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The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation continued consideration of the review of the progress, effectiveness and performance of the Adaptation Committee. They agreed to continue the consideration at their fifty-ninth sessions (November–December 2023) on the basis of the draft text elements prepared by the co-facilitators for this agenda item at these sessions.¹

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- 1. Recognize the progress of the Adaptation Committee in implementing its mandate² since the review of the Committee in 2016 and its central role in promoting the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention and the Paris Agreement;
- 2. Welcome the submissions from Parties on the progress, effectiveness and performance of the Adaptation Committee³ and subsequent exchanges among Parties on this matter:
- 3. Encourage the Adaptation Committee to continue employing transparent and inclusive modalities of work, which include ensuring the broad engagement of observers and facilitating virtual participation in its meetings and events;
- 4. Take note of the progress of the Adaptation Committee in improving its outreach and communication;
- 5. Note with appreciation the collaboration and partnerships of the Adaptation Committee with other UNFCCC constituted bodies and under institutional arrangements within and outside the UNFCCC, including with partner organizations of the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, and encourage enhancement of such collaboration and partnerships within and outside the Convention and the Paris Agreement;
- 6. Invite the Adaptation Committee to engage with technical experts, organizations, research institutions and institutional arrangements outside the Convention and the Paris Agreement, including the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, in a geographically balanced, diverse and inclusive manner with the aim of enhancing the quality of its technical products and facilitating their uptake, as well as identifying follow-up activities arising from the findings in its technical products;
- 7. Request the Adaptation Committee to continue conducting regular analyses and surveys relating to its technical products with a view to improving their reach and uptake;
- 8. Invite the Adaptation Committee to continue developing technical products, taking into account the best available science, including the key findings in the assessment reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and disseminate them in a manner that increases their reach in all geographical regions, including by translating them into all six official languages of the United Nations, subject to the availability of resources, and including making them available on the adaptation knowledge portal;⁴
- 9. Encourage the Adaptation Committee to participate in and organize regional events and knowledge dialogues with a view to improving the dissemination, understanding and use

² Decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 20.

¹ Available at [link].

³ Available at https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx (in the search field, clear tags and type "Review of the Adaptation Committee").

⁴ https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NWPStaging/Pages/Home.aspx

of its technical products by organizations and practitioners within and outside the UNFCCC process and in all geographical regions;⁵

- 10. Also encourage the Adaptation Committee to take into consideration all available adaptation-related reporting and communication instruments under the UNFCCC and other relevant instruments when implementing its function of providing technical support and guidance to the Parties with a view to facilitating the implementation of adaptation-related activities, including addressing gender and other cross-cutting issues;⁶
- 11. Welcome the valuable input that the Adaptation Committee has provided through its supplementary guidance for voluntary use by Parties in communicating information in accordance with the possible elements of an adaptation communication,⁷ and request the Adaptation Committee to consider the appropriate dissemination and communication tools and channels, including translation, for increasing Parties' use of the guidance;
- 12. Encourage the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, in collaboration with the Standing Committee on Finance, to make available to stakeholders their compilation of existing methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support;
- 13. Note the valuable input of the Adaptation Committee to the Glasgow–Sharm el-Sheikh work programme on the global goal on adaptation and the global stocktake, and encourage the Adaptation Committee to include relevant follow-up activities in its flexible workplan, as appropriate;
- 14. Invite the Adaptation Committee to consider undertaking follow-up activities-arising from the findings in its synthesis report on lessons learned and good practices related to the efforts of developing countries in assessing and meeting the costs of adaptation,⁸ including regional events on the applicability of the findings;
- 15. Encourage the Adaptation Committee to consider how to facilitate the identification of solutions for addressing gaps and needs identified by Parties in adaptation communications and in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans that have been identified by the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and the Adaptation Committee;
- 16. Invite the Adaptation Committee, in developing its current and future flexible workplans, to include activities relating to locally led and transboundary adaptation and to engage Parties more actively in selecting topics for technical products;
- 17. Also invite the Adaptation Committee to continue synthesizing and analysing information provided by Parties on adaptation action taken, including in relation to the adaptation cycle, with a view to informing future global stocktakes;
- 18. Note with concern the shortfall in resources available to the Adaptation Committee and the need for supplementary financial resources;
- 19. Encourage Parties to make available sufficient resources for the successful and timely implementation of the flexible workplan of the Adaptation Committee for 2022–2024.9

⁵ As per decisions 8/CP.27, para. 2, and 10/CMA.4, para. 2.

⁶ As per decision 1/CP.16, para. 20(a).

⁷ FCCC/SB/2022/5/Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1.

Adaptation Committee. 2022. Efforts of developing countries in assessing and meeting the costs of adaptation: Lessons learned and good practices. Synthesis report by the Adaptation Committee in the context of the recognition of adaptation efforts of developing country Parties. Bonn: UNFCCC. Available at https://unfccc.int/documents/621859.

⁹ https://unfccc.int/process/bodies/constituted-bodies/adaptation-committee-ac/workplan.