

Introduction of agenda item 8

Best practices and needs of local and indigenous communities

Presentation by the secretariat

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I: Background and context

- The joint AC/NWP workshop took place in Bonn from 1 to 4 April 2014, with over 60 participants.
- Discussion framed by following **four questions**:
 - a) What are the best practices, trends, needs and limitations in the use of indigenous, traditional and local knowledge and practices?
 - b) How can local, indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices be collected, evaluated and disseminated for use by local, national and international adaptation practitioners?
 - c) How can local, indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices inform adaptation and how can practitioners integrate local, indigenous and traditional knowledge with scientific knowledge in adaptation planning and implementation? When is it appropriate to do so?
 - d) How can holders of local, indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices be effectively engaged in the adaptation process?
- Recommendations drawn from the official workshop report (considered and welcomed by SBSTA40 under the NWP) and the AC will be invited to consider recommendations that it wishes to follow up.



II: Summary

Discussions at the workshop concluded with the following suggestions for the AC to consider:

In relation to the work of the AC

- Providing technical support (e.g. in identifying good practices in stakeholder engagement);
- Establishing a group of experts to support the application of local, indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices in adaptation and to assess and report on the role of such knowledge and practices in adaptation;
- Preparing a joint publication on indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation in all UN languages.

In relation to the work under the NWP

- Developing an inventory of case studies for the use of such knowledge and practices for adaptation;



II: Summary

In relation to the work of the NWP (contd...)

- Engaging regional organizations including donors to create communities of practice and networks at different levels, and to share good practices and tools at key meetings and events;
- Considering the need for integrating such knowledge and practices into the NAP process in development of any relevant knowledge product.

For consideration by the COP:

- Inviting Parties to underline the importance of such knowledge and practices, in a manner commensurate with modern science, for the effective planning and implementation of adaptation, including by encouraging integration of ITK in the NAP process;
 - Encouraging the AF, the GEF, and the GCF to consider and integrate such knowledge and practices into programming for adaptation support, and into procedures for monitoring, evaluation and reporting.
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III: Next steps and key questions

The AC may wish to:

- Consider the recommendations that emerged from discussions during the workshop;
- Agree on next steps arising from the workshop, including possible activities it might wish to be undertaken under the NWP (in line with SBSTA 40 invitation);
- In doing this, consider recommendations for related work to be undertaken by other bodies under the Convention;
- Agree on recommendations to the COP, which will be included in its report to the COP, through the SBs, at its 20th session.

