

10th meeting of the Adaptation Committee

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Potential partnership platform with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks

Report on a side event taking place during the 44th sessions of the subsidiary bodies

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I: Introduction and background

Decision1/CP.16 mandates the AC to provide technical support and guidance to the Parties; and to promote synergy and strengthening engagement with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks.

In response, the AC agreed to dedicate one of its workstreams to technical support and guidance to the Parties.

It has, throughout its initial three years of work, considered collaboration with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks under this workstream

This included the consideration of modalities to identify gaps in the provision of technical support to the Parties, and modalities to address these gaps

One possible modality of the latter could be a partnership platform with regional centres.



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As a follow-up, it included in its flexible workplan for 2016-2018 several activities relating to this partnership platform, including:

- Consultation, during a side event at SB 44, with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks on collaboration to provide technical support
- According to WP, next steps following the consultations would be:
 - Develop ToRs for a partnership platform in the 2nd half of 2016
 - Launch the platform in 2017.
 - Building on the partnership platform, the AC envisages, in 2018, to consider ways to strengthen the institutional and technical capacity of national training and research institutions, as well as regional centres and networks, for scaled-up support to countries.



II: Summary of key messages received at the side event

- A wide range of regional centres and networks are already in place, offering a large variety of support, utilizing different modalities of collaboration. Their support to collaborate with the AC is high.
- In order to take an informed decision on whether to establish a new partnership platform or to enhance collaboration with existing ones, the AC may wish to take stock of what already exists, and how a new platform can add value and address existing gaps.
- The AC may further wish to explore the resources needed to establish and maintain a partnership platform.
- In order to provide effective technical support to the Parties, a mechanism should be demand-driven and include flexible modalities to respond to specific requests and tasks communicated by the Parties and address emerging needs.



III: Next Steps

The AC may wish to agree on pursuing one of several possible paths:

- a) Proceed to the formulation of terms of reference of a partnership platform, as indicated in its workplan;
- b) Prepare a “guide of guides”, an inventory of existing mechanisms that could be useful to the AC in considering next steps, as well as to Parties wishing to navigate the landscape of existing networks;
- c) Invite the Nairobi work programme to elaborate the next steps on this matter, based on additional input from their existing network of national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks, and report back to the AC at its 11th meeting;
- d) A combination of b) and c) above;
- e) Other options.

