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Advice to the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change (NWP)

Dear Mr. Mpanu Mpanu,

The Adaptation Committee (AC) held its 19th meeting from 16-19 March 2021 and considered further advice to the NWP as mandated by the SBSTA. We are pleased to update you on the outcome of these considerations.

To provide you with some background, you may recall that in response to an invitation from SBSTA 48.1,¹ the AC has previously provided 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. This was then communicated to the Chair of the SBSTA and included in the NWP's annual reports of 2019 and 2020.²

In addition to the advice mentioned above, the AC invited regular updates during AC meetings, as appropriate, on knowledge and information support provided by NWP partners to support the work of the AC, as well as on the most recent findings resulting from activities undertaken under the Lima Adaptation Knowledge Initiative (LAKI).

Following this mandate and practice, the AC, at its 19th meeting, agreed to communicate the following further advice to you:

- a) The AC appreciates the knowledge support provided by NWP partners to the AC, in line with the AC's previous advice. The AC invites the NWP to continue providing this support and looks forward to future reports on progress made. The AC recognizes the NWP partner network not only as a means of disseminating information and outcomes from work of the AC, but to also seek feedback and consider input to inform that work;
- b) The AC welcomes the links established between the NWP network and other adaptation-related constituted bodies and takes note of identified areas for knowledge support to those bodies (see annex). The AC invites the secretariat to regularly review the workplans of these constituted bodies with a view to identifying areas where further knowledge support could be provided, and to formally convey to the presiding officers of other constituted bodies the availability of NWP partner organizations to support targeted activities on the respective workplans, as well as to disseminate information produced by these bodies to the network of

¹ [FCCC/SBSTA/2018/4](#), para. 19.

² [FCCC/SBSTA/2019/INF.1](#) and [FCCC/SBSTA/2020/INF.1](#).



NWP partners. The AC also welcomes the links established between the NWP and the Lima work programme on gender and invites the NWP and its Lima Adaptation Knowledge Initiative (LAKI) to continue identifying and addressing knowledge gaps, including in implementing gender considerations in adaptation planning and policies;

- c) With regard to the topic for the 15th NWP Focal Point Forum (FPF 15), scheduled in conjunction with COP 27 in 2022, the AC advises aligning it with the topic that the AC selected for the second synthesis report on recognizing adaptation efforts of developing countries, which is to be prepared by the secretariat and due in 2022.³ The AC selected the broad theme of “*costs of adaptation*” for this synthesis report, addressing both assessing and meeting the costs of adaptation. The AC is further refining the topic and the secretariat will ensure that progress is adequately communicated to the NWP support team. Aligning theme for FPF 15 with the synthesis report will ensure that the national information synthesized by the secretariat (NAPs, Adaptation Communications, NDCs, National Communications) is supplemented by knowledge generated by NWP partners.
- d) In terms of specific knowledge support required from NWP partners to the AC’s work in 2021, the AC identified the following concrete items. The NWP is invited to draw upon the outcomes in the context of the LAKI and its thematic areas⁴ such as oceans, coastal areas and ecosystems and biodiversity and climate change.
- i) Contribute to the AC’s and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group’s (LEG) work on methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support. The AC and the LEG considered an overview of existing methodologies, based on submissions and other resources, and are continuing to compile such methodologies as part of the Adaptation Knowledge Portal. NWP partners are invited to contribute further methodologies to the portal;
- ii) Contribute to the AC’s work on monitoring and evaluating adaptation (M&E). Activities on the AC’s workplan on this topic include organizing an event for sharing existing knowledge on, and tools for, M&E,⁵ followed by the preparation of a technical paper featuring case studies on the development and application of M&E systems at various levels. The NWP is invited to contribute by co-organizing the event, under the leadership of the AC, and by collecting new case studies and synthesizing information contained in the AKP. Further details on the event and a separate call for these submissions will follow in due course.
- iii) Contribute to the AC’s technical paper on *Priorities and needs: technologies for adaptation in agriculture, water resources and coastal zones; including experiences in stakeholder engagement and regulatory issues pertaining to the development, transfer and uptake of technologies in those sectors*. Here too, the NWP is invited to contribute by collecting new case studies and synthesizing information contained in the AKP.
- iv) Contribute to the work conducted by the LEG and the AC on gaps and needs related to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, and ongoing activities of the LEG, the AC and relevant organizations related to addressing those gaps and needs.⁶ NWP partner organizations, including the universities in the context of the UN Climate Change

³ See decision 11/CMA.1 para. 13.

⁴ The NWP will initiate its work on one of the priority thematic areas agriculture and food security in 2021.

⁵ At its 15th meeting the AC agreed that the key themes for the event will be communicating M&E results; sharing existing knowledge and tools on measuring progress of adaptation actions, also addressing data. The event was scheduled to take place during the Adaptation Futures 2020 conference in New Delhi, India, which has been postponed to 2021.

⁶ See <https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/workstreams/national-adaptation-plans-naps/gaps-and-needs-related-to-the-naps>




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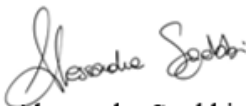
and Universities Partnership Programme⁷ are invited to express interest in addressing specific knowledge gaps and inform the LEG and the AC accordingly.

- v) Contribute to any events and forums conducted by the AC, and those that the AC is invited to collaborate on, as appropriate.

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,


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⁷ Graduate students, in the context of the UN Climate Change and Universities Partnership Programme, are invited to focus the project on addressing a specific knowledge gap, including in the context of formulating and implementing national adaptation plans.



Annex: Overview of areas in which NWP partners can contribute knowledge support to other constituted bodies

The table below provides an overview of areas in which NWP partners can contribute knowledge support to other constituted bodies.

<p>LEG</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NWP partner organizations will continue to be mobilized to collaborate with the LEG in implementing its work programme for 2021. This will include implementing NAP-related activities and providing support to the LDCs, such as by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Gathering knowledge in support of the systems approach of the NAP-SDG iFrame, and supporting Open NAPs; (b) Supporting the organization of NAP Expos; (c) Contributing to the development of the integrative supplement; (d) Supporting the work of the LEG, for example through inclusion in the NWP eUpdate of calls for interest in activities in support of Open NAPs; (e) Collecting case studies relevant to formulating and implementing NAPs and collaborating with the LEG on determining best practices and lessons learned • The NWP Expert Group for Oceans is developing a policy brief with the intent to facilitate access to, and funding by, the GCF via improved, high-quality proposals. The brief is intended to be a supplement to the GCF’s upcoming Sectoral Guidelines for Ecosystems and Ecosystem Services (EES) geared specifically towards coastal and marine nature-based solutions. This brief also responds to the call for guidance on access to finance, which is highlighted in the integrative supplement to the technical guidelines for the formulation and implementation of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)
<p>CGE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of relevant technical guides on reporting • Participation in the UN Climate Change and Universities Programme, which NWP is leading on • Engagement on CGE training workshops and webinars
<p>PCCB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge and information sharing and stakeholder engagement with relevant actors • Technical session on capacity building and adaptation at the Capacity Hub event planned for the COP 26 • Co-convene activities at the regional scale, especially through the Regional Climate Weeks and the LAKI
<p>SCF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCF Forum on the topic “Finance for Nature-Based Solutions”
<p>TEC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-organize a deep dive thematic session on oceans and coastal areas (as a part of Technology day) with the NWP expert group on oceans led by IUCN/FEBA and TEC (March 2021) • Share information and examples compilation of good practices and lessons learned on RD&D by NWP partners



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support innovative approaches to deploy, disseminate, and scale up adaptation technologies (knowledge sharing and connecting with partners)• Collaborate with the oceans expert group and TEC to develop the concept note leading to various outputs for SB52
FWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote and participate in dialogues, meeting and events organized under the LCIPP• Invite relevant Indigenous Peoples Organizations and other expert institutions engaged in the LCIPP work to be partners of the NWP• Indigenous people's curricula and materials (to be discussed)• Interoperability and synergy between the LCIPP dedicated web portal and the AKP• IPO engagement on the thematic focus on biodiversity
Lima work programme on gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify and connect the Lima work programme on gender with relevant partners to provide expertise and research on gender. For example: Global Gender Event at the Climate Dialogues which will be an opportunity for stakeholders to publicly share their plans on supporting the implementation of the LWPM/GAP• Mainstream gender issues through collaborations in ongoing adaptation activities