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**Report of the Adaptation Committee\***

*Summary*

This report covers the work of the Adaptation Committee between October 2017 and October 2018. It contains organizational and procedural information, including information on meetings held during the reporting period and changes in membership and co-chairing arrangements. The report highlights the Adaptation Committee's progress in implementing its flexible workplan for 2016–2018 in the areas of promoting overarching coherence; the technical examination process on adaptation; providing technical support and guidance to Parties on adaptation action and means of implementation; and awareness-raising, outreach and information-sharing. The report also contains the Adaptation Committee's flexible workplan for 2019–2021. It concludes with recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

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## I. Introduction

### A. Mandate

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP) decided that the Adaptation Committee (AC) shall operate under the authority of, and be accountable to, the COP, which should decide on its policies in line with relevant decisions.<sup>1</sup>

2. The COP requested the AC to report annually to the COP, through the subsidiary bodies, including on its activities and the performance of its functions, guidance, recommendations and other relevant information arising from its work, as well as, as appropriate, on further action that may be required under the Convention, for consideration by the COP.<sup>2</sup>

### B. Scope of the report

3. This report contains information on the work undertaken by the AC between the beginning of October 2017 and the end of October 2018 as well as recommendations for consideration by the COP. The flexible workplan of the AC for 2019–2021 is contained in the annex.

### C. Possible action by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

4. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) are invited to consider the information contained in this report. In particular, they may wish to consider the recommendations contained in chapter V below and to forward them for consideration and adoption at COP 24.

## II. Organizational and procedural matters

### A. Meetings and workshops

5. During the reporting period the AC held its 13<sup>th</sup> regular meeting from 27 February to 2 March 2018 and its 14<sup>th</sup> from 24 to 26 October 2018. Live and on-demand coverage of the meetings was provided via Skype. Both meetings were open to observers.<sup>3</sup>

6. In addition, the AC organized the following events:

(a) A workshop on accessing the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme for adaptation (see para. 42 below);

(b) The 2018 Adaptation Forum, organized on the margins of the 2018 Adaptation Futures conference<sup>4</sup> (see para. 45 below);

(c) An expert meeting on national adaptation goals and indicators and their relationship with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030, held on 24 and 25 July 2018 in Tokyo (see paras. 35–37 below);

(d) A workshop on fostering private sector engagement in building resilience to climate change (see paras. 43 and 44 below).

<sup>1</sup> Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 95.

<sup>2</sup> Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 96.

<sup>3</sup> All meeting documents, presentations, recordings and summary outcomes for each agenda item are available at <http://unfccc.int/28828> (for AC 13) and <http://unfccc.int/65600> (for AC 14).

<sup>4</sup> See <http://adaptationfutures2018.capetown>.

7. Furthermore, the AC co-organized with the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) a meeting of Party experts, held from 7 to 9 February 2018 in Sao Tome, to consider progress, experience, best practices, lessons learned, gaps and needs, and support provided and received in relation to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans (NAPs) with a view to providing a summary of progress towards achieving the objectives of the process.<sup>5</sup>

8. Finally, a one and a half day technical expert meeting (TEM) in the context of the technical examination process on adaptation (TEP-A) took place on 9 and 10 May 2018 (see paras. 49 and 50 below).<sup>6</sup>

9. AC 14 agreed that AC 15 will be held within the week of 18–22 March 2019 and AC 16 within the week of 23–27 September 2019.

10. The AC welcomed with appreciation the support for its work provided by the Governments of Egypt, Germany and Japan, the European Commission, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and the International Trade Centre. It noted with concern, however, the significant gap between the number of tasks and responsibilities assigned to it and the amount of resources available for carrying out its work.

## **B. Chairing arrangements and membership<sup>7</sup>**

11. Pursuant to decisions 2/CP.17 and 16/CP.19, Mr. Donald Lemmen continued as Co-Chair of the AC for his third term following his re-election at AC 11. At AC 13, Ms. María del Pilar Bueno was elected for her first term as Co-Chair, replacing<sup>8</sup> Mr. Clifford Mahlung.

12. COP 17 decided that AC members should serve for a term of two years and be eligible to serve a maximum of two consecutive terms of office.<sup>9</sup> Ms. Meredith Ryder-Rude, Ms. Liu Shuo and Ms. Iryna Trofimova were elected as first-time members at COP 23.

13. The terms of office of two other members came to an end before AC 13 and the nominations for those positions are still open.<sup>10</sup> The positions are currently held by Mr. Damdin Davgadorj and Ms. Renske Peters.

14. In welcoming its new members, the AC recalled decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 101, which stipulates that members serve in their personal capacity.

## **C. Working arrangements**

15. In addition to attending the regular meetings of the AC, members also work intersessionally via electronic means to advance work on particular topics in dedicated working groups established to address a range of agreed priorities. Members are required to allocate a certain amount of time to such essential intersessional work throughout the year. Depending on the estimated duration of their respective tasks, the working groups can be either short term and informal, or more formally arranged with specific terms of reference, as in the case of the NAP task force and the working group on TEP-A, which consist of members of the AC and other constituted bodies under the Convention, as well as, in the case of the TEP-A working group, representatives of non-governmental organization constituencies.

16. It has become a useful practice for the AC to start its first meeting of the year with an informal half-day retreat for its members. This facilitates the seamless integration of new members, contributes to building a common understanding among members of the new tasks

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<sup>5</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/event/expert-meeting-to-assess-progress-made-in-the-process-to-formulate-and-implement-naps>.

<sup>6</sup> See <http://tep-a.org/>.

<sup>7</sup> See <http://unfccc.int/6944> for a list of the AC members.

<sup>8</sup> As per decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 110.

<sup>9</sup> Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 106.

<sup>10</sup> As per decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 106(c).

arising from the preceding session of the COP, and enhances the overall performance and effectiveness of the AC in the rest of the year.

17. At their 2018 retreat, AC members agreed:

- (a) To assume a leadership role and be willing to take risks;
- (b) To be more collaborative and build strategic alliances so as to engage other stakeholders in the work of the AC;
- (c) To be more visible and to enhance outreach, including by being clear on the target audiences of its outreach materials and considering producing them in languages other than English.

18. Furthermore, the AC has developed a working routine of regularly seeking valuable inputs from experts, including from partner organizations of the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change (NWP), representatives of other institutional arrangements established under the Convention and other relevant stakeholders with specific expertise.

19. In this context, the AC has promoted active observer participation in its meetings. Observer engagement and the potential for additional experience and expertise to inform its discussions were deemed to be beneficial to the work of the AC, including in pursuing its objectives of creating synergy and maintaining transparency.

### III. Conclusion of the implementation of the 2016–2018 workplan of the Adaptation Committee

20. At AC 8, in 2015, the AC agreed on its workplan for 2016–2018,<sup>11</sup> with the understanding that the workplan would remain flexible enough to incorporate any relevant outcomes arising from COP 21. COP 21 welcomed the workplan and requested the AC to carry out further tasks in preparation for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement and to support enhanced action prior to 2020.<sup>12</sup> Table 1 presents the workplan activities and outputs of the AC during the reporting period and indicates where further details are contained in this report.

Table 1  
**Activities and outputs of the Adaptation Committee between October 2017 and October 2018**

<i>Activity/output</i>	<i>Paragraph reference in this report</i>
<b>Promoting overarching coherence</b>	
Mapping of mandates, workplans and decisions with adaptation relevance	21 and 22
Engagement with other constituted bodies under the Convention	23–27
Input to pre-2020 activities	28
<b>Workstream A: Providing technical support and guidance to Parties on adaptation action</b>	
Report on various approaches to adaptation	34
Technical paper on long-term adaptation planning	34
Expert meeting to exchange views on national adaptation goals and indicators	35–37

<sup>11</sup> Contained in document FCCC/SB/2012/3, annex II.

<sup>12</sup> Decisions 1/CP.21, paras. 41, 42, 45 and 126, and 3/CP.21, para. 2.

<i>Activity/output</i>	<i>Paragraph reference in this report</i>
Partnerships providing technical support for adaptation	38
<b>Workstream B: Providing technical support and guidance to Parties on means of implementation</b>	
Workshop on accessing the Green Climate Fund Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme for adaptation	41 and 42
Workshop to foster private sector engagement in adaptation	43 and 44
<b>Workstream C: Awareness-raising, outreach and information-sharing</b>	
Adaptation Forum	45
<b>Workstream D: Technical examination process on adaptation</b>	
Technical expert meetings at the first part of the forty-eighth sessions of the subsidiary bodies and a technical paper	49–51
Regional technical expert meetings	52–54

## A. Overarching coherence

21. As part of its efforts to promote the implementation of adaptation action under the Convention in a coherent manner in line with the Cancun Adaptation Framework and the Paris Agreement, the AC, in line with its workplan, requested the secretariat to prepare an updated map of mandates, workplans and decisions with adaptation relevance under the Convention after each session of the COP.

22. The document prepared after COP 23<sup>13</sup> provided an overview of new developments relevant to adaptation under the Convention, including those necessitating action by the AC and those that the AC may wish to monitor. The AC took note of and agreed to draw on that information, as appropriate, in discussing subsequent items on its agenda and implementing its workplan activities.

23. The AC has continued its collaboration with other constituted bodies and institutional arrangements under the Convention, including the LEG, the NWP, the Technology Executive Committee (TEC), the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF), the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts, the Adaptation Fund, the GCF, the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) and the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB).

24. Its collaboration has developed over time in response to mandates from the COP and invitations from other institutional arrangements under the Convention seeking to enhance coherence and reduce duplication of efforts. The AC has also established linkages with other constituted bodies under the Convention, such as through the following groups, which were initiated by either the AC or one of the bodies and are fully operational and have produced concrete outcomes:

- (a) The AC NAP task force;
- (b) The AC working group on TEP-A;
- (c) The LEG support group for NAP Central;
- (d) The LEG NAP Expo advisory group;
- (e) The Task Force on Displacement of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism;

<sup>13</sup> AC document AC/2018/2.

- (f) The TEC task force on adaptation;
- (g) The Advisory Board of the CTCN;
- (h) The PCCB.

25. The AC has continued its efforts to improve coherence by exploring informal ways of exchanging information on current and future work of relevant entities and upcoming opportunities for collaboration. This has included holding informal bilateral meetings on the margins of COP 23 and the first part of the forty-eighth sessions of the subsidiary bodies with the high-level champions, the LEG and the SCF, and the facilitators of agenda items 4 (on the adaptation communication) and 6 (on the global stocktake) of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement. Similar meetings are planned for COP 24, including in relation to TEP-A and the gender dialogue.<sup>14</sup> The AC has found holding joint meetings with other bodies to be very useful for ensuring coherent action on adaptation and wishes to pursue similar meetings in the future, including with the SCF.

26. The AC welcomes the continued provision of information to it by NWP partner organizations, which has contributed to the work of the AC over time. SBSTA 48.1 invited the AC to facilitate collaboration with a view to providing 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.<sup>15</sup> That invitation is reflected in the flexible workplan of the AC for 2019–2021 (see the annex).

27. The AC contributed to various in-session events at COP 23 and the first part of the forty-eighth sessions of the subsidiary bodies, including:

- (a) Informal consultations on NAPs;
- (b) The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the PCCB;
- (c) The constituted bodies' dialogue on the integration of gender considerations;
- (d) The tenth meeting of the research dialogue and an informal meeting with the research community;
- (e) NWP informal consultations;
- (f) The 11<sup>th</sup> NWP Focal Point Forum.

28. In response to decision 1/CP.23, paragraph 17(a) and annex II, the AC provided inputs to the Talanoa Dialogue<sup>16</sup> and to the stocktake on pre-2020 implementation and ambition to take place at COP 24.<sup>17</sup>

29. Finally, in response to the gender action plan adopted at COP 23,<sup>18</sup> the AC considered mainstreaming a gender perspective in its work. The AC welcomed the presentations on gender made by representatives of the secretariat and the women and gender constituency at AC 14 and took gender into consideration in developing its flexible workplan for 2019–2021.

## **B. Provision of technical support and guidance to the Parties**

30. The AC has made progress in providing technical support and guidance to the Parties in relation to adaptation action and means of implementation (finance, technology and capacity-building). The main focus of the AC in this regard is on providing technical support and guidance on NAPs, in close collaboration with the LEG and supported by the AC NAP task force.

<sup>14</sup> In line with decision 3/CP.23.

<sup>15</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2018/4, paragraph 19.

<sup>16</sup> Available at

[https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/44\\_AC%20input%20to%20Talanoa%20Dialogue%20FINAL27032018.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/44_AC%20input%20to%20Talanoa%20Dialogue%20FINAL27032018.pdf).

<sup>17</sup> Available at [https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/AC\\_pre2020\\_stocktake.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/AC_pre2020_stocktake.pdf).

<sup>18</sup> See decision 3/CP.23.

31. The NAP task force reported on its activities at AC 13 and 14. In particular, it provided input to the development of NAP Central into a ‘one-stop hub’ of information, resources and data on the process to formulate and implement NAPs. It also contributed to the work of the NAP Expo advisory group and provided input to the 2018 NAP Expo,<sup>19</sup> held from 4 to 6 April 2018 in Sharm El Sheikh, including organizing a session on the monitoring and evaluation of adaptation. Finally, the task force participated in the expert meeting to assess progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs referred to in paragraph 7 above.

32. AC 14 requested the NAP task force to develop intersessionally its draft workplan for 2019–2021 for consideration at AC 15, including consideration of ways to assist with the implementation of NAPs.<sup>20</sup>

## 1. Adaptation action

33. During the reporting period the AC considered long-term adaptation planning, various approaches to adaptation, national adaptation goals and indicators, and partnerships providing technical support for adaptation.

34. AC 13 and 14 considered revised versions of the technical papers on long-term adaptation planning and various approaches to adaptation. The AC agreed to publish a relevant user-friendly online knowledge product and to disseminate it widely.

35. The expert meeting, referred to in paragraph 6(c) above, on national adaptation goals and indicators and how they relate to indicators for the SDGs and disaster risk reduction in the context of the Sendai Framework<sup>21</sup> had two objectives:

(a) To facilitate an exchange of views on national adaptation goals and indicators and related data collection, monitoring and evaluation and reporting frameworks;

(b) To inform Parties of what is possible in terms of national adaptation goals and indicators and how such goals and indicators relate to the global goal on adaptation.

36. Given those objectives, the growing recognition of the close relationship between the three global agendas – the Paris Agreement, the SDGs and the Sendai Framework – and the co-benefits of assessing adaptation progress, the expert meeting was designed to provide technical support and guidance to Parties on monitoring and evaluating adaptation action and mobilizing knowledge and experience in the context of relevant international frameworks for national adaptation planning and implementation.

37. AC 14 considered the report on the expert meeting<sup>22</sup> and agreed to forward relevant recommendations for consideration at COP 24 (see para. 58(i) below).

38. AC 12 considered the overview of the landscape of existing platforms providing technical support to developing country Parties on adaptation and an analysis of the information contained therein.<sup>23</sup> It requested the secretariat to make the analysis and the overview available on the adaptation knowledge portal,<sup>24</sup> if possible in a user-friendly format, and to provide feedback at AC 13, including usage statistics. It invited the administrators of other platforms that meet the established criteria to contact the secretariat for the platforms to be included in the overview and also invited organizations already listed in the overview to regularly update their information. It also requested the secretariat, NWP partner organizations and the CTCN to widely promote the overview.

## 2. Means of implementation

39. One of the objectives of the AC is to provide guidance on ways to enhance financial, technological and capacity-building support, in particular related to access, institutional arrangements and enabling environments, including for the process to formulate and implement NAPs. The AC undertook various related activities throughout 2018, including

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<sup>19</sup> See <http://napexpo.org/2018/>.

<sup>20</sup> In line with document FCCC/SBI/2017/19, paragraph 73.

<sup>21</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/node/180267>.

<sup>22</sup> AC document AC/2018/13.

<sup>23</sup> AC document AC/2017/14 and annexes.

<sup>24</sup> <http://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NWP/Pages/Home.aspx>.



collaborating with the GCF on access to adaptation finance and fostering private sector engagement in adaptation.

40. Collaboration with the GCF included:

(a) Participation in the second annual meeting of the GCF Board with constituted bodies under the Convention, held during COP 23 on 15 November 2017;

(b) Participation of AC members in the GCF technical expert workshop on climate adaptation finance, held on 5 and 6 March 2018 in Songdo, Incheon, Republic of Korea.

41. SBI 47 welcomed the work of the AC on its information paper<sup>25</sup> on the experience of countries in accessing the GCF Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme for adaptation, including for the process to formulate and implement NAPs, and noted that it would inform the relevant AC workshop with a view to contributing to the assessment of progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs.<sup>26</sup>

42. The aforementioned workshop took place on 6 April 2018 on the margins of the 2018 NAP Expo in Sharm El Sheik and addressed experience and lessons learned in relation to direct access accreditation and accessing the GCF Readiness Programme. It concluded with a discussion on how to enhance access to the GCF Readiness Programme and increase the number of direct access entities.<sup>27</sup> The report<sup>28</sup> on the workshop was considered at SBI 48.1 in the assessment of progress on NAPs and recommendations were forwarded for consideration by the SCF in the context of providing guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism.

43. The AC, together with the International Trade Centre, held a workshop on fostering private sector engagement in building resilience to climate change from 29 to 31 October 2018 in Geneva.

44. In plenary sessions, mini workshops and open labs,<sup>29</sup> the workshop covered:

(a) Assessing climate risks and preparing adaptation strategies;

(b) Implementing adaptation strategies, with a focus on small and medium-sized enterprises, by means of finance, technology, public-private partnerships and capacity-building;

(c) Designing policies and incentives for private sector investment in adaptation, including for formulating and implementing NAPs and nationally determined contributions under the Paris Agreement.

### C. Awareness-raising, outreach and sharing of information

45. As per its workplan, the AC agreed to hold an Adaptation Forum in synergy or conjunction with an annual high-level event. At AC 12 it was agreed to conduct a session at the 2018 Adaptation Futures conference, held from 18 to 21 June 2018 in Cape Town.<sup>30</sup> The 2018 Adaptation Forum, which took place on 19 June 2018, focused on ways to integrate climate change adaptation with the SDGs and the Sendai Framework.<sup>31</sup>

46. The AC has continued to prepare its regular Adaptation Finance Bulletin in collaboration with the Adaptation Fund, the GCF, the Global Environment Facility, the LEG

<sup>25</sup> Available at [http://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/groups\\_committees/adaptation\\_committee/application/pdf/ac12\\_8ai\\_readiness.pdf](http://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/groups_committees/adaptation_committee/application/pdf/ac12_8ai_readiness.pdf).

<sup>26</sup> FCCC/SBI/2017/19, paragraph 71.

<sup>27</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/node/181940>.

<sup>28</sup> AC document SB48.AC.1.

<sup>29</sup> See <http://www.intracen.org/event/climate-resilience/>.

<sup>30</sup> See document FCCC/SB/2017/2, paragraph 80.

<sup>31</sup> See AC document AC/2018/16.

and the SCF<sup>32</sup> to inform a broad range of stakeholders on recent developments in the context of international adaptation finance.

47. All information products of the AC are disseminated broadly, including through the adaptation knowledge portal and on a dedicated Facebook page, “The Adaptation Exchange”,<sup>33</sup> which is maintained by the secretariat’s Adaptation programme. As at 22 November 2018, the Exchange had 14,953 followers.

#### D. Technical examination process on adaptation

48. TEP-A was established in decision 1/CP.21 as part of enhancing action prior to 2020, to be organized by the subsidiary bodies, conducted by the AC and supported by the secretariat. It includes annual technical expert meetings on adaptation (TEM-A), bringing together a broad group of stakeholders to discuss policies, action, concrete opportunities and implementation.

49. Led by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Business for Social Responsibility, the United Nations Environment Programme, the CTCN and the GCF, the 2018 TEM-A explored opportunities and options for adaptation planning in relation to vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems.<sup>34</sup> They followed an interactive approach that included panel discussions, PowerPoint presentations and engaging the audience via an interactive audience management tool that enabled real-time submission of questions and comments via mobile devices.

50. The discussions held at the 2018 TEM-A as well as other information relevant to the topic are reflected in a technical paper prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the AC.<sup>35</sup>

51. The 2019 TEP-A will focus on adaptation finance, including the private sector. AC 14 requested the TEP-A working group and the secretariat to produce a concept note for discussion by early January 2019, to develop a prioritized list of topics for the final 2020 TEP-A and to report back at AC 15 on progress.

52. COP 23 invited Parties and non-Party stakeholders to organize regional TEMs, building on existing regional climate action events, as appropriate, with a view to examining specific finance, technology and capacity-building resources necessary to scale up action in regional contexts, including through regional mitigation and adaptation initiatives, and to provide reports thereon to the secretariat as input to the TEPs.<sup>36</sup>

53. In response, six regional TEM-As took place in 2018 (see table 2), many of which the AC was invited to and participated in (AC members participated as moderators and presenters).<sup>37</sup>

Table 2

#### Overview of the 2018 regional technical expert meetings on adaptation

<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Date</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Global Adaptation Network Forum	Abu Dhabi	Climate-induced migration, resilience of small island developing States, and bringing adaptation solutions to people with disabilities	20 and 21 March
Asia-Pacific Climate Week	Singapore	Adaptation and climate-resilient initiatives in coastal zone management	10–13 July

<sup>32</sup> See <http://conta.cc/2Fi3Sp3>.

<sup>33</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/The.Adaptation.Exchange/>.

<sup>34</sup> See <http://tep-a.org/>.

<sup>35</sup> FCCC/TP/2018/3.

<sup>36</sup> Decision 13/CP.13, paragraph 23.

<sup>37</sup> The reports on the regional TEM-As are available at <http://tep-a.org/regional-technical-expert-meetings-on-adaptation>.

<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Date</i>
Asia-Pacific regional technical expert meeting on the nexus approach	Seoul	The nexus approach and its potential as a tool for balancing mitigation and adaptation (food-water-energy nexus)	16–20 July
27 <sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Climate Seminar and regional technical expert meeting	Tokyo	National adaptation goals and indicators and their relationship with the Sustainable Development Goals and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030	26 July
Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week	Montevideo	Adaptation planning in relation to vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems	20–23 August
6 <sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum	Manila	Enabling resilience for all: avoiding the worst impacts	17–19 October

54. In general, the participants noted that further regional TEM-As would benefit the regions. They emphasized the need for enhanced regional collaboration and for a dedicated space for sharing knowledge and identifying opportunities. They welcomed the meetings' innovative design and the collaboration between Parties and non-Party stakeholders, and emphasized that such meetings should continue to be a vehicle for different actors to share knowledge and mobilize adaptation action at the national, subnational, local and individual level.

#### **IV. Future workplan of the Adaptation Committee**

55. AC 13 initiated consideration of the flexible workplan of the AC for 2019–2021<sup>38</sup> and AC 14 finalized it. The AC agreed that its work should be ambitious, strategic, inspiring and results driven, with the AC striving to become a recognized interface between science, policy and practice. The AC also agreed to strengthen its ability to enhance access to relevant information and knowledge, to promote synergy and address barriers, and to facilitate linkages between stakeholders to foster the sharing of new insights, experience and lessons learned. The AC further agreed to remain flexible in order to take on new and emerging tasks, including those resulting from future agreements and decisions under the Convention, such as from COP 24.

56. In considering its future activities, the AC took into account relevant mandates and invitations from the SBSTA and the SBI as well as the invitation contained in the workplan of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for it to consider making efforts, in undertaking its work, to reduce and avert loss and damage among particularly vulnerable developing countries, vulnerable populations and the ecosystems that they depend on and to share the outcomes with the Executive Committee.

57. The agreed flexible workplan of the AC for 2019–2021 is contained in the annex.

#### **V. Recommendations to the Conference of the Parties**

58. On the basis of its 2018 activities, including the 2018 TEP-A, the AC agreed to forward the following recommendations for consideration at COP 24. The COP may wish to:

(a) Encourage Parties to strengthen adaptation planning, including by engaging in the process to formulate and implement NAPs, taking into account linkages with the SDGs and possible co-benefits between mitigation and adaptation, and by mainstreaming adaptation in development planning;

(b) Urge Parties and non-Party stakeholders to mainstream gender considerations in all stages of their adaptation planning processes, including NAPs and the implementation of adaptation action, taking into account available guidance;<sup>39</sup>

<sup>38</sup> See AC document AC/2018/8.

<sup>39</sup> See document FCCC/TP/2016/2.

(c) Encourage Parties to apply a participatory approach to adaptation planning and implementation so as to make use of stakeholder input, including from the private sector, civil society, indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children and youth, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations in general;

(d) Encourage Parties to take an iterative approach to adaptation planning, implementation and investment, with the long-term goal of transformational change, to ensure that adaptation is flexible, robust and not maladaptive and to allow for the integration, at least periodically, of the best available science;

(e) Encourage Parties to take into consideration and utilize, as appropriate, various approaches to adaptation planning, including community-based adaptation, ecosystem-based adaptation, livelihood and economic diversification and risk-based approaches, and to ensure that such approaches are not mutually exclusive, but rather complementary, allowing for synergy in enhancing resilience;

(f) Invite relevant institutions under the Convention and non-Party stakeholders to strengthen support (financial, technical, technological and capacity-building) for adaptation planning, including for collecting climate data and information, noting the urgent need for adaptation action to address current and short- and long-term risks of climate change;

(g) Invite Parties and interested organizations to share case studies of initiatives that focus on ecosystems and adaptation planning for vulnerable communities and groups as agents of change;

(h) Request the NWP to collect the case studies referred to in paragraph 58(g) above and disseminate them on the adaptation knowledge portal with a view to enhancing the translation of knowledge into practice;

(i) Invite Parties and relevant entities working on national adaptation goals and indicators to strengthen linkages with the SDGs and the Sendai Framework monitoring systems, taking into account:

(i) The importance of designing adaptation monitoring and evaluation systems according to a country's overall objectives for adaptation, and considering the benefits and drawbacks of quantitative and qualitative indicators when developing methodologies;

(ii) That although full and complete harmonization of the three global agendas may not be feasible or useful, some degree of synergy could be beneficial;

(iii) That enhancing individual and institutional technical capacity for data collection and assessment of adaptation is an ongoing task for many countries. Increased capacity could help to link data gathering and reporting systems for the three global agendas at the national level;

(iv) That improved coordination results in a reduced reporting burden for countries and enhanced cost-effectiveness of measures that cut across the three agendas;

(v) That subnational monitoring and evaluation programmes should be linked with national-level monitoring and evaluation systems to provide a complete picture on adaptation;

(j) Express its appreciation to Parties and organizations that organized regional TEM-As in 2018;

(k) Encourage Parties and organizations to build on the outcomes of the 2018 regional TEM-As when planning and implementing adaptation and to continue organizing such meetings in 2019 with a view to enhancing adaptation action and its overall coherence.

## Annex

### Flexible workplan of the Adaptation Committee for 2019–2021

Objective	Activities							
	First half of 2019	Lead <sup>a</sup> / collaboration <sup>b</sup>	Second half of 2019	Lead/ collaboration	2020	Lead/ collaboration	2021	Lead/ collaboration
<i>Promoting overarching coherence</i>								
To promote the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention	Update map of mandates, workplans and decisions with adaptation relevance under the Convention and compare and analyse them to consider what actions may need to be, are being or will be undertaken by the AC or other constituted bodies under the Convention	Secretariat	Prepare the annual report of the AC to the COP through the subsidiary bodies	Secretariat	Update map of mandates, workplans and decisions with adaptation relevance under the Convention and compare and analyse them to consider what actions may need to be, are being or will be undertaken by the AC or other constituted bodies under the Convention	Secretariat	Update map of mandates, workplans and decisions with adaptation relevance under the Convention and compare and analyse them to consider what actions may need to be, are being or will be undertaken by the AC or other constituted bodies under the Convention	Secretariat
					Prepare the annual report of the AC to the COP through the subsidiary bodies		Prepare the annual report of the AC to the COP through the subsidiary bodies	
	Participate, as mandated or if invited and prioritized, in events of other constituted bodies or workstreams under the Convention	AC	Participate, as mandated or if invited and prioritized, in events of other constituted bodies or workstreams under the Convention	AC	Participate, as mandated or if invited and prioritized, in events of other constituted bodies or workstreams under the Convention	AC	Participate, as mandated or if invited and prioritized, in events of other constituted bodies or workstreams under the Convention	AC
	<i>Placeholder for activities in response to COP 24 outcomes</i>							

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Activities</i>							
	<i>First half of 2019</i>	<i>Lead<sup>a</sup>/ collaboration<sup>b</sup></i>	<i>Second half of 2019</i>	<i>Lead/ collaboration</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>Lead/ collaboration</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>Lead/ collaboration</i>
To provide advice on the delivery of NWP mandates that relate to the work programmes of constituted bodies under the Convention, and on opportunities to align efforts with relevant bodies, workstreams and institutional arrangements <sup>c, d</sup>	Provide advice on themes for the NWP Focal Point Forum that will contribute to the priority activities	AC, secretariat, NWP			Provide advice on themes for the NWP Focal Point Forum that will contribute to the priority activities	AC, secretariat, NWP	Provide advice on themes for the NWP Focal Point Forum that will contribute to the priority activities	AC, secretariat, NWP
To incorporate gender as a cross-cutting consideration into all AC activities <sup>e</sup>	Prepare a concept note assessing how best to incorporate gender considerations into adaptation action and the AC workplan activities	AC, secretariat, women and gender constituency	Develop a plan for enhancing consideration of gender in adaptation action and the AC workplan activities	AC, secretariat, women and gender constituency			Evaluate progress in incorporating gender considerations into adaptation action and the AC workplan activities	AC, secretariat, women and gender constituency
To continue to explore the linkages between climate change adaptation under the Convention, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk	Consider undertaking additional activities related to the linkages between climate change adaptation under the Convention, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sendai Framework	AC, UNISDR, UNSD						

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	First half of 2019	Lead <sup>a</sup> / collaboration <sup>b</sup>	Second half of 2019	Lead/ collaboration	2020	Lead/ collaboration	2021	Lead/ collaboration
Reduction 2015–2030								
<i>Workstream A: Providing technical support and guidance to Parties on adaptation action</i>								
To provide guidance to Parties on planning and implementing adaptation action			Prepare a technical paper on countries' needs and solutions in relation to accessing, developing and using data systems for planning and implementing adaptation action	AC, secretariat, LEG, NWP, NAP Global Network, GCOS, WMO, GFCS, IPCC, WCRP	Prepare a technical paper on connecting short-, medium- and long-term adaptation planning at the national and subnational level	AC, secretariat, LEG, NWP, others		
	Develop intersessionally (before AC 15) the 2019–2021 workplan for the NAP task force	NAP task force, secretariat						
To share experience and lessons learned from developing and implementing monitoring and evaluation systems			Organize an event for sharing existing knowledge on and tools for monitoring and evaluation	AC, secretariat	Prepare a technical paper featuring case studies on the development and application of monitoring and evaluation systems at the national and subnational level, including consideration of the value of monitoring and evaluation systems, existing barriers and opportunities to overcome them	AC, secretariat		

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	First half of 2019	Lead <sup>a</sup> / collaboration <sup>b</sup>	Second half of 2019	Lead/ collaboration	2020	Lead/ collaboration	2021	Lead/ collaboration
							Prepare a technical paper on useful information and methodologies for assessing progress in enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change <sup>f</sup>	
	<i>Placeholder for activities in response to COP 24 outcomes</i>							
To enhance the provision of technical support to developing country Parties for adaptation action in a coherent manner	Prepare a scoping note for the information document to be prepared later in 2019	AC, secretariat	Prepare an information document on linkages between mitigation and adaptation	Secretariat			Prepare an information document on existing reporting guidelines and opportunities for enhancing coherence of reporting	AC, LEG, NAP Global Network, others
	<i>Placeholder for activities in response to COP 24 outcomes</i>							
<i>Workstream B: Providing technical support and guidance to Parties on means of implementation</i>								
To provide guidance with a view to enhancing the provision of financial support for adaptation action, including for the process to			Provide input to the SCF for the preparation of the draft decisions on guidance to the operating entities of	AC, secretariat, SCF	Provide input to the SCF for the preparation of the draft decisions on guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism	AC, secretariat, SCF	Provide input to the SCF for the preparation of the draft decisions on guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism	AC, secretariat, SCF



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	First half of 2019	Lead <sup>a</sup> / collaboration <sup>b</sup>	Second half of 2019	Lead/ collaboration	2020	Lead/ collaboration	2021	Lead/ collaboration
formulate and implement NAPs			the Financial Mechanism					
	Explore opportunities for enhanced interaction with the SCF						Update the 2015 thematic report on navigating the landscape of support for the process to formulate and implement NAPs	AC, secretariat
	<i>Placeholder for activities in response to COP 24 outcomes</i>							
To strengthen engagement with the GCF and other financing institutions under the Convention in order to more effectively support the implementation of adaptation action, plans and strategies			Prepare a scoping note for the technical paper to be produced in 2020	AC, secretariat	Prepare a technical paper on national experience in implementing adaptation action as a result of accessing financial flows, in particular from the GCF and other financial institutions under the Convention	GCF, GEF, AF, others	Disseminate the findings of the technical paper prepared in 2020 at relevant events and online in a user-friendly format	Secretariat, NWP
		<i>Placeholder for activities in response to COP 24 outcomes</i>						
To strengthen engagement with the private sector on mobilizing financial resources			Follow up on the private sector workshop	AC, secretariat, organizations				

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	First half of 2019	Lead <sup>a</sup> / collaboration <sup>b</sup>	Second half of 2019	Lead/ collaboration	2020	Lead/ collaboration	2021	Lead/ collaboration
for adaptation action	<i>Placeholder for activities in response to COP 24 outcomes</i>							
To provide guidance with a view to enhancing the provision of technological support for adaptation action	Explore opportunities for enhanced interaction with the TEC and the CTCN	AC, secretariat, TEC, CTCN			Prepare a scoping note for the technical paper to be produced in 2021	AC, secretariat, NWP, TEC, CTCN	Prepare a technical paper on the application of technologies for an adaptation priority topic to be determined	AC, secretariat, NWP, TEC, CTCN
	<i>Placeholder for activities in response to COP 24 outcomes</i>							
To provide guidance with a view to enhancing capacity-building for adaptation action	Explore opportunities for enhanced interaction with the PCCB	AC, secretariat, PCCB	Prepare a joint concept note on the event to take place in 2020	AC, secretariat, PCCB, women and gender constituency	Organize and hold an event on identifying gaps and solutions related to incorporating gender considerations into adaptation planning and implementation	AC, secretariat, PCCB, women and gender constituency		
	Invite submissions from Parties on their capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding, including their experience, successes and remaining challenges		Prepare an information document on Parties' capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding and on their successes and challenges in building in-country capacity					

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	First half of 2019	Lead <sup>a</sup> / collaboration <sup>b</sup>	Second half of 2019	Lead/ collaboration	2020	Lead/ collaboration	2021	Lead/ collaboration
<i>Placeholder for activities in response to COP 24 outcomes</i>								
<i>Workstream C: Awareness-raising, outreach and information-sharing</i>								
To raise awareness among all relevant stakeholders and increase policy support for adaptation, particularly the NAP process	Produce biannually, following each session of the subsidiary bodies, the Adaptation Finance Bulletin	Secretariat, GCF, AF, GEF, LDCF, Convention bodies, organizations outside the Convention			Produce biannually, following each negotiating session, an Adaptation Finance Bulletin	Secretariat, GCF, AF, GEF, LDCF, Convention bodies, organizations outside the Convention	Produce biannually, following each negotiating session, an Adaptation Finance Bulletin	Secretariat, GCF, AF, GEF, LDCF, Convention bodies, organizations outside the Convention
	Contribute to the NWP newsletter, including by suggesting topics such as North–South and South–South cooperation, use of indigenous and local knowledge, capacity-building, etc.	Secretariat, GCF, AF, GEF, LDCF, Convention bodies, organizations outside the Convention			Contribute to the NWP newsletter, including by suggesting topics such as North–South and South–South cooperation, use of indigenous and local knowledge, capacity-building, etc.	Secretariat, GCF, AF, GEF, LDCF, Convention bodies, organizations outside the Convention	Contribute to the NWP newsletter, including by suggesting topics such as North–South and South–South cooperation, use of indigenous and local knowledge, capacity-building, etc.	Secretariat, GCF, AF, GEF, LDCF, Convention bodies, organizations outside the Convention
	Consider collaborative work with the Global Commission on Adaptation	Global Commission on Adaptation						
	Participate, if invited and prioritized, in events organized by other organizations, particularly events that provide access to new audiences	AC volunteers	Participate, if invited and prioritized, in events organized by other organizations, particularly events	AC volunteers	Participate, if invited and prioritized, in events organized by other organizations, particularly events that provide access to new audiences	AC volunteers	Participate, if invited and prioritized, in events organized by other organizations, particularly events that provide access to new audiences	AC volunteers

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	First half of 2019	Lead <sup>a</sup> / collaboration <sup>b</sup>	Second half of 2019	Lead/ collaboration	2020	Lead/ collaboration	2021	Lead/ collaboration
			that provide access to new audiences					
	Prepare a scoping note for the report to be prepared later in 2019	Secretariat, Convention bodies and mechanisms, partners outside the Convention, others	Prepare a report on the state of adaptation under the Convention	Secretariat, Convention bodies and mechanisms, partners outside the Convention, others				
To promote exchange of information, particularly in relation to the most vulnerable people, sectors and regions, and strengthen interaction between Parties and stakeholders at all levels by organizing focused events	Organize once a year an Adaptation Forum in conjunction with other adaptation-related events	Forum working group, partners outside the Convention			Organize once a year an Adaptation Forum in conjunction with other adaptation-related events	Forum working group, partners outside the Convention	Organize once a year an Adaptation Forum in conjunction with other adaptation-related events	Forum working group, partners outside the Convention
	Contribute to the organization and delivery of the annual NAP Expo <sup>c</sup>	NAP task force, LEG, others			Contribute to the organization and delivery of the annual NAP Expo	NAP task force, LEG, others	Contribute to the organization and delivery of the annual NAP Expo	NAP task force, LEG, others
To improve the publication and dissemination of results, good	Review and update the communications plan to also include a social media strategy and	AC, secretariat					Evaluate the communication plan and the media strategy	AC, secretariat

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	First half of 2019	Lead <sup>a</sup> / collaboration <sup>b</sup>	Second half of 2019	Lead/ collaboration	2020	Lead/ collaboration	2021	Lead/ collaboration
practices and lessons learned	integrate it into the existing AC workplan							
	Provide advice in relation to the publication of AC products on the adaptation knowledge portal <sup>h</sup>	AC, secretariat, NWP			Provide advice in relation to the publication of AC products on the adaptation knowledge portal	AC, secretariat, NWP	Provide advice in relation to the publication of AC products on the adaptation knowledge portal	AC, secretariat, NWP
	Produce a calendar of adaptation-related events and invite adaptation stakeholders to share their events with the AC on an ongoing basis	AC, other stakeholders			Produce a calendar of adaptation-related events and invite adaptation stakeholders to share their events with the AC on an ongoing basis	AC, other stakeholders	Produce a calendar of adaptation-related events and invite adaptation stakeholders to share their events with the AC on an ongoing basis	AC, other stakeholders
	<i>Placeholder for activities in response to COP 24 outcomes</i>							
<i>Workstream D: Technical examination process on adaptation</i>								
To identify concrete opportunities for strengthening resilience, reducing vulnerability and enhancing understanding and implementation of adaptation action	Conduct the 2019 TEP-A, including associated TEMs, and prepare a concept note, <sup>i</sup> including the process of identifying follow-up actions and building ownership	TEP-A working group, expert organizations	Prepare a technical paper on opportunities to enhance adaptation action, on the basis of the results of the TEM-As, <sup>j</sup> to identify short-term opportunities to enhance adaptation action and support	Secretariat	Conduct the 2020 TEP-A, including associated TEMs, and prepare a concept note and a technical paper	TEP-A working group, expert organizations		

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	First half of 2019	Lead <sup>a</sup> / collaboration <sup>b</sup>	Second half of 2019	Lead/ collaboration	2020	Lead/ collaboration	2021	Lead/ collaboration
			their implementation					
	Arrange the technology needed for virtual participation in TEMs	Secretariat						
	Participate, as invited and feasible, in regional TEMs organized by other organizations	AC volunteers, organizations outside the Convention	Participate, as invited and feasible, in regional TEMs organized by other organizations	AC volunteers, organizations outside the Convention	Participate, as invited and feasible, in regional TEMs organized by other organizations	AC volunteers, organizations outside the Convention		
	<i>Placeholder for activities in response to COP 24 outcomes</i>							

*Abbreviations:* AC = Adaptation Committee, COP = Conference of the Parties, CTCN = Climate Technology Centre and Network, GCF = Green Climate Fund, GCOS = Global Climate Observing System, GEF = Global Environment Facility, GFCS = Global Framework for Climate Services, IPCC = Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, LDCF = Least Developed Countries Fund, LEG = Least Developed Countries Expert Group, NAP = national adaptation plan, NWP = Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, PCCB = Paris Committee on Capacity-building, SCF = Standing Committee on Finance, TEC = Technology Executive Committee, TEM = technical expert meeting, TEM-A = technical expert meeting on adaptation, TEP-A = technical examination process on adaptation, UNISDR = United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, UNSD = United Nations Statistics Division, WCRP = World Climate Research Programme, WMO = World Meteorological Organization.

<sup>a</sup> Leading the implementation of activities as considered and agreed by the AC.

<sup>b</sup> In developing each of the workstreams and associated activities in its workplan, the AC is aiming to strengthen engagement and collaboration with institutions, organizations, frameworks, networks and centres under and outside the Convention, including those at the intergovernmental, regional and national level, and through them, the subnational level, where appropriate, and relevant international agreements, with respect to their distinct mandate, tasks, goals and ways of work, in order to enhance implementation of adaptation action and the provision of support to developing country Parties.

<sup>c</sup> See document FCCC/SBSTA/2018/4, paragraph 19.

<sup>d</sup> Pending COP approval.

<sup>e</sup> See decision 3/CP.23.

<sup>f</sup> As may be requested by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement and subject to its relevant decisions and guidance.

<sup>g</sup> See document FCCC/SBI/2017/19, paragraph 73.

<sup>h</sup> See document FCCC/SBSTA/2018/4, paragraph 19.

<sup>i</sup> As per decision 13/CP.23, this activity should be conducted on the basis of the assessment of the TEP-A in November 2017 towards improving its effectiveness.

<sup>j</sup> As per decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 129(b).