

9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Adaptation Committee

Agenda item 5 (a) &(b)

**Revising the AC's workplan following the Paris outcomes**

- a) Mapping of adaptation-relevant mandates, and**
- b) Revision of the workplan of the Adaptation Committee**

**Revising the workplan of the Adaptation Committee following the Paris outcomes. Discussion paper.**

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## II: Introduction and background

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In line with its workplan, the AC, after each COP, considers a map of mandates, workplans and/or decisions with adaptation relevance, in order to:

- Identify areas of duplication and synergies;
- Consider what actions may be necessary to be undertaken by the AC.

Secretariat is requested to prepare:

- Updated map of mandates;
- Suggestions to reduce duplication and enhance synergies for consideration by the AC.

Particular to this meeting:

- Complexity of the Paris outcomes;
- Implications of Paris outcomes on the work of the AC;
- AC's previous agreement to keep its workplan flexible in order to take on new and emerging tasks.



## II: Summary\_1

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### Document AC/2016/2 contains:

- Summary of relevant outcomes from COP 21 for the Adaptation Committee
  - ✓ Supporting Parties in their **ongoing** adaptation efforts
  - ✓ Supporting Parties in enhancing their adaptation action **prior to 2020**
  - ✓ Supporting the intergovernmental process and Parties in **implementing the Paris Agreement**, in particular the adaptation provisions contained in Article 7.
- Considerations for revising the workplan to ensure **coherence** and **continuity** and **reduce duplication**
- Annex I: Mapping of adaptation-relevant mandates and activities by constituted bodies and workstreams under the Convention against the AC's three-year work plan
- Annex II: Draft revised workplan of the Adaptation Committee for 2016–2018



## II: Summary\_2

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### **Possible considerations for revising the workplan to ensure coherence and continuity and reduce duplication:**

- **Prioritization:** The AC may wish to prioritize those activities that are directly in support of the implementation of the Agreement and in support of the A-TEP
- **Synergy and efficiency gains** between existing and new activities and AC collaboration with other bodies. For example:
  - ✓ Developing one paper that serves as the annual A-TEP technical paper and the annual AC Thematic Report
  - ✓ Starting from 2017, organizing the AF in conjunction with the annual High-level event on enhanced action prior to 2020
  - ✓ Seeking synergy between TEMs and TPs on specific aspects already included in the workplan
- **Collaboration:** Consider new modalities given that multiple requests from Paris are to be undertaken jointly with the LEG and in collaboration with other bodies



## II: Summary\_3

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- **Delegation or delay:** Could be applicable to activities that are not time-sensitive or do not contribute significantly to supporting the Paris outcome, for example the 2016 Brochure on the State of Adaptation
- **Timing:** New activities stemming from Paris could be initiated as soon as possible, due to complexity, need for collaboration with other bodies and unknown timing of the CMA 1
- **Sequencing:** AC may wish to sequence some of the Paris activities because the results of some may feed into the development of others
- **Structure:** AC may wish to integrate the new activities into the existing workstreams instead of re-structuring the workplan
- **Flexibility:** AC may wish to agree to keep the workplan flexible to account for results of the 2016 review of the progress and performance of the AC; 2017 review of the A-TEP and possible other newly emerging tasks from future COP decisions



## II: Summary\_4

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### **Annex II:** Draft revised workplan of the Adaptation Committee for 2016–2018

- Shows all activities from the agreed workplan;
- Slots in new mandates from COP 21 and SB 43;
- Text in regular font is text agreed by AC8;
- Text in bold is text originating from new mandates;
- Changes in timing indicated in footnotes;
- One item suggested to be postponed until a later date (state of adaptation brochure).

**Annex II is not meant to be prescriptive but could be the basis for the AC's consideration of its revised workplan**



### III: Next Steps

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The AC may wish to:

- Consider the information contained in document AC/2016/2
- Use Annex II as the basis for revising its workplan
- Agree on a revised workplan for the years 2016 to 2018 in line with the new mandates from COP 21

