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Dear Mr. Watkinson,

The Adaptation Committee (AC) held its 15<sup>th</sup> meeting on 19-21 March, and we are pleased to update you on the outcomes of the its considerations to address the mandate that the SBSTA entrusted the AC with at SBSTA 48.1 last year.

Paragraph 19 of document FCCC/SBSTA/2018/4 invited the AC to facilitate collaboration through modalities in accordance with decision 2/CP.17 to provide advice on the delivery of NWP mandates that relate to the work programmes of constituted bodies, and on opportunities to align efforts with relevant bodies, workstreams and institutional arrangements. The mandate provides further elements that this should include. For ease of reference, we present these elements in a tabular format below, along with the corresponding advice as agreed by the AC.

<b>SBSTA mandate</b>	<b>Advice agreed by the AC</b>
Exploring opportunities for engaging the NWP and its partner organizations in activities such as the technical examination process on adaptation (TEP-A) and the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action.	NWP partners are encouraged to contribute, including through a call in the NWP's eUpdate <sup>1</sup> that will be issued before the session, and will be invited to engage in the final TEP-A in 2020.
Providing recommendations on enhancing the NWP as the knowledge-for-action hub for adaptation and resilience serving relevant bodies and institutional arrangements under the Convention, as appropriate and as requested.	The AC invites the NWP, through a letter from the SBSTA Chair, to share the recent findings of the work and mandate of the NWP with relevant constituted bodies, in particular the Consultative Group of Experts, the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage, the Technology Executive Committee, the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform; as well as to inform the work area on research and systematic observation under the UNFCCC.
Providing recommendations on enhancing the NWP as the intermediary between the Parties and experts to help the Parties to better define	The AC will invite regular updates by the NWP on progress made during the next phase of the Lima Adaptation Knowledge initiative (LAKI), <sup>2</sup> including

<sup>1</sup> <https://unfccc.int/topics/resilience/resources/adaptation-newsletters>



their knowledge needs and to help experts to better respond to those needs within the framework of the Convention.	an overview of recent findings, to inform its work. The AC agreed to further feed concrete knowledge gaps identified through its work to the NWP, as needed, with a view to addressing these and reporting back to the AC on relevant findings.
Building on the adaptation knowledge portal, mapping and regularly tracking the activities of NWP partner organizations related to themes and activities under the NWP, and the activities of organizations engaged in the technical examination process on adaptation and the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action with a view to suggesting ways to enhance coherence and avoid duplication of efforts undertaken.	As a basis for developing further advice on this matter, the AC will welcome, at its 16 <sup>th</sup> meeting taking place from 9-12 September 2019, an overview of the information contained in the adaptation knowledge portal and an overview of engagement of partners in the work of the NWP as well as information on how work of NWP partner organizations can be mapped or tracked.
Enhancing coherence between the adaptation work under the NWP and the goals and objectives of other global frameworks such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030.	
Identifying the themes of the 13 <sup>th</sup> and subsequent NWP Focal Point Forums.	The AC agreed on the following themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 13<sup>th</sup> NWP Focal Point Forum (2019): “Oceans”</li><li>• 14<sup>th</sup> NWP Focal Point Forum (2020): “The link between climate change adaptation and biodiversity”</li></ul>

Building on ongoing collaboration and recent mandates by the SBSTA, the AC also looks forward to contributions of NWP partner organizations to work mandated to the AC by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA);<sup>3</sup> and adaptation knowledge-related activities in the AC’s flexible 3-year workplan,<sup>4</sup> as appropriate.

Lastly, the AC agreed on the following modalities for the provision of advice to the NWP:

- a) Before the first regular meeting of the AC every year, the Co-Chairs of the AC will prepare draft advice for the NWP, based on the AC’s current and upcoming work;
- b) The AC, during its first regular meeting each year, will agree on advice;
- c) After the meeting, the Co-Chairs of the AC will send a letter to the Chair of the SBSTA to communicate the outcomes of the AC’s considerations;
- d) The secretariat will undertake relevant activities in accordance with the advice, under the guidance of the SBSTA Chair, and include information on the progress in the NWP’s annual report to the SBSTA;

<sup>3</sup> See document AC/2019/2 “Relevant adaptation-related outcomes from the 2018 Climate Change conference held in Katowice, Poland) <https://unfccc.int/node/193710>

<sup>4</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/process/bodies/constituted-bodies/adaptation-committee-ac/workplan>



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- e) The AC will report progress in the provision of advice in its annual report to the COP.

In addition, a secretariat representative supporting the NWP or a representative of an NWP partner organization can be invited to report during AC meetings, as appropriate, on knowledge and information support provided to support the work of the AC, as well as on most recent findings resulting from work undertaken under the LAKI. The AC will take this information into account when elaborating further advice to the NWP. Such an arrangement will ensure a transparent flow of information feedback to the work of the NWP and its partners and continuity of work.

We trust that you find this advice useful and look forward to the continuing supply of technical knowledge from NWP partner organizations to the AC and other constituted bodies under the UNFCCC.

Sincerely,

*(signed by)*

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