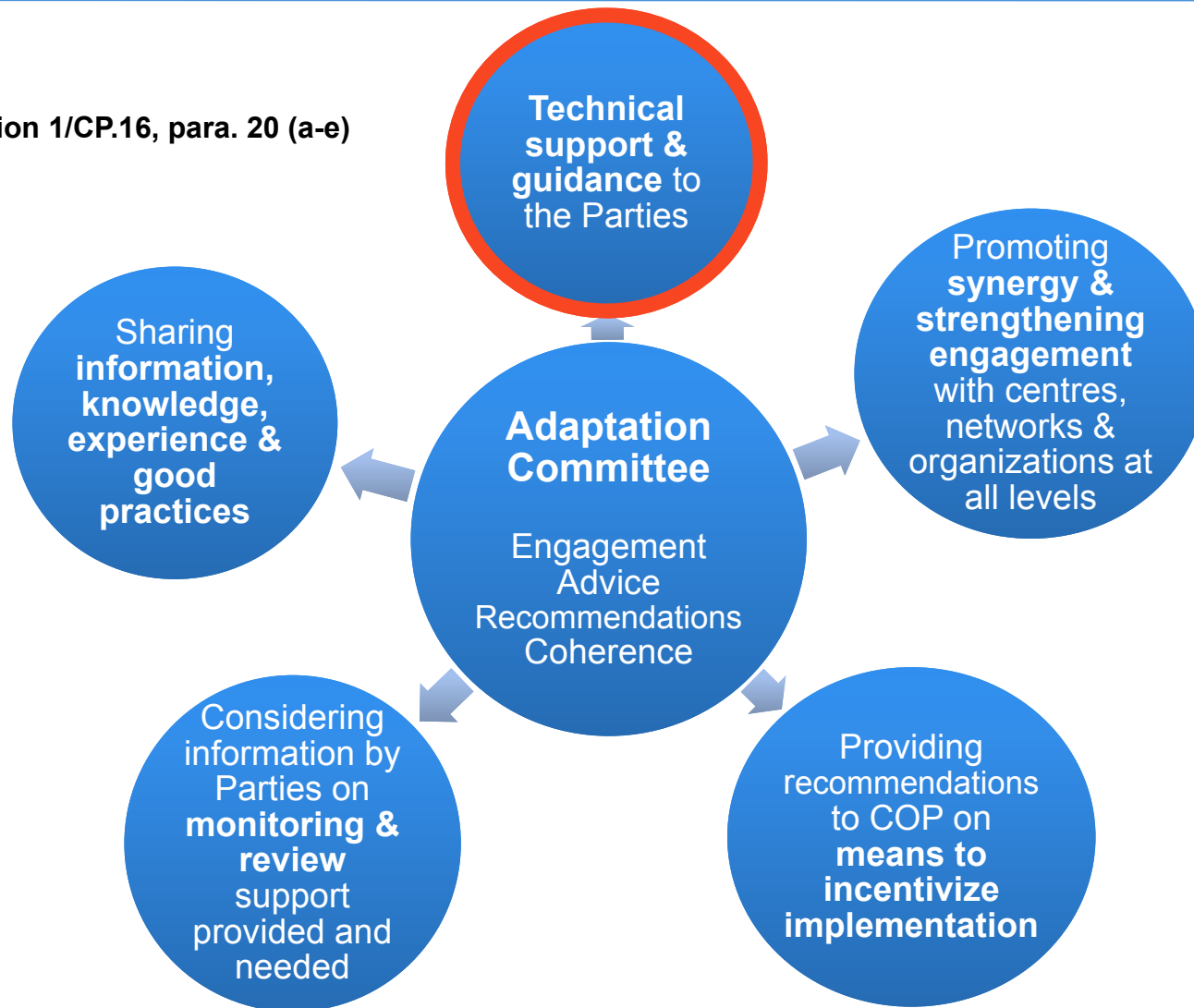
NEW => *Jointly with LEG*, Develops methodologies for the adaptation input for the stock-take and implements other mandates from Paris Agreement

See unfccc.int/6053 for information on the work of the AC



Specific functions of the Adaptation Committee

From decision 1/CP.16, para. 20 (a-e)





Zooming in on technical support



AC work on technical support by regional centres so far includes

1. A dedicated work stream on technical support and guidance to the Parties, looking, amongst other topics, into collaboration with regional centres and networks

2. A special event during the 40th sessions of the subsidiary bodies on *Promoting synergy and strengthening engagement with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks* (the report is contained in document AC/2014/23)

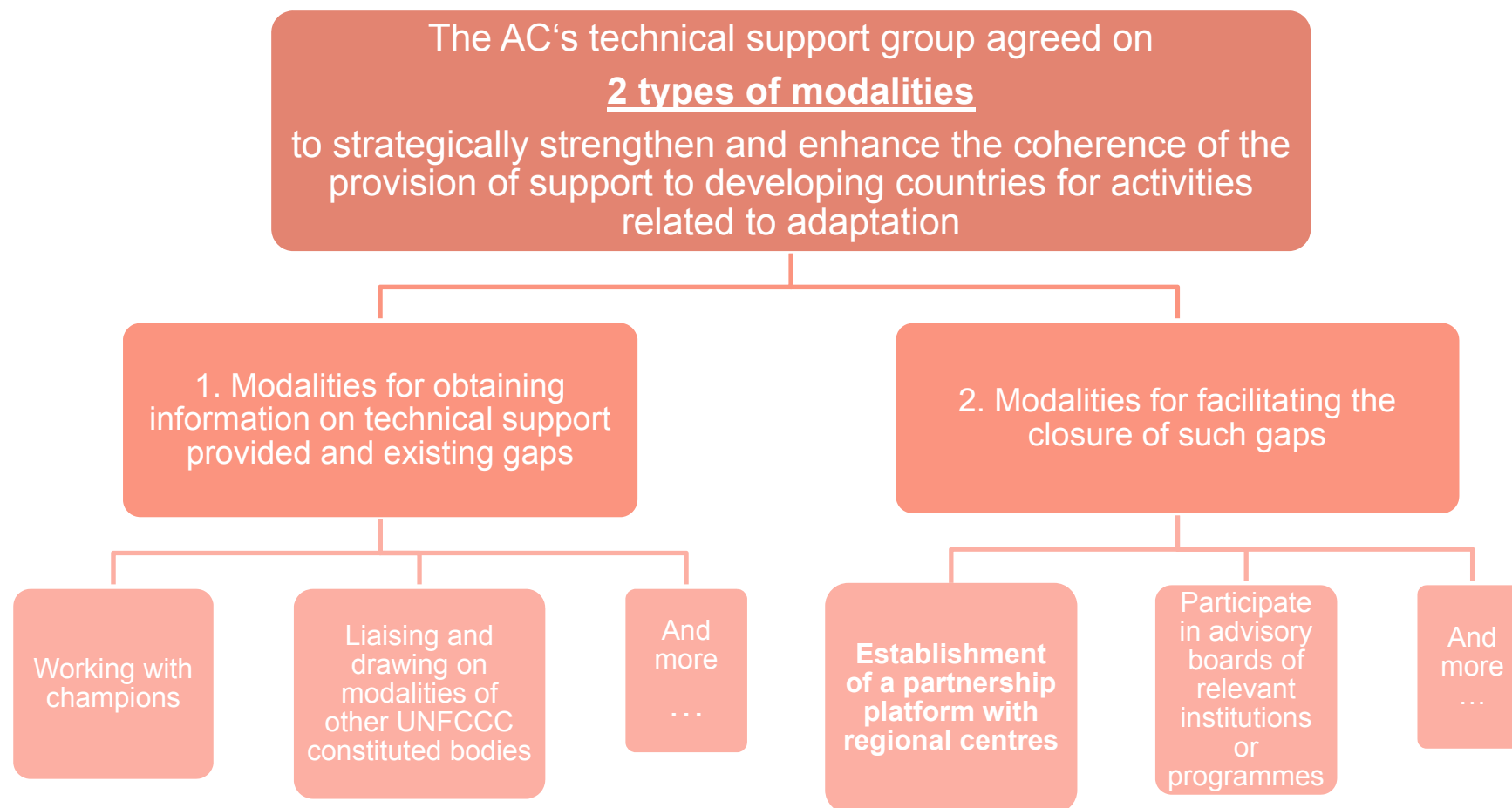
3. A regional assessment (synthesis and analysis) of support for adaptation action provided by regional institutions and UN agencies, including gaps, needs and opportunities, based on a respective call for submissions (AC/2014/7 and AC/2014/22)

4. Compilation of a list of regional centres

5. Establishment of a working group on technical support



Establishing a new partnership platform or drawing on existing ones?



Some highlights of the analysis of submissions from regional institutions, UN agencies and other relevant information (I)

- Main beneficiaries of organizations' activities are national governments and communities
- Participants are mainly national governments
- Activities are ongoing in the sectors: water resources; health; agriculture and food security; infrastructure; socioeconomic activities; terrestrial, freshwater and marine ecosystems; coastal zones; disaster risk reduction (DRR); energy and tourism
- The majority of the organizations that responded are promoting capacity-building for adaptation
- 26% mentioned the use of monitoring and evaluation systems for assessing progress



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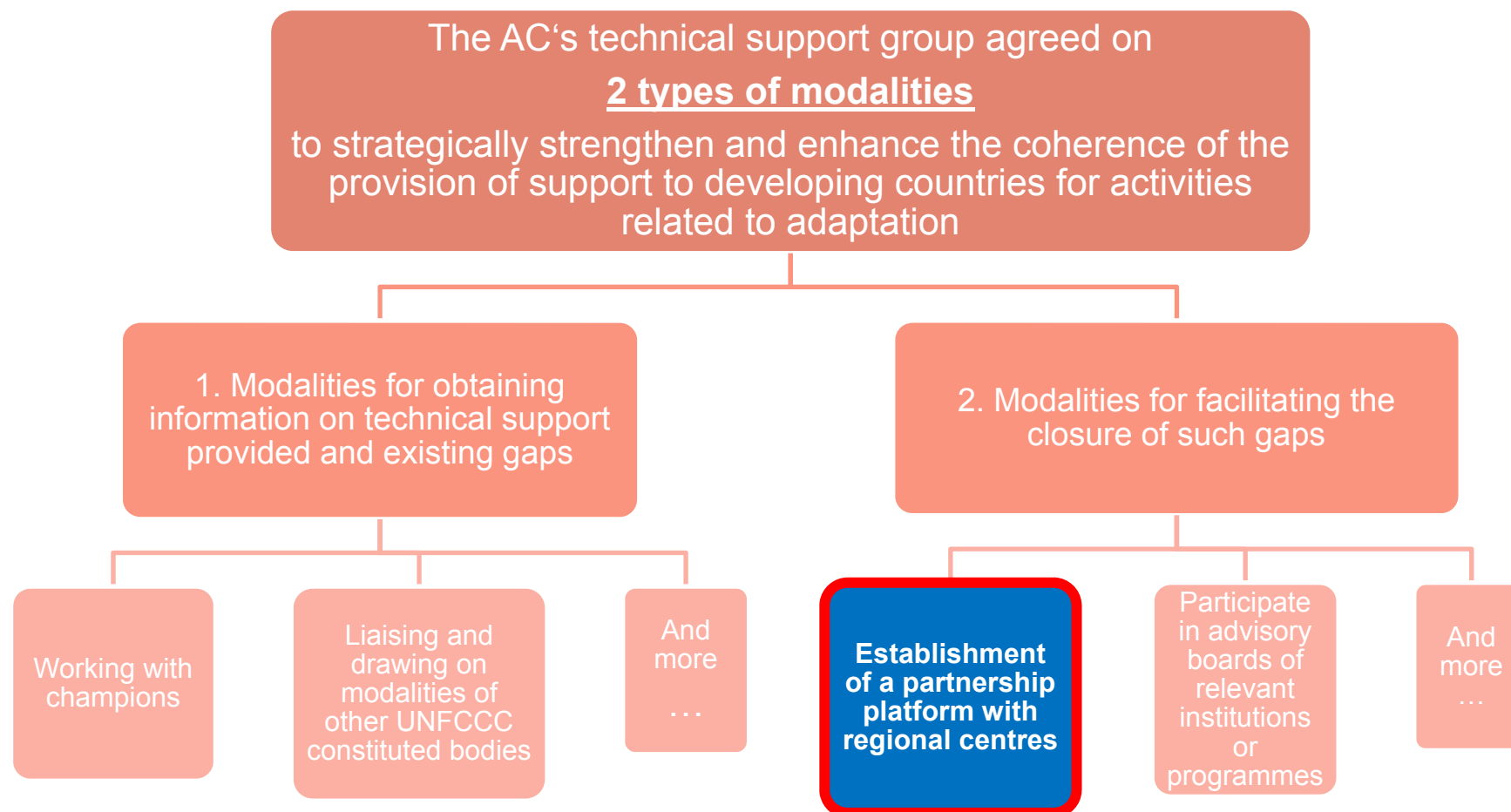
Identified gaps include, amongst others, insufficiencies in:

- Data collection and sharing
 - Information and instruments necessary to identify priority actions
 - Technical knowledge on adaptation
 - Availability of available tools and approaches,
 - Qualified personnel at country level
 - Functioning M&E frameworks
 - Community involvement in decision making
 - Understanding of the linkages between resilience and adaptive capacity
 - Women's participation in decision making
- ... and more

For details see documents *AC/2014/7* and *AC/2014/22*



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**The Adaptation Committee looks forward to hearing your
views and suggestions!**

Thank you.

