

Progress made by the joint AC-LEG-SCF working group on methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support

Summary

At its 25th meeting, the AC will be invited to take note of the information contained in this document and provide further guidance to the joint working group as appropriate.

1. Background

1. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA), at its first session, invited the Adaptation Committee (AC) and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG), in collaboration with the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF), and relevant experts to contribute to the technical work of developing methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support referred to in Article 7, paragraph 14 (c), of the Paris Agreement, by continuing to compile existing methodologies.¹
2. The AC and the LEG at their 20th and 40th meetings, respectively, agreed to establish a joint working group (JWG), in collaboration with the SCF, to advise on further work regarding the mandate.
3. Since its establishment in 2021, the group has held five meetings and provided regular reports on its progress to the AC and the LEG.² It has advised the three bodies regarding the possible scope of the review of the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support under the Global Stocktake (GST), the global context in which the review takes place, its possible sources of information and potential review criteria. It has also provided advice regarding the scope and structure of the reference paper that the AC and the LEG published as an outcome of their work in December 2023.³

2. Progress made by the joint working group since AC 24

4. Since AC 24, the JWG has held two meetings, one on 16 November 2023 (informal planning meeting) and the other on 29 February 2024 (sixth meeting).
5. During these meetings it made progress in planning for the presentation of the findings of the AC and the LEG, in collaboration with the SCF, of their work during a joint event at COP 28 and in considering the way forward regarding their joint mandate.

2.1. Contribution to the joint event held at COP 28

6. The JWG contributed to the planning of the joint event by the AC and the LEG, in collaboration with the SCF, which was held during COP 28 in Dubai on 6 December 2023 to showcase the findings of their work

¹ Decision 11/CMA.1, paragraph 35.

² For further information see documents AC-LEG/INFO/4 and AC-LEG/INFO/5.

³ The paper is available at <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/publications-bulletin/methodologies-for-reviewing-the-adequacy-and-effectiveness-of-adaptation-and-support-reference-paper>.

and discuss lessons learned and possible ways forward with a wider audience. During its informal planning meeting on 16 November 2023 the JWG discussed the final structure of the event, the AC/LEG/SCF representation, the moderator and the final list of speakers. Further information and a summary of the event are available at <https://unfccc.int/event/joint-ac-leg-scf-event-lessons-learned>.

2.2. Way forward regarding the open mandate

7. At its sixth meeting, held on 29 February 2024, the JWG discussed a possible way forward regarding the open mandate of the AC and the LEG, in collaboration with the SCF, based on a concept note prepared by the secretariat. The group discussed various strategies to enhance the dissemination of the work accomplished by the three bodies thus far. Additionally, it emphasized the need for the continuation of the compilation, and possible ways to foster coherence and synergies across different mandates and workstreams.

8. To enhance the dissemination of the content and findings of the reference paper to a wider audience within and outside the UNFCCC, several suggestions were made. This included improving the presentation of compiled methodologies and findings on the UNFCCC website, integrating them into the AC's Adaptation Finance Bulletin and into other dedicated outreach materials, activities and events. Additionally, the secretariat was tasked with preparing an overview of forthcoming opportunities for the AC, the LEG and the SCF to contribute the findings of their ongoing work.

9. The JWG agreed that the compilation of methodologies would need to be continued and that the group would hold on-demand meetings to take stock of potential new methodologies for inclusion in the compilation with a view to providing relevant input to the next GST.

10. Reflecting on the findings of the reference paper and the discussions that took place during the joint event that was held at COP 28, the group noted the fragmentation of current approaches to assessing adaptation and support across different levels and contexts, both within and outside the Convention. While recognizing the need for context-specific approaches to adaptation and its assessment, the group brainstormed on the potential role of the constituted bodies in contributing to increased coherence and synergies between the approaches which could facilitate a more systematic review under future global stocktakes.

11. The group recommended as a first step for the AC, the LEG and the SCF, as well as other constituted bodies, to consider, within their activities, ways to ensure coherence and synergies of recommended approaches to assess adaptation and support under relevant mandates and workstreams. In this context, it further proposed to take note of ongoing processes that may further inform or be informed by the compilation of the methodologies, including, but not limited to the UAE – Belém work programme on indicators for measuring progress achieved towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5; updating of the technical guidelines for the formulation and implementation of NAPs; updating of the PEG M&E tool; the 2024 assessment of progress made in the process to formulate and implement NAPs and processes related to reporting.

12. To facilitate coherence and synergy, the group agreed to revise and complement a list of ongoing and upcoming relevant work of constituted bodies prepared by the secretariat to serve as reference.

3. Next steps

13. The joint working group agreed on a series of next steps, including the following:

- a) Complementing and regularly updating the list of relevant mandates and workstreams linked to the open mandate and using it as reference to foster coherence and synergies;
- b) In this context, taking note of ongoing processes that may further inform or be informed by the compilation of the methodologies, including, but not limited to the UAE – Belém work programme on indicators for measuring progress achieved towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5; updating of the technical guidelines for the formulation and implementation of NAPs; updating of the PEG M&E tool; the 2024 assessment of progress made in the process to formulate and implement NAPs and processes related to reporting;

- c) Collaborating to compile a list of upcoming opportunities for the AC and the LEG, in collaboration with the SCF, to share the findings of their work and contribute to discussions within the relevant mandates and workstreams;
- d) Continuing efforts to compile relevant methodologies with a view to provide relevant input for the next GST;
- e) Exploring improved methods of presenting methodologies on the UNFCCC website and other means to disseminate the findings to a wider audience;
- f) Convening meetings on an on-demand basis to coordinate the dissemination of their findings at different opportunities and to take stock of possible new methodologies for inclusion into the compilation.

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