

13th meeting of the Adaptation Committee

Agenda item 7 (b)

Technical paper on Long-term adaptation planning

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I: Introduction and background

- ❖ Revised draft following AC12
- ❖ Paper seeks to share information about long-term adaptation planning, to assist Parties as they implement the provisions of the Paris Agreement (particularly Article 7), including as they engage in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans (NAPs).
- ❖ In addition, it can be used by the AC and its National Adaptation Plan Task Force (NAP TF), to inform discussions on long-term adaptation planning.



II: Summary

❖ **Background**

- Adaptation under the Paris Agreement
- Long-term adaptation planning under the UNFCCC process, including the Cancun Adaptation Framework (CAF) and the NAP process, and existing challenges

❖ **Relevant agreements and processes on adaptation and development**

- Multilateral agreements (the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, and Agenda 2063) and their linkage with long-term adaptation planning

❖ **Topics related to long-term adaptation planning**

- Mainstreaming adaptation into long-term development planning and cycles
- Connecting short-, medium- and long-term adaptation planning
- Planning in the context of long-term risk and uncertainty
- Incremental versus transformational change
- Taking an iterative approach to planning
- Importance of effective institutional arrangements and stakeholder engagement



III: Next Steps

❖ The AC may wish to:

- Finalise and publish this paper in a user-friendly format focussing on section 4 (topics related to long-term adaptation planning) and discuss ways to disseminate it
- Discuss next steps that could be taken by the NAP TF and in the context of the new work plan
- Formulate possible recommendations on long-term adaptation planning, for consideration by the COP and interested stakeholders



IV: Possible recommendations for consideration by the COP

- ❖ The AC may wish to consider the following recommendations to be forwarded to the COP:
 - Encourage Parties to strengthen long-term adaptation planning as part of the process to formulate and implement NAPs, taking into account stakeholder input and linkages to SDGs
 - Invite Parties to consider, in the context of advancing the development of modalities, procedures and guidelines for transparency of action and support, the important linkage between adaptation planning in the short-, medium- and long-term and means of implementation (financing, technology and capacity building)
 - Invite the Nairobi work programme and its partner organizations to develop guidance on what constitutes long-term adaptation planning, in particular beyond 2050, and how such planning differs from current adaptation planning, in particular the process to formulate and implement NAPs;
 - Invite relevant institutions under the Convention and non-Party stakeholders to strengthen support (financial, technical, technological and capacity-building support) for long-term adaptation planning, noting the urgency for adaptation action to address current, near-term and long-term risks of climate change.

