

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

Scoping note on an in-session side event at COP 21

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its 8th meeting, will be invited to consider the scoping note on the organization of the side event

1. Background

1. The Adaptation Committee (AC), in its workplan, agreed to convene an in-session workshop/side event at COP 21 to present its recent work on means of implementation. The event will also discuss technical challenges and best practices in the experience of developing countries in accessing means to incentivize the implementation of adaptation actions, including finance, technology and capacity-building and other ways to enable climate-resilient development and reduce vulnerability.
2. At its seventh meeting the AC agreed that the side event should focus on the above and, in addition, present the 2015 overview report. It is hoped that discussions at the side event will lead to the provision of feedback on the work of the AC and additional suggestions for further activities.

2. Objectives and scope

3. The AC side event will aim to:
 - Inform on progress of the work of the AC in the area of means of implementation, particularly highlighting the considerations for further actions and recommendations contained in the report to the COP;
 - Provide a platform for further discussing means to incentivize the adaptation actions, in particular for the process to formulate and implement NAPs;
 - Present relevant activities that the AC intends to undertake as part of its work plan for 2016;
 - Launch the latest two publications of the AC:
 - The 2015 overview report of the work of the AC
 - An overview of support for developing countries, including for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans (NAPs).

3. Date and time

4. The side event will take place on Tuesday 1 December 2015 from 13:15-14:45. The venue will be communicated closer to the date.

4. Format

Overview of the flow of the event

5. The side event could be structured in three parts. The first part could consist of a framing presentation by the Co-Chairs of the AC or a nominated member, followed by a short Q&A session.
6. The Co-Chairs' presentation could cover the following points:
 - Rationale and overview of the AC work on means of implementation
 - Presentation of the 2015 Overview report on the work of the AC
 - Key messages of the report



- Presentation of the publication on overview of support for developing countries for the process to formulate and implement NAPs
 - Objective and scope of the publication
- Presentation of additional activities of the AC and recommendations to the COP/SBs

7. The second part of the event could be a panel discussion in which representatives of the GCF and the GEF, as well as three representatives of countries who have had experiences in accessing either of these funds for their NAP process would be invited to discuss technical challenges and best practices in accessing funding. The panel discussion could be moderated by a member of the AC.

8. In their intervention, the representatives of the GCF and the GEF could address the following question:

- What are the initial lessons and best practices your Fund can draw from providing funding to countries for the process to formulate and implement NAPs?

9. And, country representatives could address the following questions:

- Have you encountered any technical challenges in accessing the GCF/GEF for the process to formulate and implement NAPs? If, yes, what were there and how did you overcome them?
- What lessons have you learned from your experience in accessing the GCF/GEF?

10. The final part could be a broader discussion engaging all participants. It could also be an opportunity to seek views of Parties and observers on the performance of the AC, in particular its work on means of implementation, as well as future outreach products that the AC could prepare.

Preliminary time allocation

- Part 1. Framing presentation and Q&A: 20 minutes (10 minutes presentation and 10 minutes Q&A)
- Part 2. Panel discussion: 50 minutes (5 minutes intervention by each panelist) and 25 minutes Q&A)
- Part 3. Broad discussion with all participants: 20 minutes

5. Target participants

11. The target participants include: Parties; representatives of institutions/agencies that support countries in their adaptation efforts, including NAP-GSP, UN organizations, bilateral development partners, and regional centres and networks; members of constituted bodies under the Convention, in particular members of the LEG, the SCF and the TEC; adaptation practitioners and experts; and representatives of observer organizations.

6. Support materials/outreach products

12. Copies of the two publications being launched at the side event would be made available in the room.