

**Sixteenth meeting of the Adaptation Committee
Bonn, Germany, 9 to 12 September 2019**

**Proposed Adaptation Committee/Least Developing Countries Expert Group
approach to coordinate work on related mandates and activities**

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

At its 16th meeting, the AC may wish to review the table included in section 3, including the proposed coordination between the AC and the LEG on related mandates and areas of work in 2019–2020, and identify any other additional opportunities for coordination and collaboration.

1. Background

1. The Adaptation Committee (AC) and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) continuously have activities emanating from common or related mandates from the Subsidiary Bodies (SBs), the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA). At times such mandates include areas where the two bodies should jointly deliver on results, coordinate work with each other, and/or individually deliver results albeit on related areas.
2. The Co-Chairs of the AC and the LEG held an informal meeting at SB 50 to discuss how to best coordinate work on such related areas of work, to ensure coherence and complementarity. This document contains a proposal from the Co-Chairs on how both bodies can coordinate their work on currently related mandates and activities.

2. Currently related mandates and activities

3. Below is a list of current mandates from the COP and the CMA involving both the AC and the LEG:
 - a) Decision 8/CP.24, para 17: The COP requests the LEG, within its existing mandate and workplan, to consider gaps and needs related to the process to formulate and implement of national adaptation plans (NAPs) that have been identified through the relevant work of the LEG and the AC and how to address them, and to include relevant information thereon in its report to SBI 51 (November 2019);
 - b) Decision 8/CP.24, para 18: The COP also requests the AC, through its task force on NAPs and within its existing mandate and workplan, to consider gaps and needs that have been identified through relevant work of the LEG and the AC and how to address them, and include relevant information thereon in its annual report for 2019;
 - c) Decision 11/CMA.1, para 13: In the context of recognizing the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties, the CMA requests the secretariat, under the guidance of the AC and the LEG and in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, to prepare synthesis reports every two years starting in 2020 on specific adaptation themes, focusing on relevant lessons learned and good practices in developing country Parties;

- d) Decision 11/CMA.1, para 15: The CMA requests the AC, in collaboration with the LEG, partner organizations of the Nairobi work programme, users and developers of relevant methodologies, including academia and the private sector, to develop by June 2020 and to regularly update an inventory of relevant methodologies for assessing adaptation needs, including needs related to action, finance, capacity-building and technological support in the context of national adaptation planning and implementation, and to make the information available on the adaptation knowledge portal;
 - e) Decision 11/CMA.1, para 35: The CMA invites the AC and the LEG, in collaboration with the SCF, and relevant experts to contribute to the technical work on developing methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support by continuing to compile existing methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support;
 - f) Decision 11/CMA.1, para 36: The CMA invites Parties, UN entities and other relevant organizations, as well as bilateral and multilateral agencies, to submit by April 2020 to the AC and the LEG information on gaps, challenges, opportunities and options associated with methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support, including in the areas of adaptation needs, plans and strategies; enabling environments and policy frameworks; frameworks used for assessing the effectiveness of adaptation efforts; efforts and systems to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of adaptation efforts; support through all instruments and channels, including domestic, international, public and private sources and progress towards the implementation and achievement of adaptation goals, plans and strategies.
4. Furthermore, both the LEG and the AC are undertaking the following activities on gender:
- a) The LEG is working with the NAP Global Network and the secretariat gender team to develop supplementary guidelines on gender in NAPs, building on the 2015 LEG technical paper on gender, overall work on gender under the UNFCCC and the latest developments on gender and adaptation. An outreach event was organized at SB 50 to solicit inputs from Parties and relevant stakeholders on the scope and focus of the guidelines. A first draft of the document is planned to be produced by late August/early September, and will be shared with the AC and other relevant stakeholder for inputs;
 - b) The AC through its NAP Taskforce is working on suggestions on how to mainstream gender considerations in the process to formulate and implement NAPs. A call for submissions was launched on 15 May 2019 and 19 submissions were received. These submissions will inform an event in 2020 by the AC and the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB), together with the Women and Gender Constituency, on identifying gaps and solutions related to incorporating gender considerations into adaptation planning and implementation;

3. Proposed coordination between the AC and LEG

- 5. The table below presents proposed coordination between the AC and the LEG on the related work. This could be considered as a living document that can be adjusted by the bodies as and when necessary.
- 6. The Co-Chairs would take the overall responsibility of overseeing the coordination.

4. Next steps

- 7. The AC may wish to consider the information contained in this paper and identify any other additional opportunities for coordination and collaboration and request its Co-Chairs, supported by the secretariat, to ensure the identified coordination and collaboration.

Table 1. Coordination between the AC and the LEG on related mandates and areas of work in 2019-2020

MANDATE / AREA OF WORK	Q3/2019	Q4/2019	Q1/2020	Q2/2020	Q3/2020	Q4/2020
<p>Gaps and needs related to NAPs and how to address them (8/CP.24 paras 17 and 18)</p> <p><i>(separate mandates on a related topic)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinated background documents for the LEG 36 and AC 16 meetings drawing from compilation in LEG 35 report Consideration at LEG 36 and AC 16 of how to address the gaps and needs AC and LEG to collaborate on their analyses from their respective meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC and LEG reports to include the information on the gaps and needs and how to address them (i.e. LEG 36 report and AC 2019 report) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow-up work on gaps to be addressed by respective bodies 			
<p>Synthesis reports on specific adaptation themes (11/CMA.1, para 13) in the context of recognizing the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties</p> <p><i>(“and” mandate)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of themes for 2020 reports by AC 16 and LEG 36 Coordination by AC and LEG of identified themes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC/LEG chairs meeting at COP 25 to exchange updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bodies advance their respective work on the synthesis reports Bodies to solicit inputs/feedback from each other to coordinate content of their reports to ensure coherence and complementarity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC/LEG chairs meeting at SB 52 to exchange updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bodies continue their respective work on the synthesis reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First synthesis reports published
<p>Methodologies for reviewing the adequacy</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC/LEG/SCF (Co-)Chairs meeting at 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submissions from Parties and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft joint contribution on methodologies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final joint contribution on methodologies

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<p>and effectiveness of adaptation and support (11/CMA.1, paras 35 and 36)</p> <p><i>(“and” mandate)</i></p>		<p>COP 25 to exchange to discuss approach for the work</p>		<p>organizations (April 2020)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint analysis of the submissions • AC/LEG chairs meeting at SB 52 to exchange updates 		
<p>Inventory of relevant methodologies for assessing adaptation needs (11/CMA.1 para 15)</p> <p><i>(AC mandate)</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial scoping at AC 16, and development of a revised concept note • Revised concept note to be shared with the LEG 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC 17 to advance work 			
<p>Gender in NAPs</p> <p><i>(separate tracks of work on a related topic)</i></p>	<p>Supplement on gender in NAPs by the LEG, NAP GN and Sec gender team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline in August • First draft in August/September • The draft to draw upon the gender submissions below • LEG 36 to consider progress <p>AC submissions on how to mainstream</p>	<p>Supplement on gender in NAPs by the LEG, NAP GN and Sec gender team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulation of first draft for comments by relevant actors, including AC (Sept 2019) • Finalization of supplement (Dec 2019) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender events at NAP Expo 2020 • Joint AC-PCCB event on identifying gaps and solutions related to incorporating gender considerations into adaptation planning and implementation, exact timing tbd, to also feature NAP supplement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of bodies and other key actors at SB52 to exchange and coordinate activities on gender and adaptation 		

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	<p>gender considerations in NAPs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 submissions were received, three of which were from Parties (EU, Mexico on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group, and Benin) • Synthesis report produced for AC16 <p>Overall coordination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bodies to consider establishing a “coordination practice” between key actors 	<p>Overall coordination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC/LEG chairs meeting at COP 25 to exchange updates and next steps • Meeting of bodies and other key actors at SB52 to exchange and coordinate activities 				