

9th meeting of the Adaptation Committee

Agenda item 6 (a)

**Supporting the implementation of the Paris outcomes.
Technical examination process on adaptation (A-TEP)**

Concept note on the technical examination process on adaptation

Bonn, Germany, 1 to 3 March 2016



I: Introduction and background

COP 21, as part of the **enhanced action prior to 2020** in the decision adopting the **Paris Agreement** decided that:

- ❖ Two technical examination processes (TEPs) will take place during 2016-2020:
 - One on mitigation (M-TEP)
 - One on adaptation (A-TEP)

Objective of the A-TEP: to identify concrete opportunities for strengthening resilience, reducing vulnerabilities, and increasing the understanding and implementation of adaptation actions

- ❖ A-TEP to be organized jointly by the SBI and SBSTA, conducted by the AC and supported by the secretariat
- ❖ A-TEP to take into account the process, modalities, outputs, outcomes and lessons learned from the M-TEP
- ❖ **AC** to engage with and explore ways to take into account, synergize with and build on the existing arrangements for adaptation-related work programme, bodies and institutions under the Convention **to ensure coherence and maximum value**



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❖ Each year, the A-TEP comprises:

- **2 technical expert meetings (TEMs)**, in conjunction with the May/June SBs
- **1 technical paper (TP)** – developed with inputs from the TEMs and distilled in a user-friendly online format
- **1 summary for policymakers (SPM)** – which will also have a mitigation section with information from the M-TEP

❖ Role of the AC and other stakeholders:

- SBI and SBSTA - overall responsibility for the TEPs and their procedural arrangements
- Two high-level champions – Provide high-level strategic and overall guidance on the TEMs and SPM
- Other constituted bodies and programmes (e.g. LEG, SCF, TEC, CTCN, etc.) - to be engaged by the AC, as appropriate

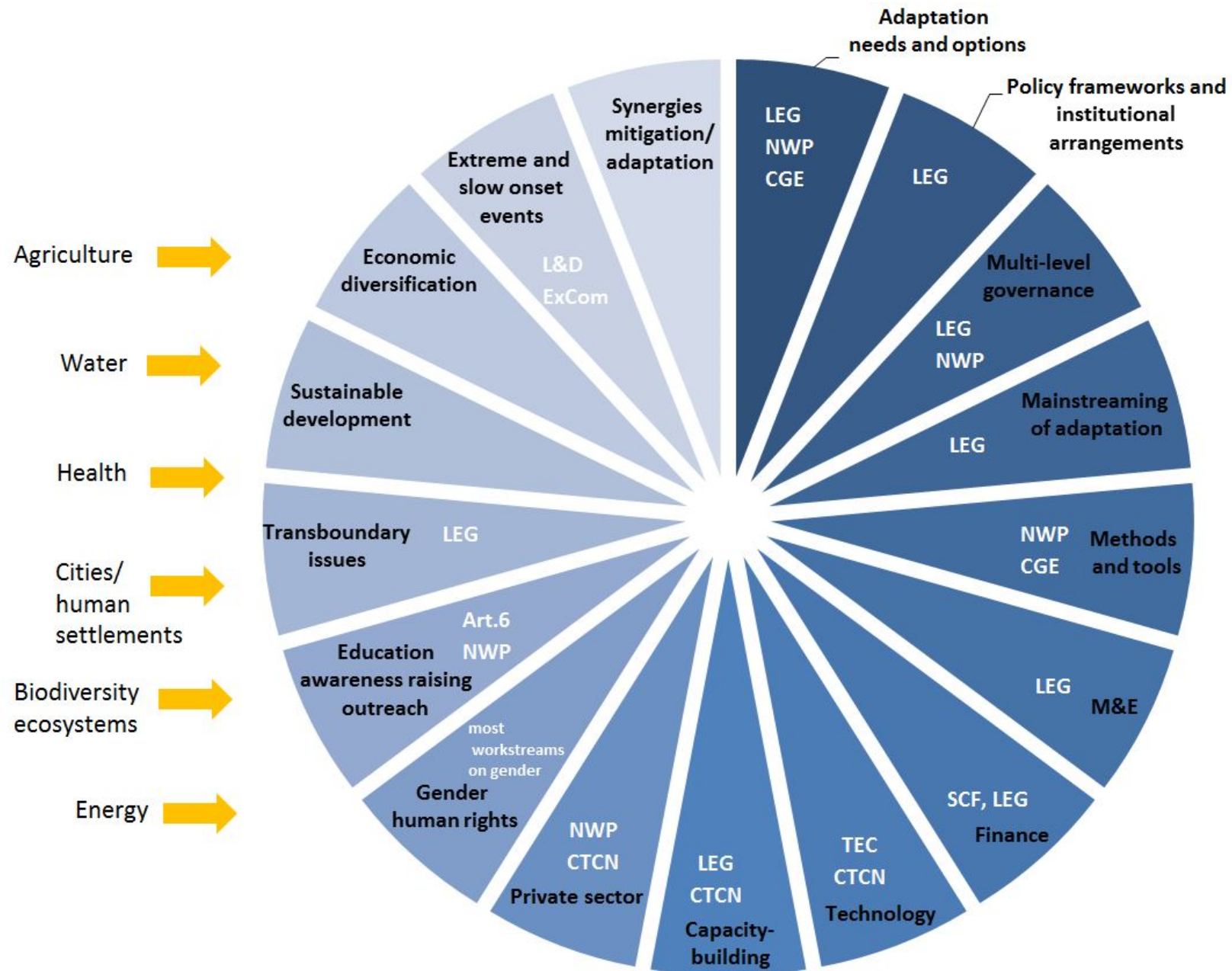


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- ❖ The COP invited Parties and observer organizations to submit information on the opportunities for strengthening resilience, reducing vulnerabilities and increasing the understanding and implementation of adaptation action, by 3 February 2016.
- ❖ By 26 February 2016, the secretariat has received submissions from four groups of Parties, from eight Parties and from seven observer organizations.
- ❖ **These submissions should be the point of departure for the AC to identify and select topics.**



II: Summary: overview of topics



II: Summary: proposed approach

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- **Selecting topics for 2016 A-TEP**
- **Establishing A-TEP Task force/working group**

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- **Defining the agenda of the 2016 A-TEMs and identifying speakers**
- **Selecting possible additional topics for A-TEP in 2017-2020**
- **Engaging with others** to further conduct the A-TEP



II: Summary: possible criteria for selecting 2016 topics

❖ For 2016, the AC may choose topics that:

- are sufficiently **broad and cross-cutting** in nature and reflected in several submissions
- could be of **interest to** a large and diverse group of **stakeholders**
- are **not covered by other workstreams** in 2016 so as to avoid duplicating existing efforts
- **multi-faceted topics** that could provide future opportunities to look into some of their specificities in more details



III: Next Steps

- ❖ The AC may wish to agree to:
 - **Select two topics for the 2016 A-TEPs**
 - **Establish an A-TEP taskforce/working group,** including identifying members and a lead
 - Request the **A-TEP taskforce to provide a progress report at AC10** to inform the AC on the next steps

