

**Thirteenth meeting of the Adaptation Committee
Bonn, Germany, 27 February to 2 March 2018**

**Initiating considerations on the flexible workplan of the
Adaptation Committee for 2019-2021**

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its 13th meeting, will be invited to consider elements to be included in its third flexible workplan, to cover the years 2019-2021, along with possible next steps. It may wish to include in its initial considerations elements that aim to further progress work on the AC's existing workstreams, compiled in this document.

1. Introduction and background

1. At its 8th meeting, the AC agreed its second workplan, covering the period 2016-2018, which was subsequently welcomed by the Conference of the Parties (COP). The AC agreed to keep the workplan flexible so to be able to take on new and emerging tasks and allow for flexibility regarding the timing of activities and revisions of the workplan as needed. At its 9th meeting the AC revised the workplan to take into account the outcomes from COP 21, with the overall aim of contributing to the global goal on adaptation as contained in Article 7.1, and the principles guiding adaptation action as contained in Article 7.5 of the Paris Agreement.
2. The first and second workplans were driven by the AC's vision, which was agreed at its first meeting, included in its initial report and welcomed by COP 18:¹ *"The AC will raise the profile of adaptation at all levels and promote the mainstreaming of adaptation into development and the strengthening of national capacity to address adaptation. It will strive to make a difference to the way adaptation is perceived and addressed globally. The Committee will play a leadership role in adaptation, including by incentivizing adaptation action and promoting coherence in adaptation action both within and outside of the Convention. The Committee will explore and foster synergies between relevant stakeholders and sectors, including the business community and financial institutions, in order to mobilize financial resources to support adaptation. This will include drawing on the work of other bodies and institutions both within and outside of the Convention, in order to facilitate the provision of sound technical guidance to Parties. Its mission is to be an overall advisory body that raises awareness of and ambition for adaptation and promotes communication about adaptation, with the ultimate objective of facilitating the implementation of concrete adaptation action and empowering communities. The Committee will focus on concrete action in an unbureaucratic and depoliticized manner and, to this effect, will establish and maintain active dialogue with high-level stakeholders and decision makers. The Committee is committed to creating a results-oriented body with clear and realistic timelines that will make a real difference on the ground."*

¹ FCCC/SB/2012/3, paras. 15–19.

3. As the current workplan ends this year, the AC should initiate considerations of the next workplan to cover the period 2019-2021.

2. Considerations guiding the elaboration of the workplan

4. During its deliberations on the workplan, the AC may wish to consider the following criteria:
- a) **The functions of the AC**, as defined by decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 20:
 - i) Providing technical support and guidance to the Parties, respecting the country-driven approach, with a view to facilitating the implementation of adaptation activities;
 - ii) Strengthening, consolidating and enhancing the sharing of relevant information, knowledge, experience and good practices, at the local, national, regional and international levels, taking into account, as appropriate, traditional knowledge and practices;
 - iii) Promoting synergy and strengthening engagement with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks, in order to enhance the implementation of adaptation actions, in particular in developing country Parties;
 - iv) Providing information and recommendations, drawing on adaptation good practices, for consideration by the COP when providing guidance on means to incentivize the implementation of adaptation actions, including finance, technology and capacity-building and other ways to enable climate-resilient development and reduce vulnerability, including to the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention, as appropriate;
 - v) Considering information communicated by Parties on their monitoring and review of adaptation actions, support provided and received, possible needs and gaps and other relevant information, including information communicated under the Convention, with a view to recommending what further actions may be required, as appropriate.
 - b) **Continuity**: The AC may wish to continue building on existing technical work undertaken by the AC and others;
 - c) **Flexibility**: The AC may wish to ensure the relevance of its work by keeping its workplan flexible and being able to adjust and respond to new and emerging tasks, including as they relate to the implementation of the Paris Agreement;
 - d) **Feasibility**: The AC will have to take into account constraints in terms of staff and budget resources which are currently far below what they have been in the past and the AC may want to consider whether the development of the work plan should be restricted by such limitations. All efforts must be given due consideration to fund the work of the AC including efforts to seek additional financial support from traditional and non-traditional sources;
 - e) **Impact**: Given the limited resources, the AC may wish to focus its efforts on activities that will have the greatest impact.
5. The AC may also wish to consider the major outcomes of the Paris Agreement to ensure its vision aligns well the new time horizon and tasks set by the Agreement.

3. Possible elements of the workplan

6. Considering the criteria listed above, the following is an initial listing of possible focus areas and activities that the AC could consider including in its next workplan, organized by existing workstreams.

The list below contains elements identified in document AC/2018/2: Mapping of adaptation-relevant mandates from the UN Climate Change Conference in November 2017. For ease of reference, those elements are again listed in the annex.

7. As was done for its previous workplan, the AC may wish to allocate concrete activities mainly to the first year of its new workplan, i.e. 2019. This would allow for more flexibility for revisions once the outcomes of the COP 24 (December 2018) discussion on the Paris Agreement Work Plan (PAWP) are clear with regard to any new role or mandates that the AC may potentially receive.

Possible focus areas and activities for the AC's 2019-2021 workplan

Elements that already have concrete mandates from the COP or the SBs are shaded in blue;

Elements that build on activities of the 2016-2018 workplan are shaded in yellow;

Possible new elements agreed by the AC and pending ones from the AC's current workplan are shaded in orange.

Focus area	Possible steps/action
Workstream O: Overarching coherence and collaboration	
Overall coherence	Update map of mandates, workplans and/or decisions with adaptation relevance under the Convention, and compare and analyse to consider what actions may need to be undertaken by the AC
	Annual report to the COP, through the subsidiary bodies ¹
Collaboration with other institutional arrangements under the Convention	Engage with representatives of relevant bodies under the Convention, as appropriate, including to discuss and agree upon joint activities and serving, upon invitation, in expert groups established by other bodies
	Input to pre-2020 activities (Talanoa Dialogue), as appropriate
Workstream A: Technical support and guidance to the Parties on adaptation action	
Paris Agreement/CMA1	Placeholder for potential new mandates in support of the Paris Agreement and its operationalizing decision 1/CP.21, including reviewing national and global progress on adaptation, including towards the global goal on adaptation, and supporting Parties in enhancing their adaptation actions through technical support and guidance. Pending relevant outcomes from COP 24.
Adaptation approaches/planning	Long-term adaptation: Placeholder for follow-up action based on recommendations agreed at AC 13
	Placeholder for follow-up activities arising from the draft report on various approaches considered at AC13
	Collaborate with the LEG, following the NAP Expo 2018, to consider ways to assist with the implementation of NAPs and to include information thereon in their reports, as appropriate ²

¹ Decision 2/CP.27, para. 96.

² SBI/2017/19, para. 73.

	Compile lessons learned and good practices as they relate to experiences of countries in linking their NAP processes and other national adaptation planning with subnational development planning and action ³
Technical Examination Process on Adaptation	In a leading role support the Technical Examination Process on Adaptation, including conducting the annual Technical Expert Meetings on Adaptation and participating in the TEP-A taskforce
	Prepare a technical paper on opportunities to enhance adaptation actions, as well as opportunities to support their implementation, information on which should be made available in a user-friendly online format ⁴
	Support regional TEMs, as appropriate, including the provision of technical advice in the organization and execution of these events.
	Include in the AC report to the COP recommendations for respective processes and for constituted bodies under the Convention, Parties and other organizations on ways forward and necessary actions to be taken, based on the outcomes of the TEM-A ⁵
Engagement/synergy with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks	[Possible alignment with TEP-A?]
	Follow-up on the mapping/overview of existing partnerships providing technical support on adaptation, pending consideration at AC13, as needed
Monitoring and evaluation/Indicators	Placeholder for next steps identified during the 2018 workshop (AC14)
Private sector engagement	Placeholder for next steps identified during the 2018 workshop (AC 14)
IPCC special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels	Placeholder for possible follow-up action upon availability of the report (AC 15, report is due in October 2018)
Integrating climate change adaptation with the Sustainable Development Goals and the	Follow up to recommendations from the TEP-A technical papers from 2016 and 2017, as well as the recommendations from the work of the taskforce.

³ Note that the 2018 assessment of the process to formulate and implement NAPs may supersede the need for this item.

⁴ Decision 1/CP.21, para. 129(b).

⁵ Decision 13/CP.23, para. 5.

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Workstream B: Technical support and guidance to the Parties on means of implementation	
Adaptation Finance	Continue engaging with the Green Climate Fund, including through next steps to be identified during 2018 workshop (AC14)
	Placeholder for any other next steps to be defined during 2018 workshop (AC14)
	Prepare an information paper, in collaboration with the SCF, on different national institutional frameworks for adaptation finance, and, where available, long-term financial strategies, including identifying good practices and lessons learned, highlighting strengths and limitations and providing examples of application ⁶
	Continue providing input to the SCF for the preparation of draft decisions on guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism ⁷
	Develop a process to get inputs from all Parties on their experiences (positive and negative) with financial mechanisms to inform the AC input to the SCF for the preparation of draft decisions
	Adaptation Finance Bulletin – continue to improve in scope and style
Technology	Enhance collaboration with the TEC and the CTCN Advisory Board
Capacity building	Enhance collaboration with the PCCB
Workstream C: Awareness-raising, outreach and sharing of information	
Undertake activities to foster Party and non-Party stakeholder engagement	Adaptation Forum, as appropriate and feasible, possibly aligned with TEP-A topic. Alternatively, hold Adaptation Forum in the form of a regional TEM in 2019 and 2020
Publications	One annual publication, possibly in the form of an information brief / fact sheet, as a follow-up to technical documents or expert meeting reports to inform Parties and stakeholders of relevant key outcomes and key next steps

⁶ This item from the AC's 2016-2018 workplan was postponed to serve as input to the 2019 TEP which will focus on adaptation finance.

⁷ Decision 8/CP.23, para. 9.

Annex: Key points for inclusion in the AC's workplan for 2019-2021

1. Elements identified in document AC/2018/2: Mapping of adaptation-relevant mandates from the UN Climate Change Conference in November 2017:
 - a) To remain flexible in order to accommodate any possible follow-up activities from the Paris Agreement and its operationalizing decision 1/CP.21 and any requests in the context of the pre-2020 stocktakes;
 - b) To respond to requests from Parties and/or other institutional arrangements under the Convention, and to continue engaging them in the AC's work, as appropriate;
 - c) To collaborate with the LEG, following the NAP Expo 2018, to consider ways to assist with the implementation of NAPs and to include information thereon in their reports, as appropriate (this could be undertaken by the NAP Taskforce);
 - d) In the context of the TEP-A:
 - i) To include in the AC report to the COP recommendations for respective processes and for constituted bodies under the Convention, Parties and other organizations on ways forward and necessary actions to be taken, based on the outcomes of the TEMs;
 - ii) To support regional TEM-As, as appropriate.
 - e) Continue providing input to the SCF for the preparation of draft decisions on guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism;
 - f) To continue to enhance the linkages between the TNAs and the NAPs (NAP Taskforce).
2. Pending elements from the current workplan
 - a) Prepare an information paper, in collaboration with the SCF, on different national institutional frameworks for adaptation finance, and, where available, long-term financial strategies, including identifying good practices and lessons learned, highlighting strengths and limitations and providing examples of application. (Postponed to 2019 as input to 2019 TEP);
 - b) Compilation of lessons learned and good practices as they relate to experiences of countries in linking their NAP process with subnational planning and action (await outcome of 2018 NAP assessment to see if this is still useful).