

Introduction of agenda item 4j

Preparation of an overview report and annual thematic reports on adaptation

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I: Background and context

- The concept note puts forward suggested concepts for the Overview and the Annual Thematic Reports, including a draft outline for the 2013 Thematic Report as well as envisaged processes and tasks.
- Overall, The Overview and Annual Thematic Reports will provide information on adaptation to Parties, as well as the broader international adaptation community, and will use the Cancun Adaptation Framework as a guiding and organizing framework, consistent with the functions and mandate of the AC.



Overview Reports

- The AC will produce the Overview Report for consideration by COP 21. The objective of the Overview Report is to be useful to and inform, as appropriate, the strategic directions of the COP and other relevant UN bodies.
- The AC will need to make a decision on the substance of the Overview Report. There is a variety of options, outlined in the note AC/2013/18, which consist of an in-house effort vs. a collaborative effort with “outsiders” , incl. a description of the approach, as well as the strengths, weakness and risk, and other issues to consider.
- The group recommends at this point in time to pursue an in-house Overview Report. Additionally, the group recommends that the AC, at AC3, discusses and agrees on general directions for the substance of the Overview Report. Based on these general directions, the small group will then prepare a more detailed outline during the inter-sessional period for AC4.



Annual Thematic Reports

- The Annual Thematic Reports will be thematic and responsive to topical discussions on adaptation.
- With the 2013 thematic report, the AC will seek to raise awareness and understanding about how adaptation is handled under the Convention by the COP, particularly Party representatives, as well as by non-Party observers, who are not deeply engaged in the adaptation negotiations. The small group recommends that the 2013 thematic report be a stand alone publication (not an annex to the report of the Adaptation Committee to the COP).
- Future topics should be closely linked to activities of the work plan, ensuring that the Annual Thematic Reports support consistence, coherence, etc. Future Annual Thematic Reports will respond to needs of the COP. A list of possible topics is included in the note, with a view to having the COP to consider them for approval at COP19



II: Proposed next steps

- The small group recommends that the AC establish an ad hoc working group on reports (“Reports Group”) at AC3.
- It recommends that the Reports Group comprises AC members, including members engaged in the communications, information and outreach strategy. In addition, the Reports Group will seek input from external stakeholders.
- Additionally, the note contains an outline of major steps in preparing the 2013 Thematic Report and in preparing the 2015 Overview Report for consideration by AC3.



III: Topics for further guidance

The AC may wish to use the information provided in the note for deciding on next steps, including:

- To discuss the proposed concepts for the Overview Report and the Annual Thematic Reports as well as the outlined processes and tasks (sections 2-5 of the note) and:
- To approve the proposed outline, tasks and timeline for the 2013 Annual Thematic Report (annex to the note);
- To agree on the approach for developing the 2015 Overview Report and on general directions for the substance of the 2015 Overview Report;
- To agree on the proposed tasks and timeline for the 2015 Overview Report;
- To assemble the Reports Group.
- To discuss the annex and approve for e-draft for review at AC4.

