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Further guidance in relation to the adaptation communications, including, inter alia, as a component of nationally determined contributions, referred to in Article 7, paragraphs 10 and 11, of the Paris Agreement

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I. Decision¹

The Conference of the Parties Serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,

[Recalling relevant provisions of the Convention, including equity and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities[, in the light of different national circumstances,]]

[Also] recalling relevant provisions of the Paris Agreement, in particular its Article 7,

Recognizing the importance of flexibility provided to Parties by Article 7, paragraphs 10 and 11 of the Paris Agreement for submitting and updating the adaptation communication,

Recalling decisions 4/CP.5, 17/CP.8, and 5/CP.17,

Recognizing the links between adaptation and sustainable development, including the Sustainable Development Goals and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction,

Also recognizing the intrinsic relationship between adaptation and equitable access to sustainable development and eradication of poverty,

Recalling that continuous and enhanced international support shall be provided to developing country Parties for the implementation of Article 7, paragraphs 7, 9, 10 and 11, of the Paris Agreement, in accordance with Articles 9, 10 and 11 of the Paris Agreement,

1. *Notes that the adaptation communication contributes, inter alia, to:*

(a) *Increasing the visibility and profile of adaptation and its balance with mitigation;*

(b) *Strengthening adaptation action and support for developing countries;*

(c) *Providing input to the global stocktake;*

(d) *Enhancing learning and understanding of adaptation needs and actions.*

2. *Adopts the guidance contained in the annex/decision;*

3. *Notes that the adaptation communication is:*

(a) *Country-driven and flexible, including in the choice of communication or document, as provided in Article 7, paragraphs 10 and 11, of the Paris Agreement;*

(b) *Not mandatory, poses no additional burden on developing country Parties, is not a basis for comparisons between Parties, and is not subject to a review;*

¹ The structure of this document is without prejudice to the form of the final outcome of the work of the APA, with regards to a single or multiple decisions.

4. *Recalls* that according to the flexibility in Article 7, paragraphs 10 and 11, of the Paris Agreement, the adaptation communication shall be, as appropriate, submitted and updated periodically, as a component of or in conjunction with other communications or documents, including a NAP, an NDC as referred to in Article 4, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement and/or a national communication;
5. *Decides* that Parties may, as appropriate, also submit and update their adaptation communication as a component of or in conjunction with the reports on impacts and adaptation as stipulated in Article 13, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement;
6. *Recalls* that the adaptation communications shall be recorded in a public registry maintained by the secretariat in accordance with the modalities and procedures contained in decision X/CMA.1;
7. *Invites* Parties who choose to submit an adaptation communication to do so in time to inform each global stocktake, as appropriate;
8. *Encourages* Parties that choose to submit an adaptation communication as a component of or in conjunction with the NDC to apply the modalities presented in paragraph 5 of the annex/decision;
9. *Decides* that Parties can choose information communicated as a component of or in conjunction with an NDC on adaptation actions and/or economic diversification plans leading to mitigation co-benefits to be subject to review under Article 13, paragraph 7 (b), of the Paris Agreement;
10. *Encourages* Parties to submit their adaptation communication, using the guidance contained in the annex/decision and considering, as appropriate, existing guidance for communications or documents used for the submission;
11. *Acknowledges* that Parties may, when submitting an adaptation communication, modify the information provided, in consideration of the specific communications or documents used;
12. *[Agrees* that, to contribute to achieving the global goal on adaptation, pursuant to Article 7, paragraph 14 of the Paris Agreement, it is necessary to have information that can be synthesized and that will enable enhanced action and improve the understanding of collective effort and progress towards the global goal on adaptation.
13. *Requests* the SBSTA to develop guidelines for use by Parties in communicating information under the elements contained in the annex/decision, with a view to adopting such guidelines at the third session of the CMA (November 2020). As input to the development of guidelines, it *invites* the IPCC to provide a technical paper on available methodologies for producing the information referred to in paragraph 12 above, with guidance from the SBSTA;]
14. *Decides* to take stock of, and if necessary revise:
 - (a) The guidance contained in the annex/decision, taking into account the submissions and the synthesis report referred to in paragraph 15 below, at its eighth session to be held in 2025;
 - (b) The modalities presented in paragraph 5 of the annex/decision, in concurrence with the update/revision/review of the guidance for NDCs;
15. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 28 February 2025, information on their experiences with the application of the guidance contained in the annex/decision, and *requests* the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report of those submissions for consideration by the SBI at its sixty-second session, with a view to preparing recommendations to the CMA to inform the stocktake stipulated in paragraph 14 above;
16. *Also invites* Parties, United Nations organizations, specialized agencies, and other relevant organizations as well as bilateral and multilateral agencies, to continue to mobilize support for adaptation activities in developing country Parties;

17. *Requests* the GEF and the GCF, as the operating entities of the financial mechanism, to provide support to developing country Parties for the preparation and submission of their adaptation communications, in line with their existing mandates;
18. *Encourages* the GCF, the GEF, the Adaptation Fund, the Climate Technology Centre and Network, and the Paris Committee on Capacity-building, in line with their existing mandates and governing instruments, to continue supporting developing country Parties in implementation of their adaptation plans and actions, corresponding to the priorities and needs outlined in their adaptation communication;
19. *Takes note* of the recommendations adopted by the CMA on matters referred to in paragraphs 41, 42 and 45 of decision 1/CP.21;
20. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in this decision and requests that the actions called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

II. Annex

1. Parties may provide information at their discretion on any of the elements in paragraph 3 below within their adaptation communication as a component of or in conjunction with other communications or documents, including a national adaptation plan, a nationally determined contribution as referred to in Article 4, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement and/or a national communication.
2. Parties should clearly identify their adaptation communication, from the beginning to the end, regardless of the vehicle used, and number their adaptation communications sequentially.
3. Parties should include in their adaptation communication, as appropriate, information on:
 - (a) National circumstances, including population, level of development, legal frameworks and institutional arrangements;
 - (b) Expected impacts, risks and vulnerability assessments, and adaptive capacity;
 - (c) Adaptation priorities, policies, plans, actions, strategies, programmes, resilience-building activities, national goals related to adaptation, and expected results, as appropriate;
 - (d) Implementation and adaptation support needs of developing country Parties, including the costs of meeting those adaptation needs;
 - (e) Implementation of adaptation actions and plans, including:
 - (i) Progress and results achieved;
 - (ii) Adaptation efforts of developing countries for recognition;
 - (iii) Cooperation on enhancing adaptation at national, regional and international levels;
 - (iv) Barriers, challenges and gaps related to implementation of adaptation;
 - (v) Good practices, lessons learned and information-sharing;
 - (vi) Monitoring and evaluation, and approaches used therefor;
 - (f) Financial resources to assist developing country Parties with respect to adaptation;
 - (g) Synergy with other international conventions;
 - (h) Adaptation actions and/or economic diversification plans leading mitigation co-benefits;
 - (i) Traditional knowledge or community-based adaptation to climate change and local communities' involvement.
4. Parties are encouraged to include, as appropriate, forward-looking information, based on the elements identified in paragraph 3 above, in their adaptation communication.
5. Parties that choose to submit their adaptation communication as a component of or in conjunction with an NDC may include, as appropriate, information identified in paragraph 3(a–d, f, h, i) above, and information on sustainable development efforts and time frames, without creating any additional burden.
6. Parties may include in their adaptation communication information related to the formulation, preparation and implementation of NAPs. This could include information related to the activities referred to in paragraphs 2(a–c), 3(a–e) and 4(a–e) of the annex to decision 5/CP.17. These activities, including NAP documents, could be submitted to the secretariat as the information requested in Article 7, paragraph 10, of the Paris Agreement.

7. Parties may submit the information requested in Article 7, paragraph 10, of the Paris Agreement as part of their national communication by providing information in line with the guidelines contained in document FCCC/CP/1999/7 and decision 17/CP.8.

8. Parties may submit an adaptation communication as a component of or in conjunction with communications or documents other than a NAP, an NDC, or a national communication, taking into account the guidance available for such communications and/or documents.

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