

Workshop on enhancing adaptation through the 2015 agreement

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Adaptation Committee

- Adaptation Committee established by COP 16.
- The Committee is part of the Cancun Adaptation Framework.
- The Committee is the overall advisory body on adaptation under the Convention.
- It seeks to raise the profile of adaptation and to promote greater coherence in the way that adaptation is addressed.

Adaptation Committee

- First meeting, September 2012, Bangkok
- Chair and Vice Chair elected
- Additional rules of procedure agreed
- Ambitious and three-year work plan agreed for approval at COP 18 (22 activities, available on unfccc.int/6053)

Adaptation Committee

- Recommendations to COP 18:
 - To urge developed country Parties to mobilize financial support for the medium and long-term national adaptation plan process for non-LDC developing countries through bilateral and multilateral channels, including through the SCCF; and
 - To request the GEF, through SCCF, to consider how to enable activities for the NAPs process in non-LDC developing countries.

Adaptation Committee

- COP 18 adopted both recommendations and also approved the Committee's work plan.
- Since then, the Adaptation Committee has been making steady progress in implementing its work plan.
- Ad hoc groups of the AC working during inter-sessional periods.

Activities undertaken by the AC

Coherence:

- Adaptation Committee mapped and analyzed mandates, work plans, and decisions of relevant bodies and agenda items under the Convention to seek to identify ways:
 - In which the AC can most effectively provide its technical adaptation expertise;
 - To contribute to the work of other constituted bodies, mechanisms and work programs under the Convention.

⇒ **Enhancing support for the implementation of adaptation action**

Activities undertaken by the AC

Adaptation Finance:

- Articulated several key issues, e.g, through recent submission on the 2013 Long Term Finance work program:
 - Importance of facilitating greater coherence on adaptation finance, particularly through the work of the Standing Committee on Finance and the climate finance forum, such as exploring how the Cancun Adaptation Framework can be used to galvanize increased financial resources for adaptation.
 - Importance of exploring pathways to mobilizing long term finance for adaptation, specifically.
 - Opportunity to engage with the Standing Committee on Finance and the Long Term Finance work programme.

Activities undertaken by the AC

Adaptation Finance:

AC has the technical expertise and capacity to provide information about adaptation, including on priority sectors and issues, lessons learned, and good practices as countries adapt to the adverse effects of climate change

Activities undertaken by the AC

Technology support for the implementation of adaptation action

- Adaptation Committee seeks to enhance technology support.
- Vice Chair member of the advisory body of the CTCN
- Committee seeks to help CTCN determine how:
 - It can effectively consider and address adaptation as part of its work,
 - The Network can serve as a delivery vehicle for technical assistance and capacity building support for adaptation in developing countries.

Activities undertaken by the AC

Technology support for the implementation of adaptation action

- Adaptation Committee started to engage with the TEC and seeks to contribute its technical adaptation expertise to the Technology Executive Committee's efforts to:
 - Consider and recommend actions to promote technology development and transfer to accelerate adaptation action and
 - Provide an overview of adaptation technological needs and catalyze the development and use of technology roadmaps

Activities undertaken by the AC

National adaptation plan process

- Working closely and collaboratively with the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) on the national adaptation plan (NAP) process.
- NAP process also established at COP 16 as part of the Cancun Adaptation Framework to help LDCs and non-LDC developing countries :
 - Reduce vulnerability to the medium and long-term impacts of climate change, by building adaptive capacity and resilience
 - Facilitate the integration of climate change adaptation, in a coherent manner, into relevant new and existing policies, programs and activities, in particular development planning processes and strategies.

Activities undertaken by the AC

National adaptation plan process

- Adaptation Committee and LEG currently reviewing the guidelines prepared by the LEG for the NAPs process in LDCs to identify what:
 - Is applicable to non-LDCs
 - Additional work the Committee might do in collaboration with the LEG do to support the NAPs process.
- Also exploring ways to help facilitate information and knowledge exchange on the NAPs process.

Activities undertaken by the AC

Role of regional organizations and UN Agencies

- AC seeking ways in which to strengthen the role of regional organizations and UN Agencies in their efforts to support developing countries in advancing adaptation action.
- The AC will soon **issue an invitation to regional organizations and UN agencies** to provide the AC with information on how these organizations are supporting developing countries in their country-driven efforts to undertake the CAF.

Purpose: to help the AC identify ways to strengthen the role of regional organizations and UN agencies to support country-driven adaptation action

Activities undertaken by the AC

Workshop on monitoring and evaluation

- Planned for 2nd half of this year
- Will address three critical questions the AC identified at its second meeting this past March:
 1. Given the diverse set of indicators that currently exist to measure and evaluate adaptation, how can communities, countries and development and adaptation agencies build on a common understanding of success in achieving climate resilience?

Activities undertaken by the AC

Workshop on monitoring and evaluation

2. How can a framework be created that links individual assessments with national level assessments to broaden the focus from the means of achieving outcomes (through individual interventions) to the desired end result – countries' becoming less vulnerable and having more adaptive capacity?
3. How can results from monitoring and reporting be reported and disseminated so as to ensure that they are fed back into the respective adaptation process - AND also allow for lessons learned and good practices identified to be shared with the wider community of adaptation planners and practitioners?

Activities undertaken by the AC

Overview report and annual thematic reports

- Adaptation Committee identifying process for and scope of reports
- Reports to
 - Provide information on adaptation to the Parties as well as the broader international adaptation community;
 - Strengthen, consolidate and enhance the sharing of relevant information, knowledge, experiences, and good practices on adaptation;
 - Provide information and recommendations for consideration by the COP when providing guidance on means to incentivize the implementation of adaptation actions.

Activities undertaken by the AC

Annual Adaptation Forum

- Raising the profile of adaptation and enhancing adaptation action.
- First annual forum planned for this year during COP. Through the forum this year, we will share experiences among a broad range of countries in addressing and adapting to weather-related extreme events