

11th meeting of the Adaptation Committee

Agenda item 6 (b)

Methodologies for assessing adaptation needs with a view to assisting developing countries, without placing an undue burden on them

Synthesis of submissions from Parties and other stakeholders, and next steps for developing recommendations on methodologies for assessing adaptation needs

Bonn, Germany, 7 to 10 March 2017



I: Introduction and background

- ❖ Decision 1/CP.21, para 42: AC requested to **consider methodologies for assessing adaptation needs with a view to assisting developing country Parties, without placing an undue burden on them** and to provide recommendations for CMA1
- ❖ AC10 considered a desk review of existing methodologies for adaptation needs assessments and agreed to:
 - Issue a call for submissions
 - Organize a small expert meeting
- ❖ This paper, taking into account the submissions and the desk review, presents **elements for developing recommendations** based on the analysis of gaps and challenges of existing methodologies



II: Summary – Gaps and challenges

❖ Existing methodologies

- Wide range of methodologies have been developed and applied to assess needs for adaptation action
- However work on assessing the needs for support is still at an early stage
- Methodologies facilitating the estimation of indicators and metrics that can be measured, aggregated and compared for adaptation support needs are lacking



II: Summary - Elements for recommendations

- ❖ Proposing **guiding principles** underlying the consideration of methodologies (relevance, flexibility and practicality)
- ❖ **Reporting on gaps and challenges**, e.g. related to accessibility, capacity, coverage, data and essential information)
- ❖ Inviting action to advance methodologies:
 - **Open call** to all relevant entities to address the gaps and challenges
 - **Invite specific entities** to address particular challenges, e.g.
 - Improving the accessibility of existing methodologies (NWP)
 - Refining existing methodologies (IPCC)
 - Filling in the data and information gaps (WMO, GFCS)
 - Addressing the capacity challenge (PCCB)
 - Developing new methodologies (Research community etc.)



III: Next Steps

❖ The AC to consider next steps

Who?	What?	When?	Notes
AC Co-Chairs, AC members & secretariat	To develop draft recommendations	Mid- April 2017	Reflect discussion at AC11
Secretariat (guidance of AC)	To organize a small expert meeting (10-15 participants) to validate and refine the draft recommendations	Margins of SB46 (Fri, 12 May or Sat, 13 May?)	Representatives from developers and users of methodologies, including from NWP partners and interested AC members
AC Co-Chairs, AC members & secretariat	To revise draft recommendations	AC12	As input to AC12

