

**Event organized by the Presidencies: “Stocktaking events: ensuring coherence and assessing progress on the implementation of the work program post-Paris”**

**Saturday, 21 May, 13:15-14:45hrs, Plenary New York**

Intervention by Ms. Minpeng Chen, Co-Chair of the Adaptation Committee on behalf of the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group

Thank you Madam President.

It is my pleasure to speak on behalf of the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG).

The Adaptation Committee and the LEG have each held one meeting since the adoption of the Paris Agreement. In these meetings both bodies initiated consideration of the mandates assigned to them by the Paris decision. Some of these mandates are assigned to the Adaptation Committee alone; others are to be elaborated by the Adaptation Committee and the LEG together with others.

The mandates for the AC are:

- To review, in 2017, the work of adaptation-related institutional arrangements under the Convention;
- To consider methodologies for assessing adaptation needs with a view to assisting developing country Parties.

A joint mandate for the AC and the LEG is:

- To jointly develop modalities to recognize the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties.

And two mandates for the AC and the LEG, in collaboration with the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) and other relevant institutions, are:

- To develop methodologies on taking the necessary steps to facilitate the mobilization of support for adaptation in developing countries;
- To develop methodologies on reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support.

Furthermore, the AC was requested to conduct the technical examination process on adaptation.

The Adaptation Committee and the LEG are pleased to demonstrate progress as follows:

At its [9<sup>th</sup> meeting in March](#), the Adaptation Committee considered two concept notes on the implementation of its tasks from decision 1/CP.21. Documents [AC/2016/3](#) and [AC/2016/4](#) are available online.

With regard to the work on methodologies and modalities, the AC agreed that:

- It is ready to address the Paris related tasks in a comprehensive, technical and strategic manner reaching out to Parties, other bodies under the Convention, organizations and other stakeholders;
- It will adopt an iterative step-by-step approach, which will benefit from input and engagement of a wide range of stakeholders;

- It will consider various means to trigger discussion to achieve a shared understanding such as side events, expert meetings, submissions, including from Parties, taking stock and making use of other relevant events.

At its 29<sup>th</sup> meeting in March, the LEG agreed to engage in a dialogue with the Adaptation Committee so that the two bodies can discuss how to work together and jointly agree on how to approach the mandates. More detailed information is contained in document [FCCC/SBI/2016/7](#).

The AC and the LEG will work intersessionally on the new tasks and have already reached out to other bodies, including the SCF, to collaborate as requested.

**In concrete terms**, members of the AC and the LEG will meet informally next Friday to agree on the next steps for the joint tasks, and a report on that informal meeting will be made publicly available soon thereafter.

The Adaptation Committee dedicated its 3<sup>rd</sup> Adaptation Forum to receiving informal input to assist the AC and the LEG in addressing some of the Paris mandates. Scientists and adaptation practitioners acknowledged that while some frameworks exist to review the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support thereof, more methodological work is needed with regard to adaptation metrics and indicators

In terms of broader support to LDCs in implementing the Paris Agreement, the LEG agreed:

- To prepare a technical paper that identifies gaps and needs of the LDCs arising from the implementation of the Paris Agreement and how those gaps and needs can be addressed by the LEG and/or other relevant bodies and organizations;
- To focus the 2016 NAP Expo on “Advancing national adaptation plans post-Paris”. The event is scheduled to take place from 11 to 15 July 2016;
- To continue to develop and enhance NAP Central and to add additional features in response to relevant mandates from COP 21.

Lastly, I am happy to announce that the Adaptation Committee is making good progress - together with the SB Chairs and the High-level Champions of France and Morocco - on the technical examination process on adaptation.

Taking into account submissions from Parties and observers, the AC has concluded preparations for the first two technical expert meetings, which will focus on “Reducing vulnerability and mainstreaming adaptation, including through the process to formulate and implement NAPs”.

The first meeting on Tuesday 24 May will focus on [enhancing the implementation of adaptation action](#), with emphasis on gaps, needs, challenges, options and opportunities for implementation on the ground; means of implementation, including for the improvement of climate information services and understanding of scientific information at the national level; and good practices for reducing vulnerability. The second meeting, on Wednesday 25 May, will look at [effective policy frameworks and institutional arrangements](#) for adaptation planning and implementation, including for multi-level governance and monitoring and evaluation.

Thank you Madam President.