Coherence breakout group

While the paper prepared by the secretariat identifies areas for potential duplication, gaps and synergies across the four "bucket" issues we used to organize our work during our first meeting, the breakout group decided to focus its discussion on Tuesday on issues related to coherence under the Convention. We noted that issues of coherence, including with respect to linkages of the Committee to institutions outside the Convention, will come up in other break out groups throughout this meeting. For example, another group was working on the submission template for regional institutions and UN agencies. Therefore, the outcomes of this group's discussion will not be comprehensive at this time. We will however incorporate the comments that other groups may highlight relating to coherence.

The group also noted the importance of getting our own "adaptation house" in order with respect to coherence before reaching out to build coherence with other bodies that deal with adaptation. It also emphasized the importance of leading, not trailing behind other adaptation issues and of strengthening coherence as it relates to the means of implementation.

We shared general views on how to promote greater coherence on adaptation under the Convention:

- More interaction with other Convention bodies: the AC could attend meetings of other constituted bodies and work programs, like TEC, CTCN, CGE, GCF Board, and LTF work program, circulate among the Committee agendas and meeting notes from those other meetings, provide those other meetings with written views, leverage both formal and informal opportunities to meet with other bodies (like lunch with the SC or the TEC if meetings overlap), organize joint meetings and/or side events to cross fertilize ideas, etc. The goal of such interaction is to raise awareness and education about adaptation among those, like finance and technology, who lack but could benefit from our adaptation expertise.

- Identify the AC member to sit on the Advisory Body on CTCN to ensure that the adaptation element of the CTCN is robust, particularly since the CTCN will be providing direct technical assistance and capacity building support to developing country Parties upon request, and since the CTCN is focused on both "hard" and "soft" technologies.

- Also with respect to technology, explore whether there is duplication or potential for synergies between the work of the NWP in developing and diffusing knowledge, know how, etc. on adaptation technology and the role of the CTCN Center in facilitating knowledge exchange, learning, and good practices on adaptation technology, e.g., the Center could use information from NWP and its partners?

- In addition, explore ways to contribute to the TEC's roadmap exercise, its literature review on adaptation technology and its expert meeting on barriers to adaptation technology - how can the AC feed into these products/processes?

- Submission of the AC on the LTF work program for 2013.

- Invite the Standing Committee and GCF Board to an AC meeting, asking them to inform us of where they are in their processes, and to discuss how the AC can contribute to their work.

- Explore whether adaptation agenda items under the Convention could be better streamlined and coherent - there are many adaptation agenda items now, and we need to take a step back and see the bigger picture, how the pieces relate, and how might

we stagger/sequence work, or even recommend terminating agenda items, if appropriate.

- Explore greater linkages between discussions happening on TNAs, CTCN, NAPs, NAPAs, and L&D recognizing that countries are at different stages on each of these.

- Explore how we can leverage NWP and its partners more effectively to support Parties in undertaking the Cancun Adaptation Framework.

- Explore with the research community, including through RSO, how it can advance key adaptation-related research questions (we could look to previous COP decisions, technical reports, workshop background and summary papers to see if such questions have come up).

- In designing and implementing the annual adaptation forum, we should avoid duplication with other forums, like the Durban CB Forum, NWP focal point forum, research dialogue, Standing Committee Forum, etc. - and also seek ways to create synergies (incorporate the NWP focal point forum into the annual adaptation forum, encourage an adaptation focus for the Durban CB Forum?).

The group did not have enough time to move beyond a general exchange of views, as captured above. We recommend the following next steps in order to complete this work this year, noting that promoting coherence is an ongoing agenda item that we will revisit after every COP:

1. Capture additional ideas/proposals for promoting coherence from the presentations of other break out groups at this meeting and include this information in this summary/minutes.

2. Identify a small group of AC members to, over the intersessional period, give the above and the Secretariat's paper further thought, and to identify concrete proposals, including recommendations for updating the AC workplan based on COP 18 decisions, for consideration by the AC at its next meeting.

3. Follow up on concrete actions that can be taken immediately after this meeting, e.g. identification of AC member to sit on CTCN Advisory Board, identify if there is any possibility for an informal exchange of information between the AC and the SC and/or the TEC at the next meeting in Bonn if there is an overlap, attend the TEC and roadmap meeting, etc.