United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

10th meeting of the Adaptation Committee

Agenda item 7 (a)

Awareness-raising, outreach and sharing of information. Contribution to the 5th Asia Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum

Oral report

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I: Introduction and background

Brief update on the status of preparation for our session during this year's conference of the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN):

- ❖ At AC 9 we accepted an invitation by the Global Adaption Network to organize a session during that conference.
- ❖ The conference will take place in Colombo, Sri Lanka, from 17 to 19 October 2016.
- ❖ Theme of the conference: "Adapting and Living below 2°C: Bridging the Gaps in Policy & Practice" and it will explore platforms and concrete pathways for even greater partnerships by governments, civil society and business.
- ❖ Intersessionally, the Co-Chairs and I agreed that the AC's Paris mandate "to consider methodologies for assessing adaptation needs" would lend itself as a topic. It is the one topic that has not been discussed together with another body and it is not profiting from any submissions so far. It is also a topic to which the conference participants should be able to make useful contributions.



II: Format and outline of the session

- ❖ Duration: 1.5 hours and will take place on the last day of the conference.
- Format: Plenary-style setting, in parallel with four other sessions.
- Outline: It will be as follows:
 - ➤ Part 1: Welcome and introduction by an AC Co-Chair: Overview of adaptation-relevant provisions of the Paris Agreement and tasks for the AC.
 - ➤ Part 2: Two overview presentations by presenters (i.e. 1 developing and 1 developed country) drawn from the conference participants, on the question "Which methodologies are efficient and effective to assess adaptation needs?".
 - ➤ Party 3: A moderated discussion to receive input and share experiences on the above topic.
 - ➤ **Part 4:** Reflections by the two overview presenters, wrap-up by the facilitator and closing by the chair.



III. Organizational issues

On the **organizational side**, I have received the following information:

- ❖ While the UNFCCC secretariat is unable to provide any funding, UNEP kindly confirmed that they can support two AC members. Our Co-Chair Minpeng has informally indicated that she may be able to attend;
- ❖ As not further funding is available, speakers and a facilitator of the session would need to be identified from the list of participants in the session.
- ❖ The secretariat has received a preliminary list of registered participants and we are hoping to receive an update soon;
- ❖ The Co-Chairs and I, supported by the secretariat, will now work further focusing the guiding question and strive to identify speakers and a facilitator as soon as possible;

Furthermore, I would like to encourage other AC members from Annex I Parties to also attend the conference.



IV: Next Steps

> The AC to identify two AC members to receive funding to attend the conference.

Are any of the observers here in the room are planning to attend the conference? If so, would they be willing to contribute to our session?

