

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

Agenda item 7 (b)

**Technical support and guidance to the Parties on adaptation action. Technical paper on long-term adaptation planning**

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## I: Introduction

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- ❖ The objective of this paper is to share information about long-term adaptation planning, to assist Parties as they implement the provisions of the Paris Agreement (particularly Article 7), including as they formulate and implement national adaptation plans (NAPs). In addition, it can be used by the AC and its NAP TF, to inform upcoming discussions on long-term adaptation planning.



## II: Structure of the paper

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### ❖ **Background:**

- It contextualizes the importance of adaptation under the Paris Agreement;
- It discusses long-term adaptation planning under the UNFCCC process, elaborating on opportunities presented by the CAF and the process to formulate and implement NAPs, and pointing out certain challenges that exist,
- It conceptualizes “long-term” in the context of adaptation planning, presenting different views on the matter, and different practical applications.



## II: Structure of the paper (cont.)

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### ❖ **Related agreements and processes:**

- Brief description of relevant multilateral agreements, linking them to long-term adaptation planning, for example through the NAP-SDG iFrame.
- It includes a selection of 5 examples of adaptation planning processes with lessons that can be learned from their approach to long-term adaptation planning.

### ❖ **Technical section:**

- Topics that are related to long-term adaptation planning, including mainstreaming adaptation into long-term development planning and cycles; connecting short-, medium- and long-term adaptation planning; planning in the context of long-term risk and uncertainty; incremental versus transformational change; taking an iterative approach to planning; the importance of effective institutional arrangements and stakeholder engagement



### III: Next Steps

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- ❖ The AC may wish to
  - ❖ Consider next steps that could be taken by the NAP TF
  - ❖ Subsequently formulate possible recommendations on long-term adaptation planning

