

Initial considerations on the next flexible workplan of the Adaptation Committee for the years 2025-2027

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its 25th meeting, will be invited to consider the information contained in this document and agree on inter-sessional work to establish a draft flexible workplan for consideration and agreement at AC 26 (September 2024).

1. Introduction and background

1. By decision 2/CP.17, the Conference of the Parties (COP) requested the AC to develop a three-year plan for its work, in accordance with its agreed functions. Since then, the AC has kept up the practice of using three-year plans to guide its work. The fourth workplan was agreed at the AC's 20th meeting, covering the years 2022 to 2024. The AC has been keeping its workplans flexible to take on new and emerging tasks and allow for flexibility regarding the timing of activities and revisions of the workplan, as needed.
2. As the current workplan concludes at the end of 2024, the AC, at its 25th meeting, will initiate the elaboration of a new workplan to be agreed in the 2nd half of 2024. This document contains possible guiding principles, priority themes and next steps to support the AC in the elaboration of its next workplan.

2. Indicative priorities and guiding principles

3. The AC may wish to consider the following guiding principles for the elaboration of its next workplan:
 - a) The AC's mandate and objectives, as laid out in decision 1/CP.16, para. 20, which established the AC to promote the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention (see annex 1);
 - b) The principles guiding adaptation action as contained in Article 7.5 of the Paris Agreement (adaptation action should follow a country-driven, gender-responsive, participatory and fully transparent approach, taking into consideration vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems, and should be based on and guided by the best available science and, as appropriate, traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems, with a view to integrating adaptation into relevant socioeconomic and environmental policies and actions, where appropriate);
 - c) The overall aim of contributing to the Global Stocktake (GST), and the implementation of the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience as adopted in decision 2/CMA.5 with the purpose of guiding the achievement of the global goal on adaptation (GGA) and the review of overall progress in achieving it;
 - d) A critical self-assessment of past achievements as well as current and future challenges in relation to its mandates;
 - e) The principle of flexibility that the AC has been applying to its workplans to allow for adjustments to accommodate new mandates and developments.

3. Content

4. Ongoing activities will be included in the next workplan, including the mandates received from the COP, the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA), and the Subsidiary Bodies, in particular related to the Global Stocktake, the GGA and supporting countries in formulating and implementing National Adaptation Plans (NAPs).

5. Further, the AC may wish to agree on a limited number of thematic activities consistent with the guiding principles above, with the goal of maximizing impact and avoiding proliferation. In this, the AC may wish to consider which of its recent thematic work areas it wishes to further explore, and how and with whom these activities could be carried out. See annex 2, table: Thematic work by the AC to be included in its workplan for 2024-2027.

4. Structure

6. The AC has over time used various approaches to structure its workplans. While the initial workplan for the years 2013-2015 was simply structured into three workstreams (technical support and guidance to the Parties on adaptation action; on means of implementation; and awareness-raising, outreach and sharing of information), these workstreams have varied over time, expanded into more detail, and then most recently reduced again to the three main clusters applied in the current workplan for 2022-2024:

- Workstream 1: Promoting collaboration with the constituted bodies, partner organizations of the Nairobi work programme, and others
- Workstream 2: Providing technical support and guidance: Adaptation planning and implementation, including means of implementation, at the national and subnational level, and reviewing subnational, national and overall adaptation progress
- Workstream 3: Information sharing, awareness-raising and outreach

7. The AC may wish to decide whether it wishes to continue structuring its workplan along the current workstreams, or whether the structure requires any revisions.

5. Possible next steps

8. The AC may wish to consider the following suite of steps to arrive at the adoption of its next workplan at AC 26 (September 2024):

- a) AC 25: Initial discussion, including a self-assessment, as appropriate, on priority areas of work for the years 2025-2027; as well as on a possible revision of the structure of the workplan (see annex 2);
- b) April 2024:
 - i) Co-Chairs, interested AC members and the secretariat perform a screening of the priority areas discussed, and elaborate a first set of possible activities to address these areas, in alignment with mandated activities;
 - ii) AC to issue a call for inputs, through NGO focal points, Adaptation Contact Points, and from other constituted bodies, to solicit inputs from stakeholders;
- c) May 2024: 1st conference call with interested AC members to discuss a first order draft of the work plan;
- d) End of June 2024: 2nd conference call with interested AC members to discuss a second order draft of the work plan;
- e) AC 26 (10-13 September 2024): Approval of the work plan for inclusion in the 2024 annual report of the AC
- f) AC 27 (early 2025): Review of the workplan in line with the outcomes of COP 29.

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Annex 1

Mandated objective and functions of the AC

In the consideration of its forthcoming workplan the AC may want to recall the objective and functions of the AC which are stipulated by decision 1/CP.16.

The overall objective of the AC is to promote the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention, through its five functions:

- a) Providing technical support and guidance to the Parties, respecting the country-driven approach, with a view to facilitating the implementation of adaptation activities;
- b) Strengthening, consolidating and enhancing the sharing of relevant information, knowledge, experience and good practices, at the local, national, regional and international levels, taking into account, as appropriate, traditional knowledge and practices;
- c) Promoting synergy and strengthening engagement with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks, in order to enhance the implementation of adaptation actions, in particular in developing country Parties;
- d) Providing information and recommendations, drawing on adaptation good practices, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties when providing guidance on means to incentivize the implementation of adaptation actions, including finance, technology and capacity-building and other ways to enable climate-resilient development and reduce vulnerability, including to the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention, as appropriate;
- e) Considering information communicated by Parties on their monitoring and review of adaptation actions, support provided and received, possible needs and gaps and other relevant information, including information communicated under the Convention, with a view to recommending what further actions may be required, as appropriate.

Annex 2

Building blocks for the Adaptation Committee's next workplan

Thematic work by the Adaptation Committee to be included in its flexible workplan for 2024-2027

Thematic area	Mandate	AC function	Activities	Delivery deadline	Modalities ¹
Annual report	2.CP.17, para. 96	d		Annually before COP	Report with recommendations
Collaboration		Overarching objective	Participate as appropriate in expert groups and events of other constituted bodies or workstreams under the Convention and the PA	ongoing	In person or virtual participation Written inputs
		Overarching objective	Map new mandates from COP, CMA and SBs	After each COP	
		Overarching objective	Exchange with other adaptation-related constituted bodies for operational planning	1 st AC meeting of each year	
		Overarching objective	Thematic dialogues with other adaptation-related constituted bodies	Annually tbd	
Support the implementation of the UAE framework on Global Climate Resilience / Capacity building	Decision 2/CMA.5, para. 44	a, b, d	Technical guidance and training materials, in collaboration with CGE and LEG	Not specified	
Reporting	Decision 2/CMA.5, para. 45	a, d, e	Recommendations on how to improve reporting on adaptation action and progress	Not specified	Recommendations

¹ See also the modalities at the AC's disposal as stipulated by decision 2/CP.17: Workshops and meetings; expert groups; compilation, review, synthesis, analysis reports of information, knowledge, experience and good practice; channels for sharing information, knowledge and expertise; coordination and linkages with all relevant bodies, programmes, institutions and networks, within and outside the Convention

Sharing information communicated by Parties on the state of adaptation		e	Country profiles		Interactive portal
	Decision 11/CMA.1, para. 13	b, d, e	Provide guidance to the secretariat on the preparation of the synthesis reports in the context of recognizing the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties	Every two years. Next report due in 2026	Synthesis report
Monitoring, evaluation and learning	Decision 11/CMA.1, para. 35	a, e	Continue to compile existing methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support	Ongoing	
		a, e	Placeholder for follow-up work from technical paper and toolkit, as appropriate		
Adaptation finance		d	Input to SCF draft guidance to the operating entities of the financial mechanism	2 nd half of each year	
		b	Adaptation Finance Bulletin (tbd)		
			Follow up from 2024 work on addressing capacity gaps in adaptation funding		
Advice to NWP	FCCC/SBSTA/2018/4, para. 19	c	Advice to NWP	As required	Letter to SBSTA chair
Support formulation and implementation of NAPs, incl. through NAP Taskforce			NAP Taskforce and its workplan	Two meetings per year	
			Periodically update the online resource on navigating the landscape of support for the process to formulate and implement NAPs ²	As required	Online resource

² <https://unfccc.int/napsupport>.

			Continued support to address gaps and needs (tbd)		
Communication and outreach			Continue thematic dialogues/360 stakeholder dialogues (<i>following the example of the March 2024 Dialogue on adaptation funding</i>)		
			Adaptation Forum	As required	
		b, c	Continued regional work		
			Adaptation Action and Finance Bulletin (to be defined at AC 25)	Twice a year before SBs (tbc)	
Topics to be mainstreamed across the AC's work	Decision 3/CP.25, and 24/CP.27		All constituted bodies to undertake activities set out in, and enhance the implementation of, the gender action plan, as appropriate, and continue to include in their regular reports information on progress towards integrating a gender perspective into their processes	Annually	Include in annual report
			<i>AC previously agreed to incorporate consideration of gender into all its activities</i>		
	1/CP.26, para. 60		Relevant work programmes and constituted bodies under the UNFCCC to consider how to integrate and strengthen ocean-based action in their existing mandates and workplans and to report on these activities within the existing reporting processes, as appropriate	As appropriate	Include in annual report, as appropriate
Placeholders for AC 25 agreed outcome (as applicable)			Private sector engagement		
			Application of indigenous knowledge and local knowledge in climate adaptation		

