

**Fifteenth meeting of the Adaptation Committee
Bonn, Germany, 19 to 21 March 2019**

**Advice to the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability
and adaptation to climate change**

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its 15th meeting, will be invited to consider the information contained in this document and agree on advice to the NWP as based on the information contained in section 2, including a theme for the 13th Focal Point Forum of the Nairobi work programme. The AC may further wish to agree on the modalities for elaborating and communicating its advice to the NWP, as suggested in section 3. It may wish to invite its Co-Chairs to communicate the advice to the Chair of the SBSTA.

1. Background and mandate

1. The Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change (NWP) seeks to facilitate and catalyse the development, dissemination, and use of knowledge with a view to inform and support adaptation policies and practices. The programme was established in 2005 through decision 2/CP.11 and named the "Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability, and adaptation to climate change" at COP12 in Nairobi in 2006. The NWP operates under the overall guidance of the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), with assistance from the secretariat, and contributions from Parties and other relevant stakeholders.

2. The NWP has been instrumental in providing technical knowledge to the constituted bodies under the Convention, in particular the AC, over the recent years in collaboration with its partner organizations.¹ This successful collaboration has been welcomed by the SBSTA over the years, and in particular at the first part of its 48th session (SBSTA 48, May 2018). At that session, the SBSTA recognized the contributions of the NWP and its partner organizations to the work of the AC and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG), demonstrating the unique ability of the NWP to provide relevant technical information in response to emerging knowledge needs.² It also requested the AC to provide advice to the NWP as noted in section 2.2 below

2. Advice to the NWP

3. Building on ongoing collaboration and recent mandates by the SBSTA, the AC may wish to consider the following activities in which the NWP could support the AC with the provision of technical support related to adaptation knowledge and filling knowledge gaps:

- a) Activities that were mandated to the AC by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) (see document [AC/2019/2](#) "Relevant adaptation-related outcomes from the 2018 Climate Change conference held in Katowice, Poland);

¹ 371 partner organizations as of March 2019.

² Document FCCC/SBSTA/2018/4, para. 15.

- b) Mandates from the SBSTA to the NWP on which the AC was invited to provide advice (see below);
- c) Adaptation knowledge-related activities in the AC's flexible 3-year workplan (see document [AC/2019/6](#) "Draft updated workplan of the Adaptation Committee 2019-2021").

2.1. Mandates from the SBSTA to the NWP on which the AC was invited to provide advice

4. The SBSTA, at its 48th session, invited the AC to facilitate collaboration through modalities in accordance with decision 2/CP.17 to provide advice on the delivery of NWP mandates that relate to the work programmes of constituted bodies, and on opportunities to align efforts with relevant bodies, workstreams and institutional arrangements, including in relation to the following:³

| Mandates | Possible advice for the NWP |
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| Exploring opportunities for engaging the NWP and its partner organizations in activities such as the technical examination process on adaptation (TEP-A) and the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action. | NWP partners could be encouraged to contribute, including through a call in the NWP's eUpdate ⁴ that will be issued before the session, and could be invited to engage in the final TEP-A in 2020. |
| Providing recommendations on enhancing the NWP as the knowledge-for-action hub for adaptation and resilience serving relevant bodies and institutional arrangements under the Convention, as appropriate and as requested. | The AC could invite the NWP, through a letter from the SBSTA Chair, to share the recent findings of the work and mandate of the NWP with relevant constituted bodies and work areas, in particular, the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE), the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (WIM), the Technology Executive Committee (TEC), the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) Facilitative Working Group, as well as research and systematic observation. As a second step, the AC could invite the SBSTA Chair to consider organizing a meeting with representatives of relevant constituted bodies and work areas during SBSTA 51 to identify synergies and possible areas of work where the NWP could provide support to these bodies and institutional arrangements under the Convention. |
| Providing recommendations on enhancing the NWP as the intermediary between the Parties and experts to help the Parties to better define their knowledge needs and to help experts to better respond to those needs within the framework of the Convention. | The AC could invite regular updates by the NWP on progress made during the next phase of the Lima Adaptation Knowledge initiative (LAKI) ⁵ , including an overview of recent findings, to inform its work. The AC could further feed concrete knowledge gaps identified through its work to the NWP with a view to addressing these and reporting back to the AC on relevant findings. |
| Building on the adaptation knowledge portal, mapping and regularly tracking the activities of NWP partner organizations related to themes and activities under the NWP, and the activities of organizations engaged in the technical examination process on adaptation and the Marrakech | As a basis for developing further advice on this matter, the AC could welcome, at its 16 th meeting in September 2019, an overview of the information contained in the adaptation knowledge portal and an overview of engagement of partners in the work of the NWP as well as information on how work of NWP partner organizations can be mapped or tracked. |

³ FCCC/SBSTA/2018/4, para. 19.

⁴ <https://unfccc.int/topics/resilience/resources/adaptation-newsletters>

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| Partnership for Global Climate Action with a view to suggesting ways to enhance coherence and avoid duplication of efforts undertaken. | |
| Enhancing coherence between the adaptation work under the NWP and the goals and objectives of other global frameworks such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030. | The AC could invite NWP partner organizations to take an active role in the AC's forthcoming event to share knowledge on M&E, as well as support to the AC's CMA.1 mandate to compile existing methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support. |
| Identifying the themes of the 13th and subsequent NWP Focal Point Forums . | <p>The following themes could be considered for the 13th and subsequent NWP Focal Point Forums. These themes would ensure meaningful continuity of work, rather than promote stand-alone events:</p> <p>A. <i>“Possible follow-up actions by NWP partners on technical work on adaptation under the Convention undertaken throughout the year”</i>. The Focal Point Forum could focus on the key outcomes of interrelated activities organized by adaptation-relevant bodies and workstreams under the Convention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boost the dissemination of the results of technical work undertaken by the adaptation-relevant bodies and workstreams under the Convention. This would give Parties and other stakeholders an additional opportunity to learn about linkages and good practices identified throughout the year; • Address gaps and needs that have been identified during these interrelated events and engage partners/experts to take next steps on concrete areas of work, including inviting organizations in a position to do so to submit action pledges for related work. <p>B. <i>A particular theme that is addressed by other bodies and workstreams under the Convention, such as:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. <i>“Oceans and coastal zones”</i> A series of events organized by other bodies and workstreams under the Convention on one topic could build upon each other and culminate in the NWP Focal Point Forum at the end of the year. The Focal Point Forum could be used to engage partners/experts to take next steps on concrete areas of work and disseminate the knowledge gained throughout the year. ii. <i>“[Tools for] measuring progress of adaptation”</i> Similarly, several events on this topic are already planned in 2019, including the LEG and the NWP joint event during the 2019 NAP Expo and the AC event on M&E in the 2nd half of 2019. The 13th Focal Point Forum could be used as a platform to convene governments, partners and relevant organizations to share the key outcomes of these interrelated events; address gaps and needs identified; and engage |

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| | partners and experts to take next steps on concrete areas of work through joint action pledge/s. |
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3. Modalities for the provision of advice to the NWP

5. Further to agreeing on the actual advice that the AC wishes to provide to the NWP, the AC may also wish to agree on the modalities to elaborate and communicate the advice to the NWP.
6. In terms of communicating advice to the NWP, the AC may wish to consider the following steps:
 - a) The Co-Chairs of the AC prepare draft advice for the NWP based on its current and upcoming work; this advice could be prepared before the first regular meeting of the AC every year with support from the secretariat;
 - b) The AC, during its regular meeting each year agrees on advice;
 - c) After the meeting, the Co-Chairs of the AC send a letter to the Chair of the SBSTA to communicate the outcomes of the AC's consideration;
 - d) The secretariat takes up the advice contained in the letter to the SBSTA Chair and reflects it in the concise annual report on progress in implementing activities under the NWP;
 - e) The AC will report progress in the provision of advice in its annual report to the COP, through the SBSTA and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.
7. In addition, a representative of the NWP could be invited to report during AC meetings, as appropriate, on knowledge and information support provided to support the work of the AC, as well as on most recent findings resulting from work undertaken under the LAKI. The AC will take this information into account when elaborating further advice to the NWP. Such an arrangement will ensure a transparent flow of information feedback to the work of the NWP and its partners and continuity of work.

4. Next steps

8. The AC may wish to consider the information contained in this document and agree on advice to the NWP as based on the information contained in section 2 above, including a theme for the 13th Focal Point Forum of the Nairobi work programme. The AC may further wish to agree on the modalities for elaborating and communicating its advice to the NWP, as suggested in section 3. It may wish to invite its Co-Chairs to communicate the advice to the Chair of the SBSTA
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