

Current and future work of the Adaptation Committee in the area of adaptation technologies

Workshop on technologies for adaptation
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- The Adaptation Committee is the **overall advisory body on adaptation under the Convention**
- Seeks to **raise the profile** of adaptation and to **promote greater coherence in the way that adaptation is addressed**, including through
 1. Providing **technical support and guidance** to the Parties
 2. **Sharing of relevant information**, knowledge, experience and good practices
 3. Promoting synergy and strengthening engagement with **national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks**
 4. Providing information and recommendations for consideration by the COP when providing guidance on **means to incentivize the implementation of adaptation actions**, including finance, technology and capacity-building
 5. Considering information communicated by Parties on their **monitoring and review** of adaptation actions, support provided and received



- COP 18 adopted the Adaptation Committee's ambitious **3-year work plan**
- Work includes a wide variety of activities in the areas of:
 - **Coherence and collaboration** on adaptation-related issues under and outside the Convention
 - Strengthening the role of relevant **regional centres and networks**;
 - Activities relating to **means of implementation**
 - **National adaptation planning**, including National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)
 - **Synthesizing and disseminating relevant knowledge** in the form of regular reports and supported by a communications and outreach strategy.



At its 4th meeting (September 2013), the AC agreed to **elaborate its work plan** to:

- Enhance coherence and synergy
- Ensure that activities are not undertaken in isolation but build on each other

Three work streams were identified:

1. Technical support and guidance to the Parties on adaptation action
2. Technical support and guidance to the Parties on means of implementation
3. Awareness-raising, outreach and sharing of information



The focus of the AC's work **in 2013** was to enhance coherence and collaboration under the Convention, and to reduce duplication

Specific activities on adaptation technologies included:

- Input to the Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network on
 - Prioritization criteria for responding to country requests; and
 - Draft design, operation and criteria of the Climate Technology Network
- Information on technology in the 2013 thematic report on the “*State of Adaptation under the UNFCCC*”
- Input into the TEC's efforts to develop adaptation technology briefs, including the design and implementation of this workshop (2013-2014)

A range of areas have been identified for future collaboration with the TEC in all of the AC's work streams...



... In particular, the AC will draw on the outputs of the TEC and findings of the

Technology Needs Assessments reports for the AC's work on:

- **National adaptation planning**, including a forthcoming information paper
- **The NAP Task Force** (a specialized ad-hoc working group under the AC, which also has one member from the TEC)
- **Means of implementation** (finance, technology and capacity building)
Note: planned AC workshop on this topic in early 2015 and an in-session event during COP 21 in late 2015
- The AC's **2014 thematic report** and its **2015 Overview report**
- The joint meeting organized by the AC and the Nairobi work programme on available tools for the use of **indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation**, needs of local and indigenous communities, and the application of gender-sensitive approaches and tools for adaptation



- **The AC looks forward to learning from the experts' views, ideas and suggestions that will be expressed here today.**
- **Any specific input will be welcome!**

Thank you

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