

16th meeting of the Adaptation Committee

Agenda item 8 (b)

Capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding

Information note

Bonn, Germany, 9-12 September 2019



Background

- ❖ AC flexible workplan 2019-21 > Submissions from Parties and non-Party stakeholders on Parties' capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding
- ❖ 14 Submissions
 - 5 Parties (Bhutan on behalf of the LDCs, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Mexico and Uganda)
 - 9 Non-Party Stakeholders
- ❖ AC > use the submission -> Information document



Overview and scope of the info paper

❖ Submissions

- ❖ Revealed gaps related to skills, human resources and institutions
- ❖ Elaborated on ways to address such gaps;
- ❖ Types of gaps are very similar across different countries, sectors or levels
- ❖ Information paper discussed capacity gaps in the following areas:
 - **Raising awareness of climate change impacts**, i.e. understanding risks and the need for adaptation;
 - **Making the case for adaptation**, i.e. establishing the funding need, proving a return on investments and developing fundable projects;
 - **Navigating and accessing different funding instruments and mechanisms**, i.e. understanding the climate finance architecture, including the processes and requirements of the different funds;
 - **Ensuring capability of the funding seeker**, i.e. accreditation;
 - **Using and managing funds**, i.e. spending adaptation finance in line with policies and regulations



Lessons learned

❖ Submissions

- Current mode of capacity-building (CB) does not contribute to sustainable CB and does not result in a CB system in the recipient countries
- CB is a process
- CB initiatives should be linked linked to long-term development planning and country priorities
- CB efforts should be coordinated to develop a critical mass of capacities
- No single solution to addressing capacity gaps in accessing finance



Possible AC role addressing these gaps

❖ Submissions

- Identifying innovative methods of supporting Parties which are different from what other institutions provide;
- Enhancing cooperation with Parties, relevant bodies under the UNFCCC, financial entities and stakeholders;
- Facilitating simplification of processes and procedures to access adaptation funding;
- Providing guidelines on requirements to access different sources of adaptation funding; and
- Encouraging the availability of sufficient resources to assist developing countries in fulfilling requirements to access adaptation funding, including funding for providing, analyzing and interpreting climate data



Next steps

AC may wish to:

- Consider information contained in paper
- Agree on follow-up activities based on the proposals made in the submissions and in consultation with the LEG, PCCB and the SCF

