

10th meeting of the Adaptation Committee

Agenda item 4 (b)

Supporting the implementation of the Paris outcomes

Methodologies for assessing adaptation needs with a view to assisting developing country Parties, without placing an undue burden on them

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I: Introduction and background

- ❖ COP 21 requested the Adaptation Committee (AC) to consider methodologies for assessing adaptation needs with a view to assisting developing country Parties, without placing an undue burden on them and prepare recommendations for consideration and adoption by CMA1
- ❖ Initial desk review by secretariat:
 - Methodology understood to be a set or system of methods and tools used to guide the activities/tasks required to assess adaptation needs
 - Adaptation needs understood to be needs for adaptation action, financial support, technological support and capacity-building support
 - Issues and limitations of existing methodologies assessing adaptation needs



II: Considerations for selecting methodologies

- ❖ AC may wish to consider identifying a number of high-level principles for the selection of relevant methodologies
 - Practical (in order to avoid placing undue burden to developing country Parties related to intense data acquisition and high demand for technical expertise);
 - Flexible (in order to accommodate the wide diversity of levels in data and capacity availability);
 - Comprehensive (to cover all key economic sectors and natural systems within a country);
 - Integrated (to be able to account for the interactions between socio-economic and environmental/climatic parameters and processes);
 - Conducive to transparent reporting (e.g. on key assumptions and treatment of uncertainties).



III: Next Steps

- ❖ AC may consider:
 - The scope of the mandate on adaptation needs
 - The scope of the recommendations (“to consider methodologies”)
 - The draft workplan, including:
 - ✓ Receiving any additional inputs and/or analysis
 - ✓ Setting up a working group/ assign members to oversee the work

