
Sixth meeting of the Adaptation Committee 29 September – 1 October 2014

Concept Note

The Adaptation Committee's 2015 Overview Report

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its sixth meeting, will be invited to decide on:

- The proposal for the 2015 Overview Report, including on the annotated outline, target audience and timeline; and
- The organization of work.

The AC will further be invited to identify links to the work streams and activities in the AC's three-year work plan.

Introduction

At its 4th meeting the AC agreed on the theme for the 2015 Overview Report, with the title to be further elaborated: "Progress in the implementation of the Cancun Adaptation Framework, with analysis of, inter alia, lessons learned, good practices, and challenges faced in preparing and implementing NAPs, the key role of national institutions and stakeholders in adaptation planning and implementation and monitoring and evaluating adaptation actions and their support".

At its 5th meeting, the AC then decided that the theme of the 2015 Overview report should encompass:

- An overview of the AC's activities over the first three years;
As part of the Cancun Adaptation Framework (CAF), Parties established the AC to promote the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention. The 2015 Overview Report will serve as the report in which the AC gives an account of its activities over the first three years of its existence, and how it carried out the work plan.
- An evaluation of the way the AC took up the task of "promoting the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention";
The Overview report will include an evaluation of the way the AC took up this specific task and value the results, and include a synopsis of (groups of) actors and their specific interest under the Convention, highlighting the efforts and results in which the AC has been able to enhance coherence.

This should be done recognizing linkages between the two themes and include forward-looking elements – to identify future opportunities, taking into account lessons learned – in addition to stock-taking.

Target audience

Parties and organizations to the UNFCCC, in particular the bodies under the Convention with a task in the field of adaptation – such as the LEG, TEC, CTCN, SCF, GCF – and other stakeholders interested in, or with a task related to, adaptation under the Convention, such as WB, GEF, NGOs and private sector representatives.

Outline

I. INTRODUCTION

- The challenge
Provide a transparent, comprehensive and readable account of the activities of the AC to raise the profile of adaptation under the Convention and indicate an ambitious way forward.
- Goal and ambition of the report
 - Give an account of the work of the AC during the past three years by sharing results and knowledge on the work and ambitions of the AC and opportunities for cooperation;
 - Value setbacks and barriers experienced and the way they were handled by the AC;
 - Indicate further work and opportunities for the AC, which might also serve as initial and tentative input for the deliberations on the second work plan.

II. OVERVIEW OF THE AC'S ACTIVITIES 2011–2014

As part of the Cancun Adaptation Framework, Parties established the Adaptation Committee to promote the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention, inter alia, through five functions. It is proposed to prepare the overview along the lines of these functions and add additional topics if necessary.

- Providing technical support and guidance to the Parties, respecting the country-driven approach, with a view to facilitating the implementation of adaptation activities, including those listed in paragraphs 14 and 15 of decision 1/CP.16 (Annex 1), where appropriate;
- Strengthening, consolidating and enhancing the sharing of relevant information, knowledge, experience and good practices, at the local, national, regional and international levels, taking into account, as appropriate, traditional knowledge and practices;
- Promoting synergy and strengthening engagement with national, regional and international organizations, centers and networks, in order to enhance the implementation of adaptation actions, in particular in developing country Parties;
- Providing information and recommendations, drawing on adaptation good practices, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties when providing guidance on means to incentivize the implementation of adaptation actions, including finance, technology and capacity-building and other ways to enable climate-resilient development and reduce vulnerability, including to the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention, as appropriate;
- Considering information communicated by Parties on their monitoring and review of adaptation actions, support provided and received, possible needs and gaps and other relevant information, including information communicated under the Convention, with a view to recommending what further actions may be required, as appropriate;
- Additional activities.

III. EVALUATION OF "THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ENHANCED ACTION ON ADAPTATION UNDER THE CONVENTION" BY THE AC

- Outreach (which results were used by whom, when, how and what for);
- Way of work (AF, field trip, cooperation with UNFCCC bodies, support, task groups);
- Opportunities for improvement
 - which issues should get more/less attention;
 - cooperation with external stakeholders: NGO's, UN organizations, others;
 - who should be better/more involved in the work of AC (and how);
 - less/more focus;
- Meetings (frequency, teleconference, organization, location, budget).

IV. CONCLUSION

Including linkages between the two themes and valuation of the overall progression and results, as well as recommendations for the organization and content of future work and other issues as appropriate.

Organization of work**TIME LINE**

29 September–1 October AC-6, to decide on outline, focus and information sources

Early spring 2015 AC-7, schematic draft

Late summer 2015 AC-8, full draft.

The mode of preparation might have implications for timing.

GATHERING INFORMATION

For the overview of the activities of the AC, all information should be available at the secretariat. The overview will comprise a survey of the outcome of the activities and identify outreach where possible.

The evaluation of the way the AC took up the task of “promoting the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention will be twofold:

- An AC-internal evaluation, also indicating opportunities for further efficiency and effectiveness. Information for this part would come from the AC members;
- An external evaluation, with input from related bodies under the Convention, such as the LEG, TEC, CTCN and other relevant bodies, (groupings of) Parties as well as related UN bodies if appropriate.

PRACTICALITIES

- Renske will be in the lead in the working group for the 2015 Overview Report and responsible for drafting the report with support of the secretariat and on the basis of input received;
 - AC members, to be specified at AC 6, can adopt specific cases or parts of the report and would also be responsible for contacts and content on these issues;
 - The report should be short, concise, clear, and not use technical language. The overall length of the report should not exceed 40 pages, with chapters II and III preferably not longer than 20 pages;
 - Where possible and functional, electronic links to background information should be part of the report.
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