Submission on the composition of, and modalities and procedures for, the Adaptation Committee, including on proposed linkages with other relevant institutional arrangements


Introduction

The Republic of Belarus welcomes the establishment of the Adaptation Committee to promote the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention.

The Republic of Belarus also welcomes the proposal of Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) to provide its views on the composition of, and modalities and procedures for, the Adaptation Committee, including on proposed linkages with other relevant institutional arrangements in accordance with document FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/L.7, paragraph 21 of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention.

Views on the composition of, and modalities and procedures for, the Adaptation Committee

We consider that participation of each Party in exchange of views concerning these tasks is of utmost importance for future work of the Adaptation Committee to promote the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention.

The Republic of Belarus agrees that adaptation is a challenge faced by all Parties, and that enhanced action and international cooperation on establishing an adaptation framework is urgently required to enable and support the projection, resource assessment and implementation of adaptation actions.

The Republic of Belarus considers that the Adaptation Committee shall assist Parties to establish such the framework including national-level institutional arrangements, regional centers and networks with a view to:

- enhancing work on the full range of adaptation actions from planning to implementation,

- providing support from developed country Parties and relevant organizations,
- assuring cooperation and coordination between regional stakeholders, and
- improving the flow of information between the Convention process and national and regional activities.

The Republic of Belarus considers that the Adaptation Committee shall provide Parties with the above assistance under the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, and specific national and regional development priorities, objectives and circumstances. The Republic of Belarus calls Parties to acknowledge that the countries with economy in transition, especially the Eastern European countries, which are not EU members, also have certain needs in financial support, technology transfer and capacity-building, consistent with relevant provisions, to implement short-, medium- and long-term adaptation actions, plans, programmes and projects at local, national, subregional and regional levels.

On this basis the Republic of Belarus suggests that the Adaptation Committee shall have 60 members, with 25 members from developed country Parties, 30 members from developing country Parties and 5 members from countries with economy in transition.

**Conclusion**

Only through consideration of national circumstances and potential of all Parties, the effective composition of, and modalities and procedures for, the Adaptation Committee, including on proposed linkages with other relevant institutional arrangements in accordance with document FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/L.7, paragraph 21 of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention can be elaborated and a fair system of allocation of efforts among countries and groups of countries to enhance action on adaptation under the Cancun Adaptation Framework can be developed. For this purpose the Republic of Belarus suggests considering above stated groups of countries in context of a need to implement adaptation actions, plans, programmes and projects at local, national, subregional and regional levels; to enhance action on adaptation under the Cancun Adaptation Framework; to establish regional centers and networks; and to facilitate and enhance national and regional adaptation actions.