

Elements of draft text under SBI agenda item 12 and SBSTA agenda item 4
“Report of the Adaptation Committee”

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I. Mandate

Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 42: *Also requests* the Adaptation Committee, taking into account its mandate and its second three-year workplan, and with a view to preparing recommendations for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its first session:

- (a) To review, in 2017, the work of adaptation-related institutional arrangements under the Convention, with a view to identifying ways to enhance the coherence of their work, as appropriate, in order to respond adequately to the needs of Parties;
- (b) To consider methodologies for assessing adaptation needs with a view to assisting developing country Parties, without placing an undue burden on them.

II. Elements

A. Review of the work of adaptation-related institutional arrangements under the Convention undertaken in 2017

Gaps identified during the discussion:

- More emphasis is needed on elements relating to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention;
- The importance of not just striving for a balance between adaptation and mitigation support, but for an increase should be taken into account.

Recommendations by the Adaptation Committee

1. Assign any future emerging adaptation-related work necessary for the effective implementation of the Paris Agreement to existing institutions;
2. Request the TEC and the CTCN, as well as the institutional arrangements relating to capacity-building and the Financial Mechanism, in accordance with their mandates, to strive for a balance in the provision of support to Parties for adaptation and mitigation actions;
3. Request NWP partner organizations, in collaboration with the AC, to support the work of other adaptation-related institutional arrangements, in particular through providing relevant scientific and technical information and sharing knowledge;
4. Request the LEG and the CGE to work together on training for assessing vulnerability and other aspects of adaptation in order to ensure efficiency and consistency;
5. Request the AC, as necessary and in consultation with relevant adaptation-related institutions, to continue to make recommendations to enhance collaboration and promote coherence and synergies with a view to addressing the evolving adaptation-related needs of the Parties;
6. Encourage Parties to make available sufficient resources for the successful and timely implementation of the work of adaptation-related institutions under the Convention.

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

Gaps identified during the discussion

- More focus should be laid on assessing adaptation needs rather than on reporting technical assessments and methodologies;
- Political, technical and capacity-related complexities to be considered.

Recommendations by the Adaptation Committee

1. The SBSTA to request NWP partner organizations, in collaboration with users and developers of relevant methodologies, including academia and the private sector, to develop, and periodically update, an inventory of relevant methodologies for assessing adaptation needs, including needs related to action, financial, capacity-building and technological support, using the information contained in the UNFCCC “Compendium on methods and tools to evaluate impacts of, and vulnerability and adaptation to, climate change” and the information from the AC’s desk review;
2. The SBSTA to request NWP partner organizations to document and disseminate good practices and lessons learned in relation to the implementation of methodologies for assessing adaptation needs and to make the information available at the Adaptation Knowledge Portal;¹
3. The SBSTA to invite all relevant entities to further improve the applicability of existing methodologies and tools for assessing adaptation needs related to action, financial, capacity-building and technological support;
4. The SBSTA to invite the World Meteorological Organization, through its Global Framework for Climate Services, with a view to facilitating the development and application of methodologies for assessing adaptation needs, to regularly inform the COP, through the SBSTA, about its activities to improve the availability and accessibility of comprehensive climate information, including observational data, and about how it facilitates the provision and dissemination of the most up-to-date climate model predictions and projections;
5. The COP to invite the PCCB and providers of capacity-building, in further enhancing capacity-building efforts, to facilitate accessing and implementing methodologies for assessing adaptation needs in developing countries in the context of support for building the capacity to adapt.

¹ Available at <http://unfccc.int/10375>.