

# Adaptation Committee

## Least Developed Countries Expert Group

3 March 2017

### Joint in-session event by the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group during the 46<sup>th</sup> sessions of the subsidiary bodies

#### Concept note

**Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee and the  
Least Developed Countries Expert Group**

The AC and the LEG will be invited to consider the information contained in this concept note and agree on possible next steps as noted in section 5 of this note.

## 1. Background and context

1. As part of the Paris outcomes on adaptation, the COP, by its decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 41 and 45, requested:
  - a) The Adaptation Committee (AC) and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) to jointly develop modalities to recognize the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties, as referred to in Article 7, paragraph 3, of the Agreement, and make recommendations for consideration and adoption by the of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA 1);
  - b) The AC and the LEG, in collaboration with the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) and other relevant institutions, to develop methodologies, and make recommendations for consideration and adoption by CMA 1, on:
    - i) Taking the necessary steps to facilitate the mobilization of support for adaptation in developing countries in the context of the limit to global average temperature increase referred to in Article 2 of the Agreement;
    - ii) Reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support referred to in Article 7, paragraph 14(c), of the Agreement.
2. In order to take the work forward, both bodies, the AC and the LEG, established a joint working group with the participation of the SCF and agreed to hold a joint side event at SB 46 to seek additional input from Parties on progress made in the implementation of the above mandates.
3. Progress on the work undertaken so far is available at <unfccc.int/9785>.

## 2. Objective and scope of the event

4. This in-session event will present the latest findings in response to the shared mandates. In addition, it will provide the AC, the LEG and the SCF with an opportunity to collect, in an interactive manner, direct feedback from Parties and observers in order to select options to be included in the recommendations for CMA 1.

5. In this sense, the event could be an important step towards verifying that the modalities and methodologies currently being considered would be acceptable to the Parties and likely to be endorsed by the CMA in November.

### **3. Experiences gained from a joint side event held during COP 22**

6. At COP 22 in November 2016, the AC and the LEG held a joint side event on interim results towards the implementation of the shared mandates from the Paris Agreement, including work on these matters done in collaboration with the SCF. The 90-minutes side event was held over lunch and its outline was based on an input paper prepared by the joint AC/LEG working group on the shared mandates, based on submissions received, discussions at meetings of the AC and the LEG, and desk reviews<sup>1</sup> by the secretariat.

7. During the side event, representatives of the AC and the LEG introduced relevant work on the joint mandates by means of a presentation. The presentation described progress made and was structured in three parts according to the three joint mandates. After the presentation, overall feedback was sought from Parties and non-Party stakeholders on the approach taken, as well as on the initial options for possible methodologies and modalities.

8. An advantage of the format used for the COP 22 event was that it was held in a short and compact manner, enabling delegates with a busy schedule to gather a maximum amount of information in a minimum amount of time.

9. A possible lesson learned from that format is that time constraints did not allow for in-depth discussion on each mandate. The feedback received was kept to individual statements rather than an interactive discussion.

### **4. Options for the in-session event at SB 46**

#### **4.1. Option 1: Side event**

10. This event could be in the same format as in COP 22 and a possible time slot would be Tuesday, 9 May 2017 from 13:15 to 14:45 (1.5 hrs over lunch). The side event could be structured in two parts:

- a) Framing of the event by the AC and LEG Co-Chairs or previously designated members (including from the SCF) respectively, introducing in detail the draft recommendations developed so far;
- b) A facilitated discussion to collect input and/or feedback.

#### **4.2. Option 2. Special event**

11. The event could take a three-hour slot within negotiation time and in a meeting room. It could take place during the first week (i.e. Thursday, 11 May in the afternoon), ensuring that no clashes with other substantive items are taking place. The advantage of this format is that it would ensure maximum participation by Parties and therefore a rich and detailed discussion and feedback could be expected.

12. This format could be structured as follows:

- a) Framing of the event by the AC and LEG Co-Chairs or previously designated members (including from the SCF) respectively;

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<sup>1</sup> AC-LEG/2016/2. Available at [unfccc.int/files/adaptation/groups\\_committees/adaptation\\_committee/application/pdf/ac-leg2\\_mandates.pdf](http://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/groups_committees/adaptation_committee/application/pdf/ac-leg2_mandates.pdf).

- b) A detailed introduction of the draft recommendations developed so far;
- c) Further discussion in breakout groups (3 groups related to the mandates respectively);
- d) Reporting back from breakout groups followed by general discussion;
- e) Summary by AC and LEG Co-Chairs or previously designated members (including from the SCF) of the outcomes and wrap-up.

## **5. Next steps**

13. The AC and LEG may wish to:
- a) Exchange ideas on which of the 2 formats (side event or special event) would be more beneficial for discussing and refining the recommendations; and
  - b) Identify chairs, speakers and facilitators, as appropriate.
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