

Fifth meeting of the Adaptation Committee Bonn, Germany, 5–7 March 2014

Draft plan of action of the task force on National Adaptation Plans

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The AC, at its 5th meeting, will be invited to:

- Consider the activities, including the related milestones, deliverables, time frames, responsibilities and resource requirements as presented in the document;
- Further refine and prioritize these activities;
- Consider input from TF members who have not been part of the work yet;
- Agree on a draft plan of action to be presented and approved during the first meeting of the NAP task force.

Introduction

At its 4th meeting, the AC established, in accordance with its rules of procedure, a task force on NAPs to further support developing countries seeking to formulate and implement NAPs. The terms of reference of this task force were annexed to the report of the AC to COP 19, which the COP noted with appreciation.¹

The AC requested the task force to develop, with the support of the secretariat, a draft plan of action, taking into account the activities in the AC's workplan and the modalities and activities identified through the AC's work in 2013. The task force will present its draft plan of action at the 5th meeting of the AC for review and approval.

Objectives

As per the report presented to the COP, the objectives of the task force on national adaptation plans are as follows:

- (a) To serve as the panel within the AC that continuously looks at issues related to NAPs;
- (b) To liaise with LEG, upon request, in support of its work with regard to NAPs in the LDCs, ensuring consistence and complementarity of mandates;
- (c) To identify opportunities in which activities can also be employed by non-LDCs;
- (d) To follow up on the operationalization of modalities identified for the support of non-LDCs' NAPs under the guidance of the Chair and the VC of the AC;
- (e) To report to the AC at each of its meetings on issues identified and proposed activities to support the NAP process for all eligible/interested developing countries.

Previous work of the AC on NAPs

During 2013, the AC carried out a review of initial NAP guidelines and collaboration with the LEG. The result of that work, including on the revision of the applicability of the NAPs technical guidelines to non-LDCs, can be found in documents AC/2013/15 and AC/2013/26.

Work of the LEG on NAPs and role of the AC

The LEG has focused on the technical support of the national adaptation plans process in least developing countries. The AC will continue to provide, per request and as per objective, input and

¹ Decision 16/CP.19 – Work of the Adaptation Committee, paragraph 1(d).

support to the LEG as it further develops NAP Central; support to the LEG to further develop methodologies for capturing and sharing best practices and lessons learned in addressing adaptation, under NAPAs, NAPs; as well as support to the LEG upon request when developing the training materials for the NAP process and the LDC work programme; regularly identify and map issues related to supporting the NAP process in all eligible developing countries and report on the mapping to every meeting of the AC; and collaborate with the LEG when and where possible.

Input from other members of the TF

There are several members of the TF not from the AC who have not engaged in the work of the AC yet (including the development of this document). Therefore, this document may need to be revised, inter alia, to include their inputs.

Draft plan of action of the task force on NAPs

The draft plan of action is contained in the annex to this document. It is structured around:

- Coherence issues related to NAPs and identifying key strategic areas;
- Technical issues related to NAPs;
- Support issues related to NAPs (finance, technology and capacity-building);
- Information sharing and outreach issues related to NAPs

Annex

Draft plan of action for the task force on NAPs

Activity	Milestone & Deliverable	Timeframe	Responsible	Resource requirement
Coherence issues related to NAPs and identifying key strategic areas				
Regularly identify and map issues related to supporting the NAPs process in all eligible developing countries and report at every meeting of the AC	Propose actions and identify synergies	Ongoing	Secretariat and TF	Low
Engage specialized groups working on adaptation (e.g., GEF STAP, PROVIA, UN NAP-GSP, and UNU) in order to assess efforts and identify areas of collaboration	Assessment of current support, including on technical issues relevant to long-term planning - Identify with each group issue of possible collaboration and added value for TF - Develop a document synthesizing efforts for internal use and decide on appropriate follow-up, priorities, and strategic collaboration	Q2 2014	TF	Low (engagement mostly via conference calls and emails)
Utilize the special event to be organized by the AC at SB40 to engage with Parties in identifying strategic needs where the AC could be of support	Participate in the AC special event during SB40 to communicate to Parties ongoing efforts of the taskforce and obtain further guidance, if appropriate, including to identify the technical needs and technical support of non-LDCs in developing the NAPs	Q2 2014	TF	Low (builds on planned AC activity)
Organize in the margins of AC7 a 2-day meeting between TF members, UN agencies, and specialized groups to identify strategic efforts to address gaps and needs related to NAPs for both LDCs and non-LDCs	Prepare background document, identify key actions to help foster vision for long term adaptation and where the TC could provide a leadership role	Q3 2014	Secretariat and TF	Medium
Develop recommendations for consideration by the AC for inclusion in its annual report to the COP on ways to further enhance the NAP process, including any necessary updates to this workplan	Document developed by TF with recommendations	Q4 2014	TF	Low

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Technical issues related to NAPs				
Facilitate the translation of the NAP guidelines into all UN languages	Develop knowledge products in all UN languages	Q1 2015	Secretariat	Medium
Provide support to the LEG, in response to their request, on regional training workshops on NAPs	Support to the LEG, as requested	Q3 2014	TF	Low
Carry out technical regional training workshops on NAPs for non-LDCs in Africa, Asia-Pacific, GRULAC, Eastern Europe, potentially in collaboration with regional UN agencies.	Follow up on the operationalization of modalities identified for the support of non-LDCs' NAPs, including the applicability of the technical guidelines for non-LDCs.	Q4, 2014-Q1, 2015	TF and Secretariat	High
Collaborate with the LEG in their ongoing work on M&E of NAPAs, NAPs, and the LDC work programme, building on the report and outcome of the M&E workshop (Fiji)	Technical input on M&E	Ongoing	TF	Low
Identify good practices in and lessons learned from national adaptation planning for input to the overview report	Gather information from NWP, LEG, specialized groups, etc	Q1 2015	AC	Low
Prepare a technical paper on long-term adaptation and its relevance to national adaptation planning processes.	Input into national development planning process and development of knowledge products	Q2 2015	Secretariat and TF	Medium
Support issues related to NAPs (finance, technology and capacity-building)				
Dialogue with the GEF, AFB and LEG at AC5 on NAP support	Ensure discussion and identification of information relevant to NAPs for LDCs and non-LDCs	Q1 2014	AC	Low
Collect and synthesize information on current support for adaptation in developing countries, including on national adaptation plans and planning, to be presented at AC5 by regional institutions and United Nations agencies	Identify common key issues on support for NAPs planning from the information paper to be presented at AC5 and make recommendations to the AC	Q1 2014	AC	Low

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Review submissions from developed country Parties and bilateral, regional and other multilateral channels on current experience, including criteria, priorities and other relevant information, and on means to incentivize the implementation of adaptation actions	Ensure inclusion of NAPs related elements in the template to be agreed at AC5	Q3 2014	TF	Low
Provide NAPs-specific input at the AC workshop on means of implementation in 2015	Identify means to support the needs of LDCs and non-LDC developing country Parties for NAPs, including through regular dialogue and exchange of information with relevant Convention bodies such as the SCF, TEC, and the GCF.	Q2 2015	TF	Low
Develop recommendations for establishing or enhancing support programmes for the NAP process within their mandates, as appropriate, which could facilitate the provision of financial and technical support for LDCs and developing country Parties that are not LDCs.	Review, synthesize, and analyze submissions from UN organizations, specialized agencies and other relevant organizations, as well as bilateral and multilateral agencies, on their response to the invitation by the Secretariat	Q3 2014	TF	Low
Extract relevant recommendations from the TEC-AC workshop on technologies for adaptation for the draft plan of action of the NAPs Task Force	Identify specific items for recommendation to the LEG and AC on technology issues related to NAPs	Q1 2014	TF	Low
Provide recommendations to the Adaptation Committee based on input received from UN agencies and regional institutions and other relevant information on how to further enhance the NAP process for LDCs and on a possible NAP process for non-LDCs for COP20	Identification of strategic actions and follow into 2015	Q4 2014	TF	Low
Review GCF current result areas for adaptation and provide recommendations to ensure coherence between adaptation processes under the Convention, in particular NAPs	Review result framework and provide analysis and recommendation to foster coherence with NAPs technical guidelines	Q3 2014	TF	

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Information sharing and outreach issues related to NAPs				
Input into the development and maintenance of the NAP central, including a non-LDC interface	Facilitate access to information for both LDCs and non-LDCs	Ongoing	TF	Low
As requested by the LEG, assist with outreach on the NAP technical guidelines to other developing countries that are not LDCs	Further disseminate case studies on LDCs on their national processes compiled by the LEG	Q3 2014	TF	Medium
Participate in relevant meetings to promote work completed by the NAPs Task Force	Relevant meetings include: AC6; TEC 8, 9 and 10; LEG 25; SCF6; GCF6; NAP-GSP regional training workshops; NAP Expo (will this happen in 2014?); PROVIA Adaptation Conference.	Ongoing	TF	Medium
Develop relevant input for the 2015 overview report on the implementation of the CAF, including NAPs	Development of recommendations, lessons learned and other relevant information	Q2 2015	TF	Low