

## Eighth meeting of the Adaptation Committee

Bonn, Germany 9 to 12 September 2015

### Draft 2015 Overview report – Work of the Adaptation Committee during its initial three years

#### Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, will be invited to endorse the draft annotated outline for the 2015 overview report presented at the meeting, and to discuss messages to be contained in the report. The AC may further wish to request the secretariat to prepare it in time for it to be launched on the margins of COP21.

#### 1. Background

1. In line with its workplan, the AC agreed to prepare periodic thematic and overview reports, synthesizing information and knowledge relating to, for example, the implementation of adaptation actions and good adaptation practices, observed trends, lessons learned, gaps and needs, including in the provision of support, and areas requiring further attention, for consideration by the COP. The AC further agreed to produce thematic reports in 2013 and 2014 and a comprehensive overview report in 2015.

2. Following the two thematic reports focusing on adaptation under the UNFCCC (2013) and institutional arrangements for national adaptation planning and implementation (2014), the AC noted that its comprehensive overview report would coincide with the finalization of its first three-year workplan. The AC therefore agreed to focus the report on a summary of the Committee's work over its first three years and showcase the way in which it has fulfilled its mandate of promoting the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention. The overview report will be launched electronically and in hard copy on the margins of COP 21 in November/December 2015.

#### 3. Approach

3. The report will be written in a clear and accessible language understood by a broad audience. The goal of the report is to share results of the work of the AC, as well as to inform readers of its ambition and future activities (to the extent possible), including encouraging collaboration.

4. The text will be illustrated with figures and graphics and interspersed with relevant "sound bites" (quotes) from the AC and other entities under and outside the Convention that have participated in meetings of the AC and the negotiations process. Narrative text will be kept short, with info boxes inserted throughout the report that illustrate in depth a particular topic, event or deliverable.

5. The report is foreseen to be between 20-30 pages.



## 2. Annotated outline for the draft Report

### Adaptation Committee

#### Enhancing coherent action on adaptation 2012-2015

#### 2015 Overview Report

- Foreword
- I. Introduction
- II. *Setting the wheels in motion*: providing technical support and guidance to the Parties on adaptation action and means of implementation
- III. *Connecting the dots*: reaching out, raising awareness and sharing information
- IV. *Sustaining the momentum*

#### I. Introduction

- Overview of adaptation under the Convention
- Introduction of the AC, its role under the Convention and its workplan

#### II. *Setting the wheels in motion*: providing technical support and guidance to the Parties on adaptation action and means of implementation

During its first three years, the Adaptation Committee has undertaken a range of activities to support the Parties on adaptation action and means of implementation to enable them to undertake the adaptation process (insert a figure linking the adaptation process with activities of the AC)

*In order to assist readers, activities and results will be presented along*

- *Planning and implementing adaptation*
- *Monitoring and evaluating adaptation*
- *Facilitating means of implementation: finance, technology and capacity-building*
- *Enhancing technical support for developing countries*

In addition, two boxes will highlight the ACs work on NAPs and finance for adaptation

#### Planning and implementing adaptation

*Presentation of activities and results achieved, including recommendation and follow-up on the topics of*

- Indigenous and traditional knowledge
- Livelihoods and economic diversification
- Case studies highlighting good practices and lessons learned on adaptation planning together with the Nairobi work programme
- Outlook to Long-term adaptation planning

#### **Box 1. National adaptation plans**

*Highlighting activities and results achieved, including recommendations:*

- NAP Taskforce and its consideration of guidelines and meetings with UN, bi- and multilaterals
- Recommendation to establish NAP GSP for non-LDCs and subsequent engagement with the NAP GSP
- NAP workshop with LEG
- Consideration of enhancing reporting on NAPs (tbc pending discussions on workplan)

Monitoring and evaluating adaptation

*Presentation of activities and results achieved, including recommendation and follow-up on M&E of adaptation and any follow-up agreed as part of the workplan 2016-18*

Facilitating means of implementation: finance, technology and capacity-building

*Presentation of activities and results achieved, including recommendation and follow-up on the topics of*

- Finance, see box
- Technology, in collaboration with TEC: workshop on adaptation technologies resulting in preparation of tech briefs
- Capacity-building, participation and providing info to Durban Forum
- Outlook to future activities as agreed in the workplan 2016-18

**Box 2. Finance for adaptation, including for NAPs**

*Highlighting activities and results achieved, including recommendations:*

- Analysis of key issues, including availability of finance, access to different funds and programmatic approaches as a means to ensuring long-term funding
- Continuous engagement with entities of the financial mechanism and other multi- and bilateral providers of adaptation finance to enhance access of developing countries
- Workshop on MOI and co-organizing SCF Forum on Adaptation Finance
- Guidance to FM via the SCF and other recommendations to COP
- Outlook to future activities as agreed in the workplan 2016-18

Enhancing technical support for developing countries

*Presentation of activities and results achieved, including recommendation and follow-up on*

- Regional centres providing support for adaptation (world map depicting the centres)
- Current support provided by UN and regional centres drawing on synthesis and analysis of submissions from UN and regional centres
- Modalities for technical support (pending discussions at AC8)

**III. Connecting the dots: promoting coherence, reaching out, raising awareness and sharing information**

- Intro on the importance of promoting coherence and collaboration on adaptation and efforts of the AC in reaching out, raising awareness and sharing information

*In order to assist readers, activities and results will be presented along*

- *Mapping the adaptation landscape*
  - Mandates, workplans and/or decisions with adaptation relevance in order to identify areas of duplication as well as synergies and to consider what actions may need to be undertaken by it
- *Building partnerships*
  - With constituted bodies under the Convention, including LEG, CGE, TEC and CTCN, SCF, GEF, GCF and AF
  - With entities outside: NAP GSP, UNEP GAN
  - Results: consideration of adaptation in their activities and seeking advice from the AC, more invitations to AC to present at other meetings and to provide inputs
- *Engaging stakeholders*
  - Highlighting the open nature of our the AC's work and the active role of observers
  - Info on webcasts and how far and how many they reached
  - Direct engagement of experts in meetings and other activities
- *Sharing information*
  - Information is shared face-to-face, online, in print
  - NAP CENTRAL
  - Thematic reports
  - Special events at the margins of negotiations

- *Raising awareness*
  - Adaptation Forum in Warsaw and Panama, efforts with SCF Finance Forum
  - Outlook to future forum

**Box 2. AC Adaptation documentary**

- Content and languages
- Impacts (Award and reach)

**IV. Sustaining and enhancing the momentum**

- **Key messages**
    - Overall conclusion on how the AC has been achieving its objective of promoting the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention
    - Well established as evidenced by call for Parties for AC to have strong future role
  - **Impacts and results:**
    - Action that has been triggered by recommendations by the AC that were adopted by the COP
      - NAP Global Network
      - Responses from GEF and GCF
    - AC recognized as player and invited to provide inputs or to participate in events
  - **Outlook to future**
    - Future work as contained in workplan (pending AC8 discussions) and opportunities for enhancing collaboration
    - Short reflection of the role of the AC in ADP discussions
    - Review of the AC's progress and performance in 2016
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