Next steps on monitoring and evaluation of adaptation: Follow-up work by the Adaptation Committee

Draft concept note

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its 25th meeting, will be invited to consider the potential next steps contained in the concept note and provide guidance to the secretariat to proceed with follow-up work on monitoring and evaluation of adaptation.

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1. Introduction and background

1.   Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation has been a consistent feature of the work of the AC since its first workplan. In October 2023, the AC concluded work on its most recent technical product under this workstream, namely its technical paper on *Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation at the national and subnational levels.*[1] In 2023, the AC also agreed to collaborate with the NAP Global Network on a toolkit on monitoring, evaluation, and learning for national adaptation plan processes. This toolkit is expected to be finalized and published in April 2024.

2.   The AC's technical paper was launched during a session of the Adaptation Futures 2023 Conference, which was co-hosted by the AC and the NAP Global Network.[2] During the session, the NAP Global Network also presented initial work on the toolkit. Additionally, the AC and NAP Global Network co-hosted a session as part of the 5th Capacity-Building Hub at COP 28 to present the findings of the technical paper and seek audience feedback on the draft toolkit.[3]

3.   The AC's flexible workplan for 2022-2024 includes a placeholder for follow-up work on monitoring and evaluation systems in 2024. As the toolkit nears finalization, the AC is invited to consider which types of follow-up work to undertake in order to build on its recent technical work on monitoring and evaluation of adaptation. Section 2 below presents potential next steps, which have been reviewed and supported by members participating in a call of the AC's Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group on 13 February 2024.

2. Potential next steps

4.   The AC may wish to:

   a) Undertake activities based on the technical paper and forthcoming toolkit, such as:

      i) Participating in a joint launch webinar with the NAP Global Network;

      ii) Leading a training event based on the toolkit at the 2024 NAP Expo (*See also document AC25/CN/5B prepared for consideration under AC 25 agenda item 5(b)v – "Training for*

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[1] Available at https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/AC_TechnicalPaper_AdaptationMandE_2023.pdf.
[2] See further information at https://unfccc.int/event/future_mel.
[3] See further information at https://unfccc.int/event/monitoring-evaluation-and-learning-for-adaptation-interactive-feedback-session-on-new-toolkit.

developing country Parties on addressing identified gaps and needs in the formulation and implementation of NAPs");

iii) Explore opportunities for joint communications and outreach efforts, including communications to the adaptation contact points and national focal points;

iv) Explore opportunities for additional information or training sessions, expert meetings, or workshops including a potential session on the toolkit at the June SB sessions and regional events targeting adaptation practitioners where possible.

b) Consider undertaking work focused on monitoring, evaluation, and learning in the context of the new mandates arising from decision 2/CMA.5 on the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience (*See also document prepared for consideration under agenda item 5(a) – "Collaboration with other adaptation-related institutional arrangements under the UNFCCC"*).

c) Initiate work on new technical products on monitoring and evaluation, based on, for example, topics of interest and questions raised during the events co-hosted by the AC and NAP Global Network in 2023. Examples include: examining what active and anticipatory learning systems look like in practice; exploring how to link adaptation outputs to outcomes; and diving into multi-level governance in the context of monitoring and evaluation, including downscaling to cities.

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