

19th meeting of the Adaptation Committee

Agenda item 6b

Adaptation Communications: Draft supplementary guidance for voluntary use by Parties in communicating adaptation information

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I: Introduction and background

- ❖ The CMA, in decision 9/CMA.1, requested the AC to develop, by June 2022, draft supplementary guidance for voluntary use by Parties in communicating information in accordance with the elements contained in the annex to that decision.
- ❖ This is to be done with the engagement of the IPCC WG II and using relevant existing guidance as a starting point. The draft supplementary guidance is for consideration by the subsidiary bodies at their fifty-seventh sessions (November 2022) in the context of their consideration of the report of the AC.
- ❖ From AC 15 – AC 17, the AC agreed on a timeline to respond to the mandate, considered a mapping of existing guidance, and considered an outline of the draft guidance. Throughout this period, the document has been developed and revised based on AC feedback and guidance.
- ❖ The AC considered an earlier draft of the guidance at AC 18. Following AC 18, as well as a call on 3 February 2021, AC members provided further advice on developing the guidance, requesting the secretariat to continue advancing the draft with a focus on Part II.



II: Overview

- ❖ The current work-in-progress draft includes **changes primarily in Part II**, wherein the supplementary guidance in relation to the elements has been further populated.
- ❖ Specifically, **sections 3.2** (*Impacts, risks and vulnerabilities*) and **3.3** (*National adaptation priorities, strategies, policies, plans, goals and actions*) of Part II have been updated to include:
 - **Basic explanations** of the element
 - **Simplified tables** highlighting the provision of information on the element under other UNFCCC arrangements
 - Examples of **how existing resources guide preparation** of information related to the element
 - Related **linkages and observations**



III. Questions and next steps

- ❖ The AC is invited to **consider the current progress** made on the draft supplementary guidance, in particular, whether the work-in-progress draft of Part II is heading in the right direction? Are additional considerations or types of information required in order to populate Part II?
 - ❖ In doing so, the AC may wish to consider how to **ensure complementarity with related work**. This includes work on approaches for assessing progress towards the global goal on adaptation and the possibility of establishing a related thematic expert group.
 - ❖ The AC may wish to **organize a webinar** with Parties who have prepared or are preparing an adaptation communication, expert practitioners, and other constituted bodies to exchange experiences with a view to maximizing the usefulness and user-friendliness of the product.
 - ❖ In addition, the AC may wish to consider the status of engagement with the IPCC, and whether additional action is needed in that regard.
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