

Work of the Adaptation Committee's taskforce on National Adaptation Plans

Information note

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its 25th meeting, will be invited to:

- a) Consider the information presented by the co-lead of the NAP Taskforce and the contents of this document.
- b) Discuss potential activities to be included in the next flexible work plan of the NAP Taskforce for 2025-2027.
- c) Provide guidance to the secretariat on the policy brief regarding progress, good practices, lessons learned, challenges, and opportunities in the application of traditional knowledge, knowledge of Indigenous Peoples, and local knowledge systems in adaptation, as appropriate.

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1. Introduction and background

1. The AC's taskforce on National Adaptation Plans (NAP Taskforce) was established at the fourth meeting of the AC with the aim of to further supporting developing countries seeking to formulate and implement NAPs and it was welcomed by the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its 19th session ([decision 16/CP.19](#)) with the following objectives:
 - a) To serve as the panel within the AC that continuously looks at issues related to NAPs;
 - b) To liaise with the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG), upon request, in support of its work with regard to NAPs in the least developed countries (LDCs), ensuring consistency and complementarity of mandates;
 - c) To identify opportunities in which activities can also be employed by non-LDCs;
 - d) To follow up on the operationalization modalities identified for the support of non-LDCs' NAPs under the guidance of the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the AC;
 - e) To report to the AC at each of its meetings on issues identified and proposed activities to support the NAP process for all eligible developing countries.
2. The NAP Taskforce comprises members of the AC and nominees from the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG), the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF), the Technology Executive Committee (TEC), the Adaptation Fund (AF), the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the Green Climate Fund (GCF).
3. At its 23rd meeting, the AC agreed to welcome as contributors the following adaptation-related constituted bodies: the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE), the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (WIM ExCom), Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP), and the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB).
4. At its 21st meeting, the AC agreed on the flexible workplan of the NAP Taskforce, which contains activities for the years 2022 to 2024¹.

2. NAP Taskforce activities for 2024

5. The NAP Taskforce met on 28 February 2024 to discuss its activities for 2024, and agreed on an updated workplan (included in **Annex I** of this document).
6. Some of the activities were discussed in detail by the NAP TF, and require further guidance by the AC. These were the following:

2.1. Policy brief on progress, good practices and lessons learned, challenges and opportunities in the application of traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems in adaptation

7. Parties to the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement recognize the important role of Indigenous Peoples' and local communities' culture and knowledge for addressing climate change. Moreover, previous decisions urge Parties to actively involve Indigenous Peoples and local communities in designing and implementing climate action and invite Parties and other stakeholders to enhance engagement of Indigenous Peoples and representatives of local communities in diverse and innovative ways in responding to climate change.²
8. To support Parties in this endeavour, members of the Adaptation Committee's NAP Taskforce decided to prepare a policy brief on "progress, good practices and lessons learned, challenges and opportunities in the application of traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems in adaptation" in 2024.

¹ See annex of document [AC21/INFO/7C](#).

² See decisions 9/CP.24, 1/CP.26, 16/CP.26, 1/CMA.3.

9. The objective of the policy brief is to provide information on good practices, lessons learned, challenges and opportunities in the application of traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems in adaptation, to inform practitioners and policymakers in their adaptation planning and implementation work. Additionally, this information is intended as a tool for constituted bodies under the UNFCCC and other key stakeholders on how to further incorporate these knowledge systems into their work.

10. During its meeting on 28 February 2024, the NAP Taskforce considered an outline proposal (included in **Annex II** of this document, and which includes the input previously received from the AC members of the NAP Taskforce), and discussed sources of information, including case studies identified by the AC and other relevant constituted bodies (particularly examples stemming from previous work of the AC, as well as dialogues, gatherings and meetings organized by the LCIPP FWG, reports submitted by Parties (including NAPs, Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), and Adaptation Communications (AdComs), as well as other relevant sources.

11. The NAP Taskforce's members and contributors were invited to provide feedback on the proposed outline by 18 March 2024. The AC is invited to provide guidance to secretariat on the policy brief at AC 25.

2.2. Second part of the AC dialogue on closing capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding

12. As part of its 2024 planned activities, the NAP Taskforce agreed to contribute to the design and delivery of the second part of the AC dialogue on closing capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding, and to the preparation of action-oriented briefs or case studies on how such capacity gaps could be closed.

13. During the NAP Taskforce meeting on 28 February 2024, the AC shared with the Taskforce's members and contributors the concept note and approach for the second part of the AC virtual dialogue on closing capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding on 6 March 2024, and invited the Taskforce to provide feedback on the guiding questions for panellists and participants.

14. The AC also asked the Taskforce's members and contributors to share their relevant upcoming activities and events which could contribute to addressing developing countries' capacity gaps in translating adaptation priorities and plans into finance and investment strategies, plans and projects, to be shared with participants during the dialogue, and invited the Taskforce's members and contributors to attend the dialogue and contribute with ideas for follow-up collaborative activities.

15. A report of the second part of the dialogue is contained in document AC25/REP/5B.

2.3. PCCB 2024 annual focus area on "capacity-building support for adaptation, with a focus on addressing gaps and needs related to accessing finance for NAPs"

16. The NAP Taskforce agreed to add to its 2024 workplan an activity to collaborate with the PCCB on its 2024 annual focus area on "capacity-building support for adaptation, with a focus on addressing gaps and needs related to accessing finance for NAPs".

17. The PCCB annually focuses on an area related to enhanced technical exchange on capacity-building. Based on the theme of the AC's 2024 Dialogue with adaptation-related constituted bodies, the PCCB decided on its 2024 focus area. Much of the PCCB's work in 2024 will be aligned with this focus area. A call for submissions on the most pressing needs in regard to capacity building for the agreed focus area was issued to all Parties, bodies, entities and processes under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, as well as all NPS, with the deadline of 31st March 2024.

18. During the NAP Taskforce meeting on 28 February 2024, the PCCB shared that the PCCB will undertake various activities under the focus area this year, including thematic dialogues at COP 29 under the Capacity-building Hub, and under the Durban Forum in June. These activities will present opportunities for collaboration with other constituted bodies, including under the NAP Taskforce.

19. Follow-up activities from the second part of the AC virtual dialogue on closing capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding (see section 2.a above), and a training session as part of the AC and LEG training for developing country Parties on addressing identified gaps and needs, as mandated by decision 9/CP.27, paragraph 9 (see section 2.f below) were suggested as potential collaborative activities for members and contributors of the NAP Taskforce on this topic.
20. The AC will discuss its collaboration with the PCCB on its focus area for 2024 at AC 25.

2.4. NAP Expo 2024

21. As part of its 2022-2024 flexible workplan, the NAP Taskforce agreed to contribute to the organization and delivery of NAP Expos.
22. During the NAP Taskforce's meeting on 28 February 2024, the LEG shared further information on the [NAP Expo 2024](#), which will take place in Dhaka from 22 – 25 April under the theme “Driving transformational adaptation through NAPs” in conjunction with the following:
- a) AC and LEG Training for developing country Parties on addressing identified gaps and needs in the formulation and implementation of NAPs (mandated by decision 9/CP.27, para. 9).
 - b) Meeting of Party experts on the assessment of progress made in the process to formulate and implement NAPs (LEG, in collaboration with AC) (mandated by decision 3/CP.26, para. 3d).
23. At the meeting, the AC, the LEG, the WIM ExCom, and the GCF shared that they are planning events at the NAP Expo, and the PCCB expressed its willingness to collaborate with other Taskforce members and collaborators on their activities.

2.5. Assessment of progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs referred to in decision 8/CP.24, paragraph 19

24. The COP, by [decision 8/CP.24](#), paragraph 19, requested the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) to specify the actions and steps necessary to assess progress in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans.
25. [Decision 2/CP.26](#) requested the SBI at its 60th session (June 2024), to initiate the assessment of progress in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans referred to in decision 8/CP.24, paragraph 19, and to make recommendations on this matter for consideration and adoption by the COP at its 29th session (November 2024). The COP decided on the following actions and steps necessary for the SBI to initiate the assessment
- a) Invite Parties and relevant organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 1 February 2024, information on their progress towards the achievement of the objectives of the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, as well as on their experience, best practices, lessons learned, gaps and needs, and support provided and received;
 - b) Invite Parties to provide information, guided by a questionnaire, on an ongoing basis through NAP Central;
 - c) Request the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report on the progress towards the achievement of the objectives of the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, as well as on experience, best practices, lessons learned, gaps and needs, and support provided and received, taking into account information contained in national reports under the Convention, the information referred to above, information from relevant events, including the NAP Expos, and information from other relevant sources;
 - d) Request the LEG, in collaboration with the AC, to organize a meeting of Party experts, at which the report referred to in paragraph 3(c) above would be considered, with a view to providing a summary of progress in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;
 - e) Request the LEG, in collaboration with the AC and with the support of the secretariat, to prepare a report on the meeting of Party experts, for consideration by the SBI at its 60th session in its assessment of progress in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans.

26. The NAP Taskforce agreed to add to its 2024 workplan an activity on contributing to the assessment of progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs referred to in decision 8/CP.24, paragraph 19.

27. As mentioned above, during the NAP Taskforce's meeting on 28 February 2024, the LEG shared that the meeting of Party experts on the assessment of progress made in the process to formulate and implement NAPs organized by the LEG, in collaboration with AC, will take place in conjunction with the NAP Expo 2024. More details will be shared through the [NAP Expo 2024 website](#) in due course.

2.6. AC and LEG training for developing country Parties on addressing identified gaps and needs, as mandated by decision 9/CP.27, paragraph 9,

28. The COP, by [decision 9/CP.27](#), paragraph 9, requested the AC and the LEG to organize training for developing country Parties on addressing identified gaps and needs, which could be held in conjunction with the NAP Expo, the Adaptation Forum or other events outlined in their respective work programmes.

29. As part of its 2024 activities, the NAP Taskforce agreed to support the AC and the LEG in the organization of the training for developing country Parties on addressing identified gaps and needs, as mandated by decision 9/CP.27, paragraph 9.

30. As mentioned above, during the NAP Taskforce's meeting on 28 February 2024, the LEG shared that the training will take place in conjunction with the NAP Expo 2024. The LEG is in the process of finalizing the selection of topics for its training sessions, and will communicate further information on its preparations in due course.

31. The AC will discuss its approach and topics for its training sessions at AC 25. More information is included in document AC25/CN/5B.

2.7. AC activities aimed to understand and strengthen the engagement of the private sector in adaptation

32. As part of its 2024 activities, the NAP Taskforce agreed to support the AC in the activities aimed to understand and strengthen the engagement of the private sector in adaptation. The AC may consider collaborating with its partners to identify outreach opportunities to the private sector, including through events and workshops.

3. Additional opportunities for collaboration

33. During the NAP Taskforce's meeting on 28 February 2024, members and contributors shared some additional relevant activities related to NAPs and opportunities for collaboration, including the following:

- a) The AC shared its ongoing work on the "State of Adaptation Action by Parties" country profiles, which will provide a central access point for information, and aims to enhance the collective understanding of adaptation action, facilitate recognition of adaptation efforts, stimulate learning and further action, and contribute to the tracking of adaptation progress globally. The information contained in the profiles can inform the Taskforce members' and contributors' activities related to NAPs.
- b) The TEC is developing a policy brief entitled "Realizing Early Warnings for All: Innovation and technology in support of risk-informed climate resilience policy and action." The policy brief will review NAPs and NDCs from a country's technology needs and priorities for strengthening and scaling up climate information and early warnings systems. The TEC invited contributions from other constituted bodies on best practices and success stories.
- c) The GCF shared that it has launched a new version of its Readiness Programme, with new modalities for NAP support, including additional resources to support the transition from formulation to implementation. The GCF also shared that they launched a new Strategic Plan for 2024-2027, which emphasizes support for NAPs and other adaptation priorities, including innovative tools and approaches (for example, locally-led adaptation).

34. The NAP Taskforce members and contributors are invited to continue to share relevant activities and opportunities for collaboration in writing.

Documentation information

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0.1.0	05 March 2024	AC 25 The AC is invited to take note of the information contained in this document and provide further guidance as needed.

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Annex 1: Updated Flexible workplan of the NAP Taskforce for 2022-2024

AC workplan workstream	2022	2023	2024
Workstream 2: Awareness-raising, outreach and information-sharing	Identify synergies and explore collaborations in awareness-raising, outreach and information-sharing plans and activities of the members of the Taskforce	Identify synergies and explore collaborations in awareness-raising, outreach and information-sharing plans and activities of the members of the Taskforce	Identify synergies and explore collaborations in awareness-raising, outreach and information-sharing plans and activities of the members of the Taskforce
Workstream 3: Providing technical support and guidance on adaptation planning and implementation, including means of implementation, at the national and subnational level		Prepare a policy brief on progress, good practices and lessons learned in prioritizing / incorporating gender responsive adaptation action	Prepare a policy brief on progress, good practices and lessons learned, challenges and opportunities in the application of traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems in adaptation
	Finalize the online information resource for NAP support on NAP Central	Update the online information resource for NAP support on NAP Central	Update the online information resource for NAP support on NAP Central as needed
		Contribute to the design and delivery of the AC dialogue at SB 58 on closing capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding, and to the preparation of action-oriented briefs or case studies on how such capacity gaps could be closed	Contribute to the design and delivery of the of the second part of the AC dialogue on closing capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding, and to the preparation of action-oriented briefs or case studies on how such capacity gaps could be closed
			Collaborate with the PCCB on its 2024 annual focus area on “capacity-building support for adaptation, with a focus on addressing gaps and needs related to accessing finance for NAPs”.
	Contribute to the organization and delivery of NAP Expos	Contribute to the organization and delivery of NAP Expos	Contribute to the organization and delivery of NAP Expos
			Contribute to the assessment of progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs referred to in decision 8/CP.24, paragraph 19
	Support the AC in designing and delivering at the NAP Expo the event on understanding and strengthening engagement of the private sector in	Support the AC in designing and delivering at the NAP Expo the event on understanding and strengthening engagement of the private sector in	Support the AC and the LEG in the organization of the training for developing country Parties on addressing identified

	adaptation (see AC workplan for 2022-2024 for details)	adaptation (see AC workplan for 2022-2024 for details)	gaps and needs, as mandated by decision 9/CP.27, paragraph 9, and support the AC in the activities aimed to understand and strengthen the engagement of the private sector in adaptation (see AC workplan for 2022-2024 for details)
Workstream 4: Providing technical support and guidance on reviewing subnational, national and overall adaptation progress	Support the AC in developing the technical paper featuring case studies on the development and application of monitoring and evaluation systems at the national and subnational level (see AC workplan for 2022-2024 for details)	Support adaptation monitoring and evaluation related activities of the AC	

Annex 2: Proposed outline for the NAP Taskforce's policy brief on progress, good practices and lessons learned, challenges and opportunities in the application of traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems in adaptation

1. The following outline is suggested for the consideration of the NAP Taskforce members:

- Introduction:
 - Relevant work under the UNFCCC and its constituted bodies
 - Assessment of progress, based on reported information from Parties through NAPs, NDCs and AdComs
 - Relevance of incorporating traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems in adaptation.
- Good practices and lessons learned
 - Examples of good practices from case studies from different indigenous sociocultural regions on incorporating traditional knowledge, knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local knowledge systems in the different stages of the adaptation cycle, including lessons learned.
- Challenges and opportunities
 - Analysis of challenges and opportunities identified through the case studies, complemented with additional sources.
- Conclusions and recommendations:
 - Reflection on how incorporating traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems in adaptation can contribute to the implementation of the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience, as well as advance transformational adaptation, including through the recognition of diverse world views.
 - Recommendations on the way forward, including for activities by UNFCCC constituted bodies.