

12th meeting of the Adaptation Committee

Agenda item 6

Update from the AC's working group on the Technical Examination Process on Adaptation (TEP-A)

Work of the Adaptation Committee's working group on the TEP-A

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Background

❖ AC established working group

- To organize TEMs and provide feedback on technical papers
- Group comprises members from various groups to ensure comprehensive and continuous inputs and feedback
 - ✓ Members of AC, TEC, LEG, and SCF
 - ✓ Representatives from RINGO, BINGO and ENGO constituencies

❖ Working group identified topics, approved by AC

- 2016: Reducing vulnerability and mainstreaming climate change adaptation, including through the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans
- 2017: Integrating climate change adaptation with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)
- 2018: Adaptation planning for vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems
- 2019 Adaptation finance, including the private sector

❖ 2 years of technical expert meetings (TEMs) held, moving from overarching to more specific.

❖ Technical papers and summaries for policy makers:

- 2016 available on the web <tep-a.org>
- 2017 papers to be made available before the end of September 2017



TEP-A in 2017

❖ Integrating climate change adaptation with the SDGs and the Sendai Framework on DRR

Key messages:

- Integrating adaptation with the SDGs and the Sendai Framework for DRR can be strongly beneficial for building resilience comprehensively across societies
- There are many opportunities to support further policy integration between adaptation, sustainable development, and DRR, due in part to the common themes, scopes, and objectives
- Unprecedented levels of coordination and coherence will be necessary to develop integrated approaches
- The availability of data, including climate data and socio-economic data, remains a challenge
- Ensuring that adequate, sustainable support is available for adaptation efforts is crucial, including from public, private, international and national sources
- The process to formulate and implement NAPs provides an important option to support the implementation of enhanced adaptation action and the development of integrated approaches to adaptation, sustainable development, and DRR



Feedback received on 2017 TEMs

❖ Improvements reported compared to 2016:

- Active and engaged moderator
- Significant space for interactive discussion and fewer presentations.

❖ Non-Party stakeholders feedback

- TEM-As good but still structured to reach out to Parties
- Alternative set-up needed to reach more stakeholders, in particular from the private sector:
 - ✓ More parallel sessions
 - ✓ Organized for and with specific stakeholders on themes relevant for them

❖ Party feedback:

- Explore how the Convention can take up the findings of the TEM-As to capitalize on the concrete opportunities identified
- TEP-A should be a cyclical process whereby the findings from the TEP-A are taken up at the COP and specific requests are made to other bodies under the Convention
- Concrete opportunities identified should be captured in the TPs and incorporated into the SPM and featured in the high-level event



Next steps

Next steps for the AC:

- AC to consider feedback received
- AC to request its working group to initiate work on 2018 TEP-A (Adaptation planning for vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems)
- AC to take into account recommendations from the assessment of TEPs at COP 23

