

The UNFCCC Adaptation Committee: Building Coherence on Finance

Second Forum of the SCF: “Mobilizing adaptation finance”

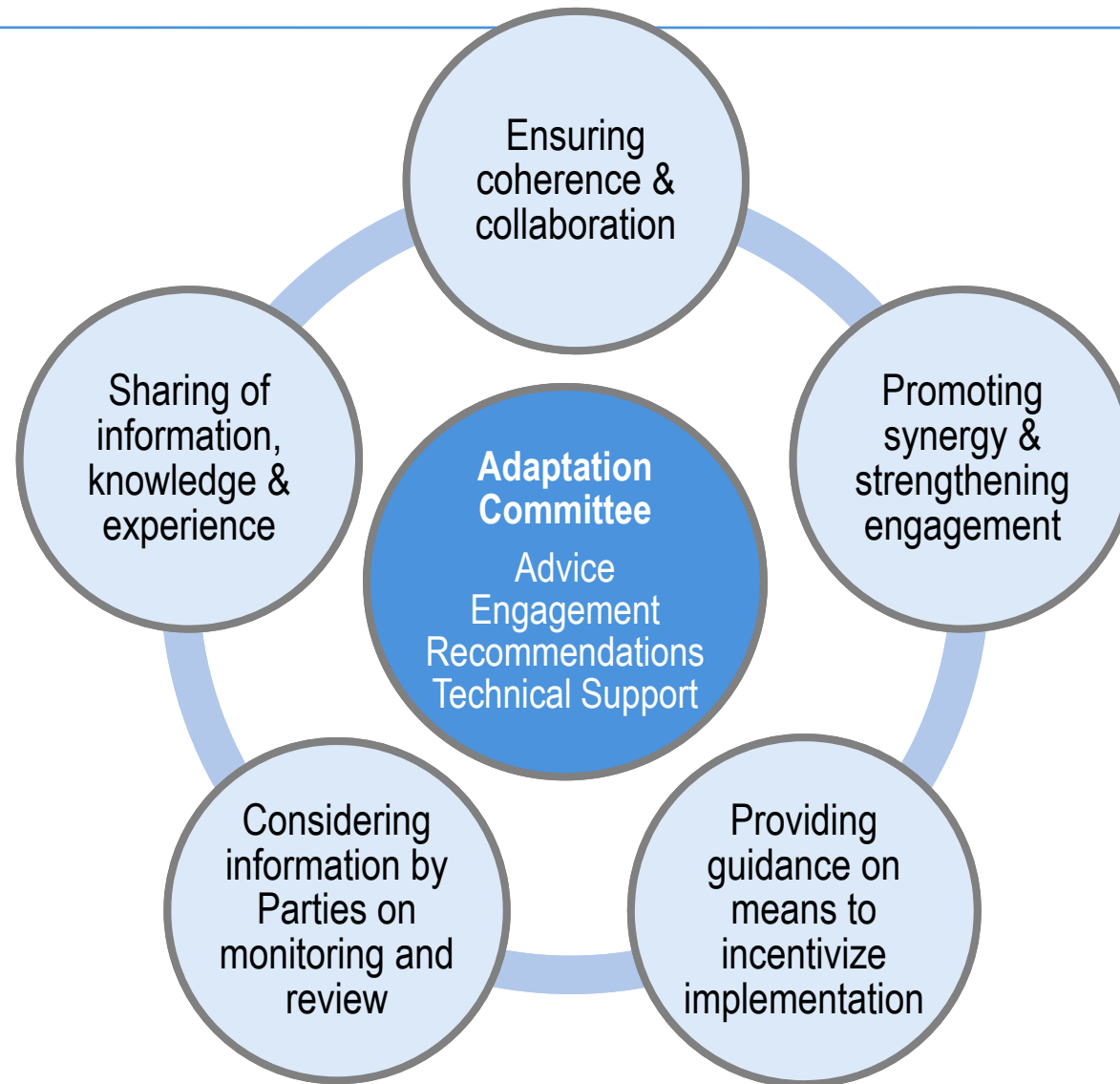
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What is the Adaptation Committee?



Activities of the Adaptation Committee

Workstreams

Adaptation Action

Technical support and guidance to Parties

- Collaborate with Convention bodies, UN agencies & regional centres
e.g. Technical advice to ADP, CGE, LEG, L&D ExCom, TEC
- Promote national adaptation planning
e.g. NAP Task force
- Support Monitoring & Evaluation of adaptation

Means of Implementation

(finance, technology & capacity building)

Technical support and guidance to Parties

- Collaborate with Convention bodies, UN agencies & regional centres
e.g. Technical advice to AFB, GCF, GEF, LEG, NWP, SCF, TEC
- Strengthen engagement to improve support for adaptation
e.g. Ad-hoc group on technical support

Awareness-raising, outreach and sharing of information

- Thematic reports
Adaptation under the Convention (2013),
National Adaptation Planning (Nov 2014)
- Adaptation Forum

C o h e r e n c e

Mapping – Reducing duplication – Addressing gaps – Promoting synergies
Recommendations and guidance to COP

Focus on Adaptation Committee work on Finance

- AC4 (2013) decided to conduct further work on **NAP finance** in 2014 to better understand the technical issues that may challenge developing countries in accessing resources for NAPs.
- Overview of adaptation finance reflected in 2013 thematic report “*State of Adaptation under the UNFCCC*” <unfccc.int/6997.php#AC>

Specific relevant activities in 2014

AC5 (March) <unfccc.int/8012>:

- Dialogue on financial support for National Adaptation Plans with GEF, AFB, NAP-GSP
- AC letter to the GCF on coherence and collaboration
- AC Paper “*Financial support for National Adaptation Plans*” AC/2014/10
- 1st meeting of NAP taskforce, incl. SCF, GCF-Board, LEG, TEC

Dialogue with SCF initiated in 2013 (AC3) and ongoing

Co-authored paper “*Adaptation finance under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change*”



Document [AC/2014/10](#) provides an overview on:

- Operationalization by GEF of guidance from the COP on the LDCF and the SCCF
- Operationalization of COP guidance on financing for NAPs by GEF
- Analysis of issues that may challenge developing countries in accessing resources from GEF for NAPs
- Examples of financing modalities for adaptation in the context of programmes and funds under and outside of the Convention
- Annexes lay out the procedures and/or requirements for countries to access the LDCF and SCCF



Key aspects of adaptation finance



Background paper for this meeting: *Adaptation finance under the UNFCCC*

Financial needs identified in

- NAPAs – urgent and immediate needs - LDCs
- NAPs – medium and long-term needs – LDCs & other developing countries

Mobilizing adaptation finance

- COP 16 (2010): scaled-up, new, additional, predictable and adequate funding to be provided to developing countries.
- Developed country Parties committed to USD 100 billion/yr by 2020
- Variety of sources (public/private, bi/multi-lateral, alternative)
- Voluntary multilateral and bilateral public funding constitutes a large share of adaptation finance

Governing adaptation finance

- Art. 11: financial mechanism under the Convention
 - GEF operates GEF Trust Fund, LDCF, SCCF
 - AF, GCF (50/50 adaptation/mitigation)
 - Bilateral, regional, multilateral channels.
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| | LDCF | SCCF Adaptation | Adaptation Fund |
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| In operation | Since 2002 | Since 2004 | Since 2009 |
| Cumulative pledges (USD) | 879 million (as of February 2014) | 333 million (as of February 2014) | 396 million, including 190 million from CER proceeds (as of March 2014) |
| Funding approved for projects (USD) | 836 million, including 12 for NAPA preparation, 817 for NAPA implementation and 7 for NAP formulation (as of April 2014) | 236 million (as of April 2014) | 226 million (as of May 2014) |
| Number of projects | 205 (199 national, 2 regional and 4 global) (as of April 2014) | 56 (42 national, 11 regional and 3 global) (as of April 2014) | 34 (34 national) (as of May 2014) |
| Number of benefitting countries | 51 for NAPA preparation and 48 for NAPA implementation (as of April 2014) | 75 (as of April 2014) | 33 (as of May 2014) |

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Future of adaptation finance

- Currently supply falls short of demand (*GEF on LDCF and SCCF*)
- The NAP process has the potential for becoming an important national vehicle for adaptation planning, facilitating institutional arrangements, mobilization of finance for implementation
- Options for mobilizing additional adaptation finance are being considered by Parties as part of the negotiations on the new 2015 agreement

This SCF Forum on "*Mobilizing adaptation finance*" is a clear example of the fact that Parties are considering adaptation finance as a priority



Thank you

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