

# An update from LEG 30 on the discussions of the mandates related to the Paris Agreement to the Adaptation Committee and the LEG

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## Issues discussed at LEG 30 in relation to the mandates

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1. Discussion paper as input to the LEG and the AC meetings prepared by the secretariat
2. General discussions on each of the three mandates
3. Side event on the mandates at COP 22
4. Possible next steps



## Update paper by the secretariat

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- Suggest change title of the document to “*an input to the discussions by the AC and the LEG meetings on mandates relating to the Paris Agreement*” to better reflect the status of the document
  - ***To be done and update the online version***
- Detailed comments from each of the groups can be used to guide the next paper, which should now be the a AC and LEG reflection.
- The **AC-LEG paper** to:
  - a) Be structured according to modalities and methodologies;
  - b) Elaborate potential modalities and methodologies, pros and cons;
  - c) Serve as a basis for discussions and update to Parties at COP 22 to seek feedback before the a final submission to CMA;
  - d) Include concrete proposals on the modalities and methodologies to be submitted to CMA, and may include multiple options for each mandate. The proposals may build on existing, or their adjustment, or new ideas can be developed as necessary).



## 1 Modalities to recognize the adaptation efforts of developing countries as referred to in Article 7, paragraph 3 of the Paris Agreement

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**Purpose** of recognition, in the context of the global stocktake as defined in Article 7 para14 could be to:

- Provide countries with “endorsement” of adaptation efforts;
- Raise the profile of adaptation within the Convention.

In directly responding to the mandate, an initial set of **modalities** includes, inter alia:

- Mention of country efforts in SB or COP outcomes based on appropriate reports compiling and synthesizing information from the Parties;
- A Multilateral Assessment-like process;
- Side events;
- Special events such as the Adaptation Forum and the NAP Expo





## Modalities to recognize the adaptation efforts of developing countries as referred to in Article 7, paragraph 3 of the Paris Agreement

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### **Some observations on recognition:**

- Should build on current reporting mechanisms to the extent possible;
- Information should be submitted by Parties, and not gathered by a third party;
- Countries decide what they want to report as progress for recognition;
- Information should be used only for recognition - making it applicable to other things is going beyond the mandate.

Mandate is about **modalities to recognize adaptation efforts**, not on how to definite adaptation efforts or how to report on them.

***Presenting 3 or 4 options for modalities for recognition, with strengths and weaknesses of each would be helpful for the COP 22 side event to get feedback from Parties.***



## 2 Methodologies on taking the necessary steps to facilitate the mobilization of support for adaptation in developing countries in the context of the limit to global average temperature increase referred to in Article 2 of the Agreement

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- Considerations (a) and (c) laid out in para 14 of the paper seem reasonable
  - (a) Are there methodologies presented in the paper that are sufficiently well developed that could be considered for a short list, and if not, are there additional methodologies that could be identified or further developed?*
  - (c) How could existing methodologies be adjusted to reflect the temperature goal and if not how could new ones be developed and by whom?*
- Consideration (b) should be “**How does the global average temperature limit influence methodologies to mobilize support**”
- Suggestion to have next paper give clear options of methodologies for consideration by the groups to use during public events at COP 22

*Further discussion should involve the SCF to fully explore options for methodologies*

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## Methodologies on reviewing adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support referred to in Article 7, paragraph 14(c), of the Paris Agreement

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### General aspects

- There are two issues (adequacy and effectiveness) to be applied to the two components: adaptation and support
- Relevance, efficiency and effectiveness would help in assessing **adequacy**;
- Adequacy of support is linked to the USD 100 billion financial goal;
- The mandate may require breaking down adaptation into specific components or issues. This can be done by major sectors or themes of development, or by climate risks and hazards.

### Possible **methodologies**

- International analysis of adaptation and support
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### **Expectations**

- The groups to be very clear on what the Parties are expecting from the groups in answering the mandates and to focus on those (modalities and methodologies) rather than raising many other interesting questions that are not directly relevant
- The groups should also be clear about what inputs/feedback would be useful from the Parties during the interactions at COP 22





## Possible next steps

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### **Substance**

- General understanding that both the modalities and the methodologies are linked to or meant to serve the global stocktake;
- Need to remain focused on what is expected from the groups (the modalities and the methodologies), and not to go too diverse into details;
- Need to come up with the proposals of the methodologies and modalities early to the extent possible (ideally by COP 22) so we can start to get feedback from Parties;
- Focus on technical options for now, and leave political issues to later, or rather to the Parties.



### **Workplan / way forward**

- Consider delegating the work to a smaller group to expedite progress (the LEG proposes 4 members from each body);
- Consider holding a physical meeting before or during COP 22 to further review options on the modalities and methodologies, to finalize inputs to the side event on the Thursday of the first week.



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