

SBI opening plenary, Monday, 6 November, 15:00

- Thank you, Chair, for giving me the opportunity to update you and the SBI on the work of the Adaptation Committee.
- At this session the Adaptation Committee – AC – presents to the COP, through the SBs, the report on its work between October 2016 and September 2017.
- The report and its addendum contain organizational and procedural information, as well as substantive recommendations for consideration by the CMA, based on the outcomes of the AC’s work carried out throughout the year, in close collaboration with the LEG, the SCF and others.
- In this context I would like to specifically thank all those constituted bodies and work programmes under the Convention that have been contributing to our work and whose expert input has been instrumental in all of the AC’s work areas.
- The report describes progress made in all of the AC’s areas of work. In more detail, this includes:
 - Firstly, information on overarching coherence, including the implementation of decision 1/CP.21.

The AC was assigned to prepare recommendations on five specific mandates from decision 1/CP.21. Two of these mandates were assigned to the AC, and three were carried out jointly with our colleagues from the LEG. I am happy to report that we have concluded most of this work. The recommendations agreed by the AC are contained in the AC’s report, and recommendations developed jointly with the LEG are contained in a joint addendum to the report of the AC and the report of the 32nd meeting of the LEG. The AC and the LEG, in collaboration with the SCF for two mandates, based their considerations of these tasks from the Paris agreement on solid technical ground, elaborated during a two-year period. The recommendations were developed on the basis of a fully transparent process and taking into account desk reviews, views by Parties and organizations provided to the secretariat upon invitation by the AC and the LEG, and interactive exchanges at special events carried out during COP 22 and SB 46.

Furthermore, the AC is happy to report that the technical examination process on adaptation – TEP-A – has successfully completed its second year. As Parties may recall, the TEP-A is organized by the subsidiary bodies, conducted by the Adaptation Committee and supported by the secretariat. This year’s TEP-A focused on integrating climate change adaptation with the Sustainable Development Goals and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030.

- The report also contains information on providing technical support and guidance to the Parties on adaptation actions.

Here, I want to recognize the support provided by partner organizations of the Nairobi work programme and from the Climate Technology Centre and Network in providing invaluable information to the AC regarding the area of technical support to developing countries through

national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks.

I would also like to draw your attention to the work that the AC has initiated with regard to long-term adaptation planning and advancing the engagement of the private sector in adaptation.

- In the area of providing technical support and guidance to the Parties on means of implementation, the AC focused in particular on sharing information and experiences on accessing funding from the Green Climate Fund for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans. A follow-up workshop is planned to take place in the first half of next year, in conjunction with the NAP Expo.

- Thank you.