

Report of the Adaptation Committee

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Thank you Chair.

I am pleased to take the floor on behalf of the Adaptation Committee and would like to thank the Committee and my Co-Chair, Marianne Karlsen from Norway, for the good collaboration throughout the year.

The report of the Adaptation Committee is contained in document [FCCC/SB/2019/3](#) and it covers its work between October 2018 and October 2019. It contains organizational and procedural information, including information on meetings held during the reporting period and changes in membership and co-chairing arrangements.

In terms of substance, the report highlights the Adaptation Committee's progress in implementing its flexible workplan for 2019-2021 and concludes with recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

To name just some of the highlights of the AC's work this year, I would like to mention five key points:

1. Following the successful adoption of the **Katowice climate package** at COP 24, the AC prioritized the tasks mandated by the CMA. It is working in close collaboration with the LEG and other partners to fulfil Parties' expectations on these mandates. First outputs will be delivered next year, including an inventory of methodologies for assessing adaptation needs and the first report on recognizing adaptation efforts of developing countries.
2. In terms of **adaptation finance**, the AC stepped up its work in identifying concrete opportunities and catalyzing action in this area. This included the 2019 technical examination process on adaptation, which focused on adaptation finance, including the private sector. It also included a call for submissions inviting views on capacity needs in accessing funding for adaptation.
3. With regard to **strengthening partnerships**, the AC worked hand in hand with other bodies and institutions on a wide range of initiatives. For example, the AC, the PCCB and the LEG worked closely to strengthen their work on **gender**, including planning a gender-related event in 2020 and launching a toolkit for gender responsive national adaptation planning processes here at this COP next week. This conference will also feature an event celebrating **indigenous and local adaptation** to climate change organized jointly by the Facilitative Working Group of the LCIPP, the AC, the LEG and Nairobi work programme partners.
4. The AC has also further expanded its efforts to involve the **private sector** in adaptation planning and action. This included its 2019 Adaptation Forum and this COP will also

see the launch of a toolkit for adaptation planning and implementation for the private sector.

5. Lastly, the AC is launching its 2019 flagship report on **25 Years of Adaptation Under the UNFCCC**, which highlights the milestones and evolution of adaptation under the UNFCCC process. It will serve as a useful guide to those seeking an introduction to, and overview of, adaptation under the UNFCCC. **The launch is taking place next week on Thursday and I would warmly like to invite everybody to attend.**

The Adaptation Committee is looking forward to continued collaboration with Parties, constituted bodies and other stakeholders.

Thank you.