

**Oral report by the Vice Chair of the Adaptation Committee,
Ms Christina Chan, to SBSTA 39**

- Thank you, Mr. Chair, for giving me the opportunity to update you and the SBSTA on the work of the Adaptation Committee.
- As you may recall, COP 18 approved the three-year work plan of the Adaptation Committee following which the Committee embarked on its first year of work. During this year we held three meetings and a workshop on the monitoring and evaluation of adaptation.
- The Adaptation Committee made substantive progress on all areas contained in its work plan. This includes a wide range of activities, out of which I will highlight just a few.
- The Adaptation Committee initiated work on promoting coherence in adaptation under the Convention, which is the overarching objective of the Adaptation Committee and a standing item on the Committee's work plan.
- In particular, I would like to highlight that the Adaptation Committee very much welcomed the readiness expressed by the SBSTA to support us, through the NWP, in the implementation of our workplan.
- The Adaptation Committee identified three broad types of possible support, including
 - Undertaking joint activities such as a workshop on indigenous knowledge and practices,
 - Catalysing further actions in relation to the provision of information and knowledge products, and
 - Supporting the engagement of adaptation.
- I would like to draw your attention to the report of the Adaptation Committee, which provides detailed recommendations in this regard.

- In addition, the Adaptation Committee initiated and partly concluded a number of activities aimed at providing technical support and guidance to the Parties in two main areas: on adaptation actions and on means of implementation, which include finance, technology and capacity-building.
- With regard to outreach and sharing of information, I am proud to announce the launch of the Adaptation Committee's first thematic report (*hold up a copy*). It is entitled "The State of Adaptation under the UNFCCC" and aims to provide a snapshot of the state of adaptation under the Convention and how it has evolved up to this point. Hard copies of the publication will be available at adaptation-related meetings here in Warsaw. It can also be downloaded from the Adaptation Committee's web pages.
- Furthermore, I am also happy to announce that the first Annual Adaptation Forum will take place on Tuesday next week. This forum has been planned and is being implemented by the Adaptation Committee with a view to raising the profile of adaptation globally. The Adaptation Forum will feature interventions from H.E. President Jakaya Kikwete of Tanzania; Professor Lord Nicolas Stern; Ms. Mary Robinson; Ms. Biana Jagger and other adaptation stakeholders.
- I would like to thank all members of the Adaptation Committee for their hard work throughout the year, and in particular for their active participation in intersessional ad-hoc working groups on specific activities, which enabled the Adaptation Committee to successfully carry out its wide range of activities
- Finally, Mr. Chair, please allow me to highlight the budget shortfall the Adaptation Committee is facing. While some contributions have been made by Annex II Parties, there is a considerable shortfall in resources, which compromises the timely implementation of the activities in the workplan approved by the COP.
- Thank you, Mr. Chair.