

Third meeting of the Adaptation Committee Bonn, Germany, 18–20 June 2013

Revised concept note

Adaptation forum to be held in 2013

1. Introduction

According to the indicative terms of reference for the Adaptation Forum 2013 (AAF1) as agreed by the Adaptation Committee during its 2nd meeting, the AAF 1 in 2013 should address weather-related extreme events. The goal of the AAF1 in 2013 should be to share some recent experiences among a broad range of countries (including AI and NAI), communities, relevant institutions and organizations as well as affected people on weather related disasters and about activities that help to enhance resilience in the future.

2. Extreme events session

The preferred examples for weather related disasters are hurricane Sandy in the U.S.A. and Typhoon Bopha in the Philippines. Other developed and developing countries would also make short presentations/statements citing their cases (e.g. recent floods in Mozambique and Australia), or slow onset event like sea level rise and saline intrusion (Bangladesh and the Netherlands). It should be the goal to give every region the opportunity to highlight the regional issues that are of greatest significance in terms of extreme events and slow onset events.

It is proposed to launch at COP 19 an initiative to add momentum to international/regional initiatives to improve the preparedness for weather related disasters. It will be the task of the invited countries to highlight those initiatives/organizations that they are strengthening/are planning to strengthen in order to enhance the resilience in the region.

The AAF1 might be scheduled by the end of the first week of COP 19 in Warsaw.

3. Next steps

This draft concept for AAF1 at COP 19 in November 2013 should be further refined and considered within the ad hoc group established at the 2nd meeting of the AC.

It should also be informally shared with the secretariat, the incoming COP presidency and potential contributing Parties and other organizations (WMO, IPCC, and UNISDR).

At the third meeting of the AC it should be formally endorsed including a mandate for the secretariat for its implementation with the continuing support from the AC and its ad hoc group established to further develop the AAF.

4. Linkages

UNISDR: Hyogo Framework of Action (HFA) – linkage to the process towards a post-2015 DRR Framework
