

**Fourteenth meeting of the Adaptation Committee
Bonn, Germany, 24 to 26 October 2018**

**Draft flexible workplan of the
Adaptation Committee for 2019-2021**

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its 14th meeting, will be invited to consider the draft workplan covering the years 2019-2021, along with possible next steps and to finalize the work plan for inclusion in its annual report to the COP.

1. Background

1. At its 8th meeting, the Adaptation Committee (AC) agreed on its second workplan, covering the period 2016-2018, which was subsequently welcomed by the COP.¹ The AC agreed to keep its workplan flexible to take on new and emerging tasks and allow for flexibility regarding the timing of activities and revisions of the workplan as needed.
2. 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.
3. At its 13th meeting the AC considered the information contained in the background note (AC/2018/8)² prepared for the respective item and initiated its discussion on possible focus areas, strategic objectives, target audiences and examples of activities for its future workplan.
4. It established a working group on this matter, which is working with the Co-Chairs and the secretariat for developing an initial draft of the next workplan to be shared with the AC at its 14th meeting.

2. Next steps

5. The AC will be invited to consider the draft workplan covering the years 2019-2021 (see Annex), and discuss possible next steps and finalize the flexible workplan for inclusion in its annual report to the COP.

¹ See decision 3/CP.21, paragraph 2

² Available at < <https://unfccc.int/node/64716> >

Annex: Revised flexible workplan of the Adaptation Committee for the period 2019–2021

Activities

Objectives	2019: first half	Lead ¹	2019: second half	Lead	2020	Lead	2021	Lead
		Collab ²		Collab		Collab		Collab
Overarching coherence								
To promote the implementation of adaptation action under the Convention in a coherent manner	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 or other constituted bodies	Secretariat	Prepare annual report to the COP, through the subsidiary bodies	Secretariat	Update map of mandates, workplans and/or decisions with adaptation relevance under the Convention ... Prepare annual report to the COP, through the subsidiary bodies	Secretariat	Update map of mandates, workplans and/or decisions with adaptation relevance under the Convention ... Prepare annual report to the COP, through the subsidiary bodies	Secretariat
	Participate, as mandated or if invited and prioritized, in events of other	AC	Participate, as invited or mandated or if invited and prioritized, in events of other	AC	Participate, as invited or mandated or if invited and prioritized, in	AC	Participate, as invited or mandated or if invited and prioritized, in	AC

¹ Lead = To lead the implementation of activities for consideration and agreement by the AC.

² Collaboration: in developing each of the Workstreams and associated activities the AC is pursuing to strengthen the engagement and collaboration with institutions, organizations, frameworks, networks and centres inside and outside the Convention, including those at the intergovernmental, regional and national levels, and through them, the subnational level where appropriate, and relevant international agreements, with respect to their distinct mandate, tasks, goals and ways of work, in order to enhance the implementation of adaptation actions and to enhance the provision of support to developing country Parties.

	constituted bodies or workstream		constituted bodies or workstream		events of other constituted bodies or workstream		events of other constituted bodies or workstream	
	Provide advice to identify themes for NWP Focal Points Forum ³ that will contribute to the priority activities	AC and Secretariat NWP			Provide advice to identify themes for NWP Focal Points Forum that will contribute to the priority activities	AC and Secretariat NWP	Provide advice to identify themes for NWP Focal Points Forum that will contribute to the priority activities	AC and Secretariat NWP
	Placeholder for COP24 outcomes							
To include gender perspective as a crosscutting consideration of AC activities ⁴	Develop concept note to assess how to best incorporate gender considerations into adaptation action and across the workplan activities.	AC with Secretariat	Develop plan to enhance gender considerations into adaptation action and across the workplan activities.	AC with Secretariat			Evaluate progress in gender considerations within adaptation action and across the workplan activities.	AC with Secretariat
To continue to explore the linkages between climate change adaptation in the UNFCCC, the 2030 Agenda and the Sendai Framework	Identify AC focal point for the linkages between CC adaptation, SDG's and the Sendai Framework to assess progress in achieving joint action	AC	Report of the AC Focal Point on relevant linkages and the progress in achieving joint action	Focal Point with Secretariat	Follow up activities in relation to SDGs and Sendai, in particular in relation to governance	AC and Secretariat NWP ⁵ and other partners		

³ Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice on the first part of its forty-eighth session, para 19 https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/04_0.pdf

⁴ Gender Action Plan in Decision 3/CP.23

⁵ Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice on the first part of its forty-eighth session, para 19

Workstream A. Technical support and guidance to the Parties on adaptation action								
To provide guidance to the Parties on planning and implementation of adaptation actions	Placeholder for possible follow-up to previous work on long-term adaptation planning	AC with Secretariat		Secretariat	Placeholder for possible follow-up to previous work on various approaches to adaptation (e.g. EBA)	AC with Secretariat	Prepare a technical paper and a possible event on countries needs and solutions in relation to access, development and use of data systems for adaptation planning and implementation	AC with Secretariat
		LEG and others		LEG and others		LEG NWP, NAP Global Network and others		
	Assess effectiveness of NAP task force work under 2016-2018 workplan and compile lessons learned, including on whether there remain gaps related to the various all aspects of planning and implementations of NAP's, such as the inter-relationship between long term planning and finance.	AC and NAP-TF	Intersessionally (before AC 16) - finalize 2019-2021 workplan for NAP-TF and begin its implementation	AC and NAP-TF		Develop a survey to assess the access and effectivity of AC tools in relation to NAPs	NAP TF and Secretariat	NAP Global Network
Consider ways to assist with the		Compile lessons learned and good practices as they relate to experiences	AC with Secretariat		Conduct / facilitate analysis of existing tools to help Parties assess	NAP Global Network		

	implementation of NAPs ⁶		of countries in linking national adaptation planning, including in their NAPs, with subnational development planning and action / bringing transboundary issues into planning and implementation of adaptation actions.	NAP TF NAP Global Network and others			vulnerabilities, including in relation with NAPs and other adaptation planning strategies.	NAP TF NAP Global Network and others
	Placeholder for COP24 outcomes							
To share experiences and lessons learnt in the development and implementation of M & E systems			Placeholder for possible follow-up to 2018 workshop on national adaptation goals and indicators	AC with Secretariat	Event and dialogue to share existing knowledge and tools for M&E systems	AC with Secretariat		
	Placeholder for COP24 outcomes							
To enhance the provision of technical support to developing country Parties for adaptation	Develop a technical tool to study / make an inventory of the relationship/combination of mitigation and adaptation national objectives	AC with Secretariat	Prepare a technical paper on synergies / approach to studying co-benefits of mitigation and adaptation	Secretariat	Prepare a technical paper on experiences using guidance / guidelines for NAPs, NatCOMs, and other adaptation related	Secretariat	Organize an event with other relevant organizations on experiences using existing guidance and guidelines, gaps and lessons learned	AC
								LEG NAP Global Network

⁶ Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on its forty-seventh session, para 73.

action in a coherent manner					guidelines/guidance that identifies gaps and lessons learned.			k and others
	Placeholder for COP24 outcomes							
Workstream B. Technical support and guidance to the Parties on means of implementation								
To provide guidance to enhance financial support for adaptation action, including for the process to formulate and implement NAPs			Provide input to the SCF for the preparation of draft decisions on guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism	AC with Secretariat	Provide input to the SCF for the preparation of draft decisions on guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism	AC with Secretariat	Provide input to the SCF for the preparation of draft decisions on guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism	AC with Secretariat
				SCF		SCF		SCF
	Placeholder for COP24 outcomes					Joint meeting with the SCF on how to develop specific guidance for financing institutions on best practices for funding of adaptation programmes	AC with Secretariat SCF GCF AF LDCF and others	Consolidating and synthesize information on various financial instruments for adaptation solutions and make available on-line
To strengthen engagement with the GCF and other financing institutions under the					Develop technical paper on national experiences in the implementation of adaptation action as a result of accessing financial flows	AC with Secretariat	Disseminate findings of the technical paper online in a user friendly format	Secretariat
						GCF		NWP

Convention on how to more effectively support the implementation of adaptation actions, plans, strategies					coming from GCF and other financial institutions under the Convention			
	Placeholder for COP24 outcomes							
To strengthen engagement with private sector on mobilization of financial resources for adaptation actions			Follow up to the private sector workshop	AC with Secretariat				
				Organizations				
	Placeholder for COP24 outcomes							
To provide guidance to enhance technology support for adaptation action			Through collaboration with TEC and CTCN, strengthen relationship with technology providers to facilitate improved transfer of technologies for adaptation	AC with Secretariat			Prepare technical paper on the technology support provided for adaptation in relation to adaptation technology needs communicated by Parties, including the Identification of barriers/obstacles experienced by Parties in submitting adaptation	AC with Secretariat
				TEC and CTCN				TEC and CTCN

							technology projects.	
					To initiate consideration of synergies between adaptation and mitigation by mapping the adaptation co-benefits of mitigation technologies	AC with Secretariat TEC CTCN		
	Placeholder for COP24 outcomes							
To provide guidance to enhance capacity building for adaptation action					Prepare joint (with PCCB) concept note and event identifying gaps and solutions in addressing capacity building gaps of developing countries in relation to adaptation needs and vulnerabilities, plans and priorities.	AC with Secretariat PCCB	Design follow up activities in terms of addressing capacity building adaptation gaps and needs of developing countries and providing solutions	AC with Secretariat PCCB
	Placeholder for COP24 outcomes							
Workstream C: Awareness-raising, outreach and sharing of information								
To raise awareness and	Produce, twice yearly following	Secretariat			Produce, twice yearly following	Secretariat	Produce, twice yearly following	Secretariat

policy support for adaptation, particularly the NAP process, by relevant stakeholders at all levels	each negotiating session, an Adaptation Newsletter and an Adaptation Finance Bulletin	GCF, AF, GEF, LDCF, UNFCCC bodies and organizations outside the Convention			each negotiating session, an Adaptation Newsletter and an Adaptation Finance Bulletin	GCF, AF, GEF, LDCF, UNFCCC bodies and organizations outside the Convention	each negotiating session, an Adaptation Newsletter and an Adaptation Finance Bulletin	GCF, AF, GEF, LDCF, UNFCCC bodies and organizations outside the Convention
	Produce an Adaptation Action Bulletin highlighting issues such as N-S and S-S cooperation, use of Indigenous knowledge, capacity building, etc.				Produce an Adaptation Action Bulletin highlighting issues such as N-S and S-S cooperation, use of Indigenous knowledge, capacity building, etc.		Produce an Adaptation Action Bulletin highlighting issues such as N-S and S-S cooperation, use of Indigenous knowledge, capacity building, etc.	
	Participate, if invited and prioritized, in events organized by other organizations, particularly events that provide access to new audiences.	AC volunteers	Participate, if invited and prioritized, in events organized by other organizations, particularly events that provide access to new audiences.	AC volunteers	Participate, if invited and prioritized, in events organized by other organizations, particularly events that provide access to new audiences.	AC volunteers	Participate, if invited and prioritized, in events organized by other organizations, particularly events that provide access to new audiences.	AC volunteers
					Produce a report on the State of Adaptation under the UNFCCC	Secretariat with others UNFCCC bodies and		

						mechanisms and partners outside UNFCCC		
To promote the exchange of information, particularly as it relates to the most vulnerable people, sectors and regions, and strengthen the interaction between Parties and stakeholders at all levels by utilizing the convening power of the AC to organize focused events	Organize once a year an Adaptation Forum in conjunction with other adaptation-related events	Forum WG			Organize once a year an Adaptation Forum in conjunction with other adaptation-related events	Forum WG	Organize once a year an Adaptation Forum in conjunction with other adaptation-related events	Forum WG
		Partners outside UNFCCC				Partners outside UNFCCC		Partners outside UNFCCC
	Contribute to the organization and delivery of the NAP Expo ⁷	NAP-TF			Contribute to the organization and delivery of the NAP Expo	NAP-TF	Contribute to the organization and delivery of the NAP Expo	NAP-TF
		LEG and others				LEG and others		LEG and others

⁷ Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on its forty-seventh session, para 73.

To improve the publication and dissemination of results, good practices and lessons learned			Develop a communications plan that includes a social media strategy and integrate into existing workplan	Secretariat and AC volunteers			Evaluate the communication plan and the media strategy	AC and Secretariat
	Provide advice in relation to the publication of AC products on the Adaptation Knowledge Portal ⁸	AC volunteers and Secretariat			Provide advice in relation to the publication of AC products on the Adaptation Knowledge Portal	AC volunteers and Secretariat	Provide advice in relation to the publication of AC products on the Adaptation Knowledge Portal	AC volunteers and Secretariat
		NWP				NWP		NWP
	Elaborate a calendar including adaptation related events	AC volunteers			Elaborate a calendar including adaptation related events	AC volunteers	Elaborate a calendar including adaptation related events	AC volunteers
	Placeholder for COP24 outcomes							
Workstream D: Technical Examination Process on Adaptation (TEP-A)								
To identify concrete opportunities to strengthen resilience, reduce vulnerabilities, and increase	Conduct the 2019 TEP-A, including associated technical expert meetings and a concept note ⁹ , including the process of identifying follow	TEM - WG Expert organizations	Prepare a technical paper on opportunities to enhance adaptation action on the basis of TEM-A results ¹⁰ , to identify near-term opportunities	Secretariat	Conduct the 2020 TEP-A, including associated technical expert meetings, a concept note and a technical paper	TEM - WG Expert organizations		

⁸ Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice on the first part of its forty-eighth session, para 19.

⁹ This activity should be conducted according to the assessment of the TEPs in November 2017 toward improving its effectiveness as stressed in decision 13/CP.23.

¹⁰ COP21 requested the secretariat to prepare annually a technical paper on opportunities to enhance adaptation action, as well as options to support their implementation. The paper is to be prepared on the basis of technical expert meetings on adaptation (TEM-A) that are being organized as part of the 2016–2020 technical examination process (TEP-A).

understanding and implementation of adaptation actions	up actions and building ownership		to enhance adaptation action, as well as support their implementation						
	Arrange technology needed for virtual participation in TEMs	Secretariat							
	Participate, as invited and feasible, in regional TEMs organized by other organizations	AC volunteers	Participate, as invited and feasible, in regional TEMs organized by other organizations	AC volunteers	Participate, as invited and feasible, in regional TEMs organized by other organizations	AC volunteers	Organizations outside the UNFCCC	Organizations outside the UNFCCC	
		Organizations outside the UNFCCC		Organizations outside the UNFCCC					
Placeholder for COP24 outcomes									