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National adaptation plans

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the report on the workshop on experiences, good practices, lessons learned, gaps and needs in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans (NAPs), held in Bonn, Germany, on 16 and 17 April 2015.¹
2. It also welcomed the oral update of the Co-Chairs of the Adaptation Committee² and took note of the report on the 27th meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG),³ which provide information on the consideration by the Adaptation Committee and the LEG, in collaboration with the Green Climate Fund (GCF), of how to best support developing country Parties in accessing funding from the GCF for the process to formulate and implement NAPs.
3. The SBI expressed its appreciation to both the LEG and the Adaptation Committee for their engagement with the GCF, in considering how to best support developing country Parties in accessing funding from the GCF for the process to formulate and implement NAPs, and invited them to continue to collaborate with the GCF, including in relation to the readiness programme of the GCF.
4. It invited the Adaptation Committee and the LEG to provide information on how they have responded to the invitation referred to in paragraph 3 above in their reports.
5. The SBI noted with concern the lack of funds in the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund, including for the process to formulate and implement NAPs, and challenges faced by developing countries in preparing for accessing funding from the GCF.
6. It noted that the least developed countries and other developing country Parties can access funding through the readiness programme of the GCF for activities related to the process to formulate and implement NAPs.

¹ FCCC/SBI/2015/INF.6.

² Available at <http://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/application/pdf/sbi42_ac_oral-update.pdf>.

³ FCCC/SBI/2015/7.

7. The SBI initiated its consideration of options for enhancing reporting related to the process to formulate and implement NAPs, and agreed to continue that consideration at SBI 44 (May 2016) taking into account relevant information.⁴

8. The SBI considered the monitoring and evaluation of progress made in the process to formulate and implement NAPs.⁵ It decided to continue its consideration of the matter at SBI 43 (November–December 2015), including on the basis of the notes contained in annex I,⁶ with a view to recommending a draft decision for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-first session (November–December 2015).

⁴ Document FCCC/SBI/2015/INF.6.

⁵ See decision 5/CP.17, paragraph 37, and annex II to these conclusions.

⁶ Noting that Parties have not considered any of the paragraphs contained in annex I.

Annex I

Co-Chairs' notes

- Decisions 1/CP.16, 3/CP.17, 5/CP.17, 12/CP.18, 18/CP.19 and 3/CP.20;
- The process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans is still in its early stages;
- The pledges made by contributing Parties to the Green Climate Fund;
- The lack of funding in the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;
- The need to align technical support provided to developing countries for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans with the principles, terminology and guidelines for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, which are contained in decision 5/CP.17 and subsequent decisions;
- The progress made by developing country Parties in the process to formulate national adaptation plans;
- Gaps and needs remain in relation to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, including in terms of access to financial support and data, and reporting;
- Developed country Parties, United Nations organizations, specialized, bilateral and multilateral agencies and other relevant organizations to continue to enhance their provision of financial and technical support for the national adaptation plan process to the least developed countries and other interested developing country Parties that are not least developed countries;
- The Green Climate Fund, as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism, to consider using streamlined and expedited procedures for providing financial support to the least developed countries, small island developing States and African States for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;
- Developed country Parties to contribute to the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund for the process to formulate national adaptation plans;
- United Nations organizations, specialized, bilateral and multilateral agencies and other relevant organizations to continue their efforts to coordinate support for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;
- United Nations organizations, specialized, bilateral and multilateral agencies and other relevant organizations to consider the gaps and needs identified in the reports prepared for this session and other relevant reports related to the provision of financial and technical support to developing country Parties for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;
- The Least Developed Countries Expert Group to provide more information on accessing funding from the Green Climate Fund for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans at its regional training workshops to be held in the remainder of 2015;
- It is too early to assess how the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans contributed towards reducing vulnerability to climate change, but the

measures undertaken by countries to date constitute incremental steps towards achieving the objectives of the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;

- The progress made by some Parties in integrating climate change adaptation into relevant new and existing policies, programmes and activities, in particular development planning processes and strategies within relevant sectors and at different levels of decision-making;

- The Subsidiary Body for Implementation to assess progress made in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans at its [forty-sixth] [fifty-second] session, with a view to making recommendations thereon to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate;

- The following actions and steps are necessary for the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to initiate the assessment referred to above:

- (a) Parties and relevant organizations to submit to the secretariat, by [1 February 2017] [1 February 2019], information on their experiences, best practices, lessons learned, gaps and needs, and support provided and received in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;

- (b) Parties also to provide information guided by a questionnaire¹ on an ongoing basis through NAP Central;

- (c) The secretariat to prepare a synthesis report on experiences, best practices, lessons learned, gaps and needs, and support provided and received in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, taking into account information from national reports submitted under the Convention, the information referred to in subparagraphs (a) and (b) above, information from relevant events, including the NAP Expos, and information from other relevant sources;

- (d) The Least Developed Countries Expert Group, in collaboration with the Adaptation Committee, to organize a meeting of Party experts where the report referred to in subparagraph (c) above will be considered, with a view to providing a summary of progress made in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;

- (e) The Least Developed Countries Expert Group, in collaboration with the Adaptation Committee and with the support of the secretariat, to prepare a report on the meeting referred to in subparagraph (d) above for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its [forty-sixth] [fifty-second] session in its assessment of progress made in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;

- The assessment referred to in subparagraph (e) above should include broader coverage of all the guiding principles of the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, which are contained in decision 5/CP.17, such as gender sensitivity, involvement and consideration of the needs of vulnerable communities, and stakeholder engagement;

- United Nations organizations, specialized, bilateral and multilateral agencies and other relevant organizations to support all developing countries in initiating the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans.

¹ Based on the questions contained in annex II.

Annex II

Guiding questions to monitor and evaluate progress in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans

1. Where we are in the process to formulate and implement NAPs?
 2. How are stakeholders involved in the formulation and implementation of the NAPs and what are existing institutional arrangements?
 3. Support for the process to formulate and implement NAPs.
 4. What best practices and lessons have been learned from the process to formulate and implement NAPs?
 5. Monitoring and evaluation and reporting related to the process to formulate and implement NAPS reporting.
 6. Overall assessment of effectiveness and “way forward” in order to make recommendations based on the monitoring and evaluation of progress in accordance with para 37 of 5.CP/17.
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