

Introduction of the work of the Adaptation Committee

Including work relating to the functions of the Warsaw international mechanism for loss and damage

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- The Adaptation Committee is the **overall advisory body on adaptation under the Convention** established in Cancun at COP 16
- It seeks to **raise the profile of adaptation** and to **promote greater coherence in the way that adaptation is addressed**, including through:
 1. Providing **technical support and guidance** to the Parties
 2. **Sharing of relevant information**, knowledge, experience and good practices
 3. Promoting synergy and strengthening engagement with **national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks**
 4. Providing information and recommendations for consideration by the COP when providing guidance on **means to incentivize the implementation of adaptation actions**, including finance, technology and capacity-building
 5. Considering information communicated by Parties on their **monitoring and review** of adaptation actions, support provided and received



- COP 18 adopted the Adaptation Committee's ambitious **3-year work plan**
- Work includes a wide variety of activities in the areas of:
 - **Coherence and collaboration** on adaptation-related issues under and outside the Convention
 - Strengthening the role of relevant **UN agencies, regional centres and networks** in supporting adaptation
 - **National adaptation planning**, including National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)
 - **Synthesizing, sharing and disseminating relevant information and knowledge** through technical meetings, adaptation fora and regular reports



The workplan of the AC has evolved, consistent with the plan approved by COP 18.

At its 4th meeting (September 2013), the AC agreed to **elaborate its work plan** to:

- Enhance coherence and synergy
- Ensure that activities are not undertaken in isolation but build on each other

Three work streams were identified:

1. Technical support and guidance to the Parties on adaptation action
2. Technical support and guidance to the Parties on means of implementation
3. Awareness-raising, outreach and sharing of information



- Information on work undertaken to address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts under the Convention contained in the [2013 AC thematic report on the “State of Adaptation under the UNFCCC”](#)
- [Information from UN agencies and regional institutions](#) supporting adaptation in developing countries, including [in the area of climate change related disaster risk reduction strategies](#)
- AC meeting with the IPCC during SB40 on [up-to-date information on adaptation, including limits of adaptation](#)
- [AC ad hoc group on technical support to](#)
 - [Analyze existing support](#) for adaptation provided by regional institutions and UN agencies;
 - Taking into account gaps, needs and opportunities, to [propose modalities to strengthen and enhance the coherence of the provision of support](#) to developing countries for activities related to adaptation
- [2014 Adaptation Forum](#)



The workplan of the ExCom should **build on existing products** from the L&D work programme, where possible.

The work plan should further:

1. Identify opportunities for the UNFCCC to help **inform/catalyze action** among institutions and organizations **outside the Convention** to address L&D
2. Help the **UNFCCC to take in lessons** from these institutions and organizations. The ExCom can translate these lessons/findings into technical and other support and guidance to Parties and/or into recommendations for consideration by the COP

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3. Include activities that are executed by the Adaptation Committee and the other four bodies that compose the interim ExCom. This would help foster dialogue, collaboration and synergies to address L&D within the Convention and maximize resources/efforts
4. Include work to be executed by the ExCom as a stand-alone body, in accordance with its functions.

The Adaptation Committee expressed its full confidence to its two representatives. It assured its support and assistance, as needed, including on issues where there are AC-relevant activities.



**Looking forward to a fruitful and
constructive collaboration!**

Thank you

