

15th meeting of the Adaptation Committee

Agenda item 8 (a)

Engagement with the private sector

Fostering engagement of the agri-food sector in resilience to climate change.
Workshop report

Bonn, Germany, 19-21 March 2019



Proceedings

- ❖ Workshop held in Geneva, Switzerland from 29-31 October 2018
- ❖ Jointly between UNFCCC Adaptation Committee and the International Trade Centre (ITC) > guidance of AC > support of Germany, Japan and the EC
- ❖ 100 participants
 - *Day 1*: exploring tools, data, and methodologies to assess climate risks and options for designing adaptation strategies to build resilience.
 - *Day 2*: tools and approaches for implementing adaptation strategies in the agri-food sector
 - *Day 3*: how to design policies to scale up private sector adaptation action



Overview

Contained in the report:

- ❖ Introduction and background
- ❖ Proceedings
- ❖ Key issues addressed at the meeting
 - Assessing climate risks for enterprises in the agri-food sector and designing adaptation strategies
 - Implementing climate change adaptation strategies
 - Designing policies to scale up private sector adaptation action
- ❖ Lessons and key messages from the meeting
- ❖ Next steps, incl. possible draft recommendations



Possible recommendations

- ❖ Encourage Parties to further strengthen their engagement with the private sector in its adaptation efforts, including in the planning, development and implementation of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)
- ❖ Promote the development of knowledge and data that can strengthen the business case for adaptation
- ❖ Assist in bridging the finance and data gaps faced by small and medium enterprises looking to undertake adaptation actions
- ❖ Utilize a value chain approach when designing and implementing adaptation interventions, recognizing the key role public sector actions can play in stimulating private sector investment
- ❖ Strengthening enabling policy environments for adaptation actions in the private sectors through interventions



Next steps

AC may wish to consider to:

- Develop, **by COP 25**, a set of recommendations
- Explore, in collaboration with partners, steps to advance actions identified at the workshop
 - ✓ Capture progress within the PSI (see table in document)
- Develop a user-friendly format information product > findings of the workshop
- Follow up during Adaptation Forum (April 2019)
- Follow up in the 2nd half of 2019:
 - ✓ Collaboration with the NAP Global Network
 - ✓ Collaboration with the ITC (subject of funding)
 - ✓ Updating PSI > case studies (w/NWP)
 - ✓ Possible additional products and/or areas for further work:
 - The use of science-based targets for assessing risk and developing adaptation options
 - Assessing climate-related risks to operations
 - Business case pitches for high-priority sectors
 - Mapping of support for smallholder farmers and SMEs > operations and supply chains more climate-resilient

