

Paris Committee on Capacity Building

Session II: Assessing capacity-building gaps and needs to be addressed in implementing NDCs in the context of the Paris Agreement

Assessment of current and emerging capacity-building needs and gaps, and identification of existing, innovative solutions to address them

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Intervention by the Adaptation Committee (AC)
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The AC is currently working on a range of topics that all have a certain relevance to the work of the PCCB. You can see a detailed listing of these in the *background paper on linkages with the constituted bodies under the Convention* that was prepared for this meeting.

For the sake of time and brevity I would at this point like to highlight just two current activities of particular relevance.

The first one relates to technical support to developing country Parties on adaptation:

One of the objectives of the AC is to provide technical support to the Parties, and the AC has dedicated one of its workstreams to this topic.

It is evident that national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks are pivotal in this matter, and the AC has reached out to many of them in the preparation of a regional assessment of support for adaptation action provided by regional institutions and UN agencies, including gaps, needs and opportunities.

This was based on a call for submissions and followed up in two special events during the summer sessions of the SBs.

In considering how to take this matter to its next level the AC has started working with the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN), which is the entity under the Convention providing technical assistance to Parties on adaptation and mitigation technologies.

The two secretariats are currently in the process of preparing an overview of the landscape of existing platforms providing technical support to developing country Parties on adaptation and the AC is looking forward to considering progress made at its next meeting in September.

I would like to thank the CTCN for this excellent collaboration and I hope we can all benefit from the overview.

The second topic I would like to mention here is our work on methodologies for assessing adaptation needs.

COP 21 requested the AC to consider methodologies for assessing adaptation needs with a view to assisting developing countries, without placing an undue burden on them, and to prepare recommendations for consideration and adoption by CMA 1.

The AC has in the meantime performed a desk review of existing methodologies and called for submissions from Parties and non-Party stakeholder on this matter.

It then synthesized and analysed all available information. Although this was only the groundwork to arriving at good recommendations to the CMA, delegates may find the synthesis useful. It is available on the AC's website.

A very initial set of possible elements that could be included in the recommendations for CMA was considered by the AC in March and in fact, the AC is convening a small expert meeting tomorrow in which experts will have a chance to discuss and refine the recommendations to ensure that perspectives from other bodies and the science community are well reflected.

We hope to finalize good recommendations by the end of this year.

Before closing, I would like to use this opportunity to warmly invite delegates to join the technical expert meetings on adaptation, which will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

The topic will be *"Integrating climate change adaptation with the Sustainable Development Goals and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction"*, and I hope to see many of you there.

My colleagues from the Adaptation Committee and I are always available for any questions you may have.

Thank you.