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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 21st meeting from 28–31 March 2022 and considered further advice to the NWP as mandated by the SBSTA at its 48th session.¹ It also considered the invitations to the AC to (i) submit views on the performance and effectiveness of NWP in addressing knowledge needs relevant to implementing the Paris Agreement, and (ii) to strengthen the AC's long-term strategic engagement with the NWP. We are pleased to update you on the outcome of these considerations.

Regarding further advice to the NWP, the AC agreed to invite NWP partners to contribute to activities included in its flexible workplan for 2022-2024 and to address possible synergies and coherence with the NWP's Focal Point Forum. Details are contained in annex I to this letter.

Regarding the AC's submission of views on the performance and effectiveness of the NWP in addressing knowledge needs relevant to implementing the Paris Agreement, the AC agreed to focus on the two guiding questions relating to how the NWP has supported constituted bodies in assisting Parties in implementing the Paris Agreement, and which additional thematic areas should be considered under the NWP. The views will be submitted in a separate document.

Regarding strengthening long-term strategic engagement with the NWP, the AC discussed that the AC's overarching work areas would be a good basis for strategic engagement. It considered the possible formation of communities of practice among NWP partners which might support the work of the AC and other constituted bodies in their thematic work. Details are contained in annex II to this letter.

¹ [FCCC/SBSTA/2018/4](#), para. 19.



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The AC appreciates the knowledge support provided by NWP partners to the AC, in line with the AC's previous advice, and welcomes the regular reports by the secretariat to the AC at its regular meetings. The AC remains committed to contribute to the work of the NWP.

Sincerely,

(signed by)

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Annex I: Advice to the NWP

A number of activities from the AC's flexible workplan for 2022–2024 are planned to be implemented with the engagement of NWP partners. These are:

a) **Contributions to dialogues on progress in closing the capacity gaps identified in accessing adaptation funding, and preparation of action-oriented briefs or case studies to demonstrate how such capacity gaps could be closed.** The AC will conduct the dialogues at SB 58 and 60, in 2023 and 2024, respectively, and NWP partners will be invited to contribute to the organization of these dialogues, as well as to prepare case studies and briefs following the events. The AC will communicate the respective focus areas of the dialogues closer to the dates.

b) **Development of a series of technical papers on adaptation policy options for consideration by the AC.** As reflected in its flexible workplan for 2022–2024, the AC invites NWP partners to develop technical papers with a focus on sectors or regions, such as on the tourism sector post pandemic, and how to incorporate research and development into NAP formulation and implementation, including gender considerations. Additional topics for consideration by NWP partners include, for example, agriculture and food security, drought, water scarcity and land degradation neutrality. The AC is ready to consider such technical papers in the context of its agenda item on advice to the NWP.

c) **Follow-up work with other constituted bodies.** The AC's flexible workplan contains placeholders for follow-up work with the Technology Mechanism in 2022, the SCF in 2023, and the PCCB in 2024. NWP partners are invited to contribute to this work once it has been clearly defined.

Regarding the interaction with the Technology Mechanism, the AC is in the process of drafting a 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. The AC will inform the secretariat of any follow-up activities and the related information to be invited from NWP partners. The AC further invites the secretariat to facilitate coordination of relevant upcoming activities carried out between the NWP and the Technology Mechanism, the SCF and the PCCB, that the AC could gainfully contribute to.

d) **Invitation of case studies on monitoring and evaluation of adaptation.** The AC is in the process of preparing a technical paper featuring case studies on the development and application of adaptation monitoring and evaluation systems at the national and subnational level. NWP partners will be invited to contribute case studies and the respective call will be issued shortly.

e) **Synergy and coherence with the NWP's Focal Point Forum.** With regard to the 15th Focal Point Forum, taking place in November 2022, the AC welcomes the NWP's thematic alignment with the AC's synthesis report on *assessing and meeting the cost of adaptation*. The AC invites the secretariat to ensure complementarity between the synthesis report and the



preparation for the Focal Point Forum, and to allocate time during the 2022 Focal Point Forum to allow the AC to introduce the 2022 synthesis report. To that effect, The AC is ready to contribute to the design of the NWP Focal Point Forum, including the programme for the event.

Looking ahead to subsequent Focal Point Fora, further efforts can be made to shape the agendas with themes for long-term strategic engagement, with the aim to engage NWP partners and align their efforts with Party needs and the AC's workplan. This could include, but is not limited to, the following non-exhaustive themes:

- Progress in implementing adaptation action – focusing on knowledge and gaps for the formulation and implementation of NAPs;
- Closing the capacity gaps identified in accessing adaptation funding;
- Private sector engagement in adaptation with a focus on specific sectors or systems of the economy;
- Adaptation monitoring and evaluation systems;
- Knowledge needs relevant to the implementation of the Paris Agreement;
- Agriculture and food security, drought, water scarcity and land degradation neutrality;
- Methodologies for assessing adaptation needs;
- The role of traditional knowledge and indigenous practices in adaptation;
- Transformational adaptation.

Considerations of future Focal Point Fora could include ways to address one or more of the key themes above.



Annex II: Long-term strategic engagement of the AC with the NWP

The AC had a productive exchange on the SBSTA's invitation to the AC to **strengthen its long-term strategic engagement with the NWP**. The AC agreed that the AC's overarching work areas would be a good basis for strategic engagement, given that these themes feature regularly on the AC's agenda and therefore lend themselves to an ongoing exchange. These areas include:

- Providing technical support and guidance on adaptation planning, implementation, including adaptation finance, technologies, and capacity-building, at the national and subnational level;
- Providing technical support and guidance on reviewing subnational, national and overall adaptation progress, including adaptation monitoring, assessment, evaluation and learning;
- Gender-responsive adaptation planning and action;
- Traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems related to adaptation;
- Engagement of the private sector in adaptation.

To allow for a more strategic and long-term engagement, the AC encourages the formation of communities of practice among NWP partners which might support the work of the AC and other constituted bodies in their thematic work. In the NWP context these could be ongoing groups of practitioners that would be able to share knowledge and expertise and could be responsive to knowledge needs in their field of expertise.

In the context of long-term engagement, the AC would also like to flag that the secretariat will shortly send out an invitation to all UNFCCC National Focal Points to identify one or more adaptation contact points as per decision 2/CP.26 and we hope that the contact points will gainfully engage with the NWP Focal Points, as appropriate.