

Eighth meeting of the Adaptation Committee Bonn, Germany, 9–12 September 2015

Scoping note for a technical paper on long-term adaptation planning

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC) may wish to consider the note, including the suggested approach and length; agree on a clear objective of the paper, provide any revisions to the outline; and request the secretariat to seek expert contributions in preparing the technical paper. The AC may also consider whether it wishes to see the in-depth analysis of a limited number of case studies or a less rigorous analysis of a large number of case studies.

1. Introduction

1. The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its seventh meeting, endorsed the activities and next steps planned by its Taskforce on National Adaptation Plans (NAP TF) as presented, including the preparation of a technical paper on emerging topics on long-term adaptation planning. The paper is to draw upon input from the workshop on experiences, good practices, lessons learned, gaps and needs on the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, including responses from participants to the guiding questions.
2. The paper seeks to inform the NAP process.
3. The following scoping note outlines the proposed approach to preparing the paper, a possible outline and suggested timeline.

2. Approach to preparing the technical paper

4. The paper could be prepared in a two stage approach: during stage 1 a small number of experts and secretariat would review existing information and documents to produce a first draft of the report; this draft would be reviewed in stage 2 by a larger number of experts from Parties, UN and other international organizations, regional centres and networks, and research institutions with a view to producing a revised draft for consideration by the AC.
5. Existing information and documents to be reviewed could include:
 - Relevant documentation from the AC/LEG workshop on experiences, good practices, lessons learned, gaps and needs on the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans responses, including responses from participants to the guiding questions;
 - Existing national and subnational adaptation plans and strategies, drawing on national communications; INDCs and undertakings; Nairobi work programme documents; relevant presentations made at workshops, meetings and other events; projects and programmes supported by the GEF, AF, GCF, PPCR and other multi- and bilateral donors;
 - Existing national and sectoral development plans, strategies and visions, where applicable, with adaptation components;
 - IPCC reports and other scientific literature;
 - Relevant research undertaken by the OECD, research institutions, think tanks etc.



6. The paper could include a general first part, introducing emerging topics on long-term adaptation planning and drawing parallels to long-term development planning; a second part, in which country cases (representing developed and developing countries, including LDCs and SIDS) are used to illustrate the different experiences on the various topics; and finally a third part, which draws conclusions, including on possible next steps.

7. The anticipated length would be between 30-40 pages.

3. Outline

8. It is suggested that the paper consists of the following sections:¹

I. Introduction

- Importance of adaptation vis-à-vis expected climate change impacts
- Long-term adaptation planning vs. short- and medium adaptation planning
- Incremental and transformational adaptation

II. Long-term development planning

- Overview of existing long-term development planning and goals, e.g. Sustainable Development Goals (Time horizon of 2030); Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (which as one of their principles should be based on a long-term perspective); Sustainable Development Visions etc.
- Experiences and lessons learned, including examples where adaptation has already been or is expected to be included

II. Emerging topics in long-term adaptation planning

- Existing guidance on (long-term) adaptation planning, including NAP guidelines, PROVIA guidance, principles agreed under the Cancun Adaptation Framework, PPCR guidance, and other guidance as appropriate
- From the guidance and past experience, introduction of emerging topics:
 - Time horizon and outputs of the planning process: visions and strategies vis-à-vis action plans, programmes and projects
 - Institutional arrangements for adaptation planning and strategy development
 - Alignment with national economic and sectoral development visions, strategies and plans
 - Linkages across scales (consideration of national, subnational and local levels, and indirect impacts of climate change)
 - Linkages across times (dealing with uncertainty and the availability of new information)
 - (Periodic) scientific and climate information inputs
 - Stakeholder engagement, including the private sector
 - Appraisal of adaptation options: ensuring robustness, flexibility and avoiding lock-in
 - Barriers and limits to adaptation, and opportunities for overcoming barriers and avoiding limits
 - Main deliverables and/or outputs of the planning process, including implementation plans
 - Monitoring, review and revisions to long-term adaptation planning

III. Long-term adaptation planning in different countries

- This section analyses the different country case studies (representing different regions and adaptation priorities) according to the above topics; identifies differences, commonalities and good practices; and draws topic-specific conclusions. See the Annex for a list of possible case studies

¹ The outline may be adjusted to accommodate results of the review phase.

IV. Conclusions and next steps

- Incremental and transformational adaptation against the backdrop of various development pathways and adaptation barriers and limits
- Next steps, to be possibly taken by the NAP TF, to further enhance the NAP process
- Possible recommendations for consideration by the COP and interested stakeholders

4. Suggested timeline

Milestone	Timing	Responsible
Agreement on approach and outline	AC8	AC
Preparation of first draft	March 2016	Secretariat and experts
Review of first draft by experts	June 2016	Experts
Preparation of second draft	August 2016	Secretariat and experts
Review of second draft by AC	September 2016	AC
Final draft and agreement on any next steps, including recommendations to the COP	AC10 (tbd)	AC and secretariat

Annex: Possible case studies²

	Country/region	Adaptation plan/ strategy etc.	Time horizon	Source
1	Benin	National Adaptation Plan Process	2030	INDC
2	Cambodia	National Adaptation Plan Process	2019	NAP expo 2014
3	China	National Plan on Climate Change	2030	INDC
4	Colombia	National Adaptation Plan Process	Not specified	NAP expo 2014
5	Democratic Republic of Congo	Programme national d'adaptation aux changements climatiques	2030	INDC
6	Republic of Djibouti	National Adaptation Plan	2030	INDC
7	Dominican Republic	Plan de Acción Nacional de Adaptación Procesos	2030	INDC
8	Ethiopia	Climate Resilient Green Economy Strategy (CRGE)	2030	INDC
9	EU	EU Strategy on adaptation	2020	
10	Finland	National adaptation strategy implementation	Not specified	NAP expo 2014
11	Gabon	Stratégie Nationale d'Adaptation	2025	INDC
12	Germany	Adaptation Action Plan	Not specified	NAP expo 2014
13	Himalaya	Himalayan Climate Change Adaptation Programme (HICAP)	Not specified	NAP expo 2014
14	Indonesia	National Action Plan for Climate Change Adaptation Process	2020	NAP expo 2014
15	Jamaica	National Development Plan, NAP Process	2030	NAP expo 2014
16	Kiribati	Kostrae State Strategy Development Plan/ National Adaptation Plan Process Kribati	2023	NAP expo 2015
17	Kenya	National Adaptation Plan Process	2030	INDC
18	Republic of Korea	National Adaptation Plan Process	2030	INDC
19	Lesotho	National Adaptation Plan Process	2020	NAP expo 2014
20	Madagascar	National Adaptation Plan Process	Not specified	NAP expo 2015
21	Malawi	National Adaptation Plan Process	Not specified	NAP expo 2015
22	Mali	National Strategy for Climate Changes	Not specified	NAP expo 2014
23	Marshall Island	Joint National Action Plan (JNAP) for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management National Action Plan (DRM NAP)	2025	INDC
24	Mexico	National Strategy on Climate Change and the Special Program on Climate Change	2030	INDC
25	Monaco	Plan d'action de la Principauté de Monaco	2030	INDC
26	Morocco	National Adaptation Plan Process	2030	INDC

² The cases contained in the table would be further checked to ensure that they are suitable examples for the purposes of the technical paper.

27	Mozambique	Local Adaptation Plan Process	Not specified	NAP expo 2014
28	Namibia	National Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan	2020	NAP expo 2015
29	Netherlands	National Programme for Spatial Adaptation to Climate Change/Delta programme	Next 100 years	
30	Nepal	Localizing implementation of adaptation actions (LAPA)	Not specified	NAP expo 2014
31	Niger	National Adaptation Plan Process	2035	NAP expo 2015
32	Kiribati	Kostrae State Strategy Development Plan/ National Adaptation Plan Process Kribati	2023	NAP expo 2015
33	Peru	National Adaptation Plan Process	2021	NAP expo 2014
34	Philippines	National Adaptation Plan Process	2028	NAP expo 2014
35	Singapore	National Adaptation Plan Process	2030	INDC
36	South Africa	National Adaptation Strategy, including the Long Term Adaptation Scenarios project		
37	Tanzania	National Adaptation Plan Process	Not specified	NAP expo 2013
38	Timor-Leste	National Adaptation Plan	Not specified	NAP expo 2015
39	Togo	National Adaptation Plan Process	Not specified	NAP expo 2014
40	USA	Adaptation plans of different federal agencies	Various	Undertakings
41	Zambia	Pilot Programme for Climate Resilient (PPCR)	2030	NAP expo 2014