

Dialogue on addressing developing countries' capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding



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Past, present and future work of the AC to address the identified capacity gaps

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I. Overall contribution of the AC's work

- Most of the AC's activities across its different workstreams contribute in one way or another to addressing the capacity gaps as many of them relate to **enhancing countries' capacities for adaptation planning and implementation**
- The AC's activities primarily assist in addressing the following capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding: **awareness raising**, the **creation of enabling environments** and **making the case for adaptation**

I. Overall contribution of the AC's work (cont.)

Some relevant **past activities** include **technical papers, guidance material and the sharing of lessons learned and best practices** on the following aspects of adaptation planning and implementation:

- Data for adaptation;
- Institutional arrangements for national adaptation planning and implementation;
- Consideration of gender aspects and vulnerable groups;
- Engaging the private sector;
- Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation and the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and its support;
- Means of implementation for adaptation.

The AC will continue to undertake activities on these aspects.

II. Specific work in addressing the capacity gaps

Based on its work in identifying the capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding and agreed next steps, the AC undertook and/or is planning the following activities:

- In its update of the **2015 thematic report on navigating the landscape of support for the process to formulate and implement NAPs**, which was finalized and turned into an online tool in 2022, it included information on the different available finance sources for adaptation, including their respective scope and focus, and how to meet the different access requirements – this tool will be updated on a regular basis;
- In collaboration with the LEG, it has incorporated relevant capacity gaps and needs into the overall **collection of gaps and needs related to the process to formulate and implement NAPs** and is considering how to address them, e.g. through this dialogue;
- It is planning to produce, in partnership with other constituted bodies and relevant organizations and universities, including those engaged through the Nairobi work programme, **action-oriented briefs or case studies** to demonstrate how identified capacity gaps might be closed, e.g. as one of the follow-up activities of this dialogue.

III. Further specific past, current and planned work

- 2022: technical paper on **methodologies for assessing adaptation needs and their application**, as well as on related gaps, good practices, lessons learned and guidelines;
- 2022: in the context of the **recognition of adaptation efforts of developing country Parties** (Art. 7.3 of the PA), synthesis report on developing countries' efforts in assessing and meeting the costs of adaptation
- 2024: the next synthesis report in the context of recognizing efforts will focus on **efforts of developing countries in setting up institutional arrangements to plan and implement adaptation at different levels of government** and on **efforts of developing countries in engaging stakeholders in adaptation planning and implementation**;

III. Further specific past, current and planned work (cont.)

- Ongoing work of the **NAP task force** which has been established to support developing countries on NAP formulation and implementation, serving also as a bridge between the adaptation-related constituted bodies to move forward in an informed and coherent manner – composed of reps of the CBs and of the GEF, GCF and AF; it can invite external members and experts;
- Regular preparation and dissemination of the **Adaptation Finance Bulletin**;
- Provision of annual input to the SCF for the preparation of the draft decisions on **guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism**;
- Enhancing its **regional outreach** to disseminate its work in a more targeted way and to be better informed on **regional priorities, gaps and needs**.