

Sixth meeting of the Adaptation Committee Bonn, Germany, 29 September to 1 October 2014

Current engagement with, and proposals for future collaboration by, organizations outside the Convention

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its 6th meeting, may wish to draw on the information contained in this document to assess the current level of engagement of organizations and agree on next steps to effectively advance the engagement of organizations in its work. It may further wish to refer to the table contained in the annex of this document when carrying out its future work.

Background and scope of the note

1. By decision 2/CP.17, the COP requested the AC to engage with, and draw on the expertise of, relevant institutions, organizations, frameworks, networks and centres outside of the Convention, including those at the intergovernmental, regional, national and, through them, subnational levels, where appropriate. The COP further agreed that the AC should seek input from intergovernmental, international, regional, national and subnational organizations, centres and networks, the private sector and civil society, in undertaking its work, and to invite advisers drawn from them to participate in its meetings as expert advisers on specific issues as they arise.
2. With the AC now passing the two year mark of operationalization, the Co-Chairs requested the secretariat to prepare a short overview of how the AC has so far engaged national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks in its work. This overview is contained in section A. of this document. The Co-Chairs further requested the secretariat to list suggestions the AC it has received from organizations on future collaboration. This list is contained in section B.

A. Current engagement with organizations outside the Convention

3. Decision 2/CP. 17 is explicit in the modalities that the AC should make use of in exercising its functions. They comprise workshops and meetings; expert groups; compilation, review, synthesis, analysis reports of information, knowledge, experience and good practice; channels for sharing information, knowledge and expertise; and coordination and linkages with all relevant bodies, programmes, institutions and networks, within and outside the Convention.
4. The AC has made use of all the above modalities. Below is a table mapping the modalities against actions carried out by the AC in the context of collaborating with relevant institutions, organizations, frameworks, networks and centres outside of the Convention.¹

Specific activity	Output
1. Workshops and meetings	
Workshop on monitoring and assessment of adaptation	Workshop report
Workshop on best practices and needs of local and indigenous communities (collaborating with NWP)	Recommendations to AC
Workshop on adaptation technologies (collaborating with TEC)	

¹ The modality "Coordination and linkages with all relevant bodies, programmes, institutions and networks, within and outside the Convention" is not listed as a separate item as it is overarching the listed ones.



Specific activity	Output
First to sixth regular meeting of the AC	Internal reports Agreements on unfccc.int Annual reports to the COP, including recommendations to COP
2. Expert groups	
AC Task Force on National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)	Work plan Summary of main agreements Recommendations to the AC
3. Compilation, review, synthesis, analysis reports	
Synthesis of submissions from organizations for AC5	Synthesis report
2014 thematic report	Thematic report
4. Channels for sharing information, knowledge and expertise	
Adaptation Forum	Movie production
SB40 in-session event	Workshop report with recommendations to AC
AC meeting with IPCC	Workshop report with recommendations to AC
SCF forum on adaptation finance	Forum report

5. The above activities involved non-governmental, inter-governmental and international organizations, centres and networks, working on the national, regional and international levels.

B. Proposals for future collaboration by organizations outside the Convention

6. In late 2013 the AC launched a call for submissions from national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks. The call was re-launched in early 2014 and contained a questionnaire that facilitated focused and comparable inputs from organizations. Two of the questions contained in the questionnaire were whether and how organizations would like to be further involved with the work of the Committee.

7. The overwhelming majority of organizations who replied to the questionnaire declared their interest in further collaboration (51 out of 53), and many provided concrete input on where they saw entry points for collaboration. Suggested engagement activities included:

- Exchange of information between organizations and the AC to support collection and compilation of relevant information for national adaptation planning, and identification of good practices for integrating adaptation into national development policies, processes and actions;
- Joint initiatives, participation in platforms and fora, sharing relevant information and practices, engagement of organizations with the Adaptation Forum;
- Specific assistance as requested by the AC.

8. A detailed synthesis of responses was considered at AC5 and is contained in document AC/2014/7. The document also contained an overview table of these responses, allocated to relevant activities on the work plan. This table has been slightly revised with a proposal received from the Global Water Partnership and is contained in the annex.

9. In addition, AC has received a proposal from the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (CCD) not directly related to concrete activities on the AC's work plan. The proposal aims at developing a common information indicator on land based adaptation for reporting under the UNFCCC National Communications based on existing datasets.

Next steps

The AC will be invited to

1. Draw on the information contained in this document to assess the current level of engagement of organizations and agree on next steps to effectively advance the engagement of organizations in its work.
2. Refer to the table contained in the annex of this document when carrying out its future work.

Annex: Suggested involvement by organizations in the work of the Adaptation Committee

	AC Activity	Timing	Proposed engagement / contribution
1	Map mandates, workplans and/or decisions with adaptation relevance to identify areas of duplication as well as synergies	Q1 2014/ 2015	UNEP: As the host organization of the CTCN, contributing information to the mapping and the information paper
2	Compare and analyse maps in order to identify concrete activities to reduce duplication, address gaps and promote synergies	Q1 2014/ 2015	UNEP: Supporting the Adaptation Committee to identify synergies and opportunities for cooperation between the CTCN and other adaptation-related UNFCCC bodies and workstreams
3	Implement activities to reduce duplication, address gaps and strengthen synergies	Q1 2014 – Q4 2015	<p>UNECE-Water: Joining activities between UNFCCC and the UNECE Water Convention, where appropriate and feasible, to increase synergies and avoid duplication of work</p> <p>UNEP: Ensuring that linkages and synergies between CTCN activities and other adaptation-related UNFCCC workstreams are maximized. Collaborating on the organization of the workshop, background documentation for it, and/or workshop facilitation</p> <p>WB: Share knowledge on climate and disaster risk screening tools; good practices in various regions and countries</p>
4	Convene a workshop facilitating the means of implementation to discuss how to further promote the implementation of enhanced action in a coherent manner under the Convention	Q1 2015	<p>CCCCC: Collaborate with the Committee on activities within the Caribbean.</p> <p>UNEP: Collaborating on the preparation or organization of the workshop, and participating and contributing relevant information to the scoping paper and the workshop deliberations</p>
6	Compile a list of regional centres and networks working on adaptation, with a view to strengthening their role in supporting country-driven adaptation actions	Q1 2014	UNEP: Contributing to the list with updated information on UNEP-facilitated regional centres and networks working on adaptation (GAN, APAN, AAKNet, REGATTA, WARN-CC, CTCN, etc), as well as facilitating inputs from partner centres and networks, e.g. relevant university networks
7	Consider the development of a strategy to address gaps and opportunities identified	Q1 2014	UNEP: On the technical assistance for vulnerability and adaptation assessments: Sharing learning from UNEP projects, e.g. the UNEP LDCF /SCCF/AF portfolio supporting NAPA implementation and NAP process; Mountain Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) project in Nepal, Peru, Uganda; PROVIA Guidance on Assessing Vulnerability, Impacts and Adaptation to Climate Change; and possibly the methodology of the Adaptation Gap Report
8	Consider establishing an expert group to address gaps and opportunities identified above	Q1 2014	UNEP: Contributing to the work of the possible expert group
10	NAP Task force	Q4 2013	Supporting the work of the task force (AGWA, GEF, IFAD, IOM, OSS, UNEP)
12	Consider progress made in collaborating with the LEG on NAP	Q1 2014	UNEP: Ensuring that UNEP's work and experiences supporting countries to advance NAPs is captured in NAP Central, and linking NAP Central with relevant UNEP-managed online knowledge

	Central		platforms (GAN, Regional Networks, CTCN knowledge management system...)
13	Collect and compile, as appropriate in an information paper, relevant information on national adaptation planning, and identify good practices for integrating adaptation into national development policies, processes and actions	Q3 2014	<p>All organizations replying to the current call who identified best practices could be involved.</p> <p>UNEP: Contributing relevant information and experiences on supporting national adaptation planning and good practices for integrating adaptation, drawing on the lessons learned from e.g. NAPA development and implementation support, the NAP Global Support Programme, UNEP's EbA portfolio, and the adaptation mainstreaming work of the Poverty-Environment Initiative</p> <p>ILRI: Providing evidence for the compilation of the technical paper on adaptation and also contribute to the scoping paper for the workshop</p> <p>IDB: Share best practices and tools</p> <p>OECD: Adaptation and development co-operation policy analysis to support in-country adaptation policy and planning and good practice in development co-operation and finance for adaptation.</p>
14	Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation	2013	GEF, GWP, OSS,
15	Convene an in-session meeting to gather up-to-date information on adaptation, including the limits of adaptation, in collaboration with IPCC WGII during the 40 th sessions of the subsidiary bodies	Q2 2014	<p>UNECE: Integrate work with IPCC</p> <p>UNEP: Providing inputs to the background documentation and contributing to the meeting discussions, including with emerging information from the Adaptation Gap Report process</p> <p>GWP: Prepare periodic (Annual) overview reports synthesizing information and knowledge relating to, inter alia, the implementation of adaptation actions and good adaptation practices, observed trends, lessons learned, gaps and needs, including in the provision of support, and areas requiring further attention, for consideration by the COP, drawing on information from Parties and from other relevant reports and documents, including those of other bodies under the Convention</p>
16	Establish an ad hoc group, in collaboration with relevant organizations and experts, to propose modalities to facilitate technical backstopping for projects for Parties upon request, for consideration by the Adaptation Committee	Q1 2014	<p>ICRAF</p> <p>UNEP: Providing UNEP's expertise on e.g. adaptation planning, vulnerability assessments, ecosystem-based approaches for adaptation, economics of adaptation, access to adaptation finance, etc., depending on the eventual modalities, tasks and format for the technical backstopping decided upon, and the gaps and opportunities identified</p>
17	Consider work resulting from the outcomes of the work programme on loss and damage	Q1 2014	ICRAF
18	Convene an expert meeting on promoting livelihood and economic diversification to build resilience in the context of planning, prioritizing and implementing adaptation	Q3 2015	<p>AGWA: Participation in scoping paper and meeting</p> <p>GEF, GWP, ICRAF</p> <p>UNEP: Providing inputs to the scoping paper and expert meeting</p>

	actions		deliberations building on UNEP's experience of supporting adaptation actions involving promoting alternative livelihood options by using biodiversity and ecosystem services (e.g. from the Mountain EbA project)
21	2014 Thematic Report and 2015 Overview Report	Q2-Q4 2014 and Q2-Q4 2015	<p>IFAD, UNESCWA, WB</p> <p>AGWA: Prepare periodic (Annual) overview reports synthesizing information and knowledge relating to, inter alia, the implementation of adaptation actions and good adaptation practices, observed trends, lessons learned, gaps and needs, including in the provision of support, and areas requiring further attention, for consideration by the COP, drawing on information from Parties and from other relevant reports and documents, including those of other bodies under the Convention</p> <p>ICRAF: including CSIRO provision of suitability analysis with crops</p> <p>ILRI: Provide information and recommendations, drawing from good adaptation practices, as appropriate and as needed, for consideration by the COP when providing guidance on 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 with a focus on agriculture and food security.</p> <p>UNEP: Contributing to the 2014 periodic overview report, drawing on e.g. the results of the Adaptation Gap Report, experiences from supporting NAPA implementation and advancing the NAP process in LDCs and non-LDCs, etc.</p>
22	Develop and implement a communication, information and outreach strategy	2013	IFRC, UNEP
23	GENERAL ENGAGEMENT Including in Studies / reports / Workshops /AF / working groups		AGWA, CCCCC, GEF, GWP, ICRAF, IFAD, ILRI, IDB, OSS, SPREP, UNECE-Water, UNEP, UNESCWA, UNU, WB, WTO
24	FURTHER SPECIFIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES As suggested by organizations		<p>ASARECA: Strengthening agricultural research</p> <p>ICRAF: Potential workshop on developing new hybrid forms of climate change adaptation combining local and non-local/scientific knowledge in Asian Highlands for coping with too much and too little water in the mountain cultural communities</p> <p>IOM: Trainings and Training Manual on migration and climate change</p> <p>IDB: Joint activities with other partners</p> <p>OSS: Capacity building</p> <p>UNU: In AC reporting, a section on questions that Parties would like to see addressed to inform their work / or the work of the AC on adaptation. As technical organizations, that would help UNU and MCII then take those questions, research them / consult with our expert networks, and then respond to the AC with the knowledge we</p>

			<p>gathered.</p> <p>UNCCD: Develop a common information indicator on land based adaptation for reporting under the UNFCCC National Communications based on existing datasets</p> <p>Global Water Partnership: Support the AC and the LEG by contributing case studies as mandated by SBSTA 40. Offer to lead publication on water.</p> <p>International Institute for Environment and Development: Collaboration on the 9th annual International Conference on Community-Based Adaptation (CBA9), Nairobi, Kenya from 23–30 April, 2015</p>
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