

**Sixth meeting of the Adaptation Committee
Bonn, Germany, 29 September – 1 October 2014**

Concept note

Possible next steps in the context of best practices and needs of local and indigenous communities

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its sixth meeting, may wish to consider the information contained in this concept note and agree on draft recommendations and guidance for consideration by COP 20 with a view to providing technical support and guidance to the Parties in order to facilitate the enhanced implementation of adaptation actions. This could include further activities to be undertaken by the Nairobi work programme in this context.

1. Introduction

The AC, as part of its three-year work plan, agreed to convene a workshop on best practices and needs of local and indigenous communities with input from and the participation of relevant bodies and programmes under and outside the Convention in order to share technical adaptation-related expertise.

In the context of the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change (NWP), the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) at its 38th session requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA and in collaboration with relevant organizations, to organize a technical expert meeting, before SBSTA 40, on the use of indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation, and the application of gender-sensitive approaches and tools for understanding and assessing impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, with a view to developing recommendations for practitioners on such matters.¹

Following a recommendation from the AC, SBSTA 39 further requested the secretariat to organize this in conjunction with the AC's workshop on best practices and needs of local and indigenous communities.² The full report on the workshop is contained in document **FCCC/SBSTA/2014/INF.11**.

SBSTA 40 welcomed the joint workshop and invited the AC to consider providing further recommendations for activities to be undertaken under the NWP in relation to the joint meeting.³

2. Draft recommendations for consideration by COP 20

The AC may wish to consider the following recommendations for its work and the work of the NWP, as well as for consideration by the COP, as appropriate and as needed, with a view to providing technical support and guidance to Parties, in order to facilitate the enhanced implementation of adaptation.

Best practices and needs of local and indigenous communities and the Adaptation Committee

- Consider the provision of technical support, for example in identifying good practices in stakeholder engagement;

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2013/3, paragraph 17.

² FCCC/SBSTA/2013/5, paragraph 13(a).

³ FCCC/SBSTA/2014/2, paragraph 15.

- Consider a joint publication on indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation in all United Nations languages, e.g. under the Joint Liaison Group of the three Rio Conventions in its future work and as follow up to this item;
- Establish, as appropriate and as part of its future work, a group of experts to support the application of local, indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices in adaptation and to assess and report on the role of local, indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices in adaptation.

Best practices and needs of local and indigenous communities and the NWP

Recommend the NWP, in collaboration with the AC NAP Task Force and the LEG, and with contributions from the NWP partner organizations, to support this work, including by:

- Develop an inventory of case studies for the use of indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation, possibly building on existing knowledge-sharing platforms, such as the database on best practices and available tools for the use of indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation;⁴
- Engage regional organizations and regional donors to create communities of practice and networks at different levels, and to share good practices and tools at key meetings and events;
- Consider, in the development of any relevant knowledge products, the need for integrating indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices into the national adaptation plan (NAP) process.

Best practices and needs of local and indigenous communities and the COP

- Invite Parties to underline the importance of indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices, in a manner commensurate with modern science, for the effective planning and implementation of adaptation, including by encouraging integration of ITK in the NAP process;
- Encourage the Adaptation Fund, the Global Environment Facility and the Green Climate Fund to consider and integrate local, indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices into adaptation planning and practices, as well as procedures for monitoring, evaluation and reporting.

3. Next steps

The AC will be invited to:

1. Consider the recommendations made during the workshop;
2. Agree on next steps arising from the workshop, including possible future action it might wish to be undertaken under the NWP, in line with the recommendations from SBSTA 40;
3. In doing this, consider recommendations for related work to be undertaken by other bodies under the Convention;
4. Agree on recommendations to the COP which will be included in its report to the COP, through the SBs, at its 20th session.

⁴ <<http://unfccc.int/7769>>.