

**Seventeenth meeting of the Adaptation Committee
Bonn, Germany, 24 – 27 March 2020**

Updated flexible workplan of the Adaptation Committee for 2019-2021

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its 17th meeting, will be invited to consider and endorse its updated flexible workplan, now including the mandated tasks from COP 25/CMA2.

1. Introduction and background

1. At its 14th meeting the AC agreed on its flexible workplan for 2019-2021, which was subsequently welcomed by COP 24. The AC updated its workplan at AC 15 to accommodate mandates from COP 24 and CMA 1.
2. COP 25 and CMA 2 again decided on new mandates for the AC, which the secretariat has tentatively included in the draft workplan contained in the annex. The workplan also provides links to outputs produced in 2019, reflects agreements from AC 16 and sub-divides the year 2020 into a first and a second half.

2. Next steps

3. The AC will be invited to consider and endorse its updated flexible workplan.

**Annex: Flexible workplan of the Adaptation Committee for 2019-2021
Draft update following COP 25/CMA 2**

Version March 2020

Objective	2019	2020 first half	2020 second half	2021	Lead/collaboration
<i>Promoting overarching coherence¹</i>					
To promote the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention	First half each year: Update map of mandates , workplans and decisions with adaptation relevance under the Convention and compare and analyse them to consider what actions may need to be, are being, or will be undertaken by the AC or other constituted bodies under the Convention 2019 map of mandates 2020 map of mandates				Secretariat
	Continue to make recommendations in its annual report on enhancing collaboration and promoting coherence and synergies with a view to addressing Parties' evolving adaptation-related needs ²				AC
	Second half of each year: Prepare the annual report of the AC to the COP through the subsidiary bodies 2019 AC report and infographic				Secretariat
	Participate, as mandated or if invited and prioritized, in events of other constituted bodies or workstreams under the Convention				AC
	AC and LEG, in collaboration with ExCom, in accordance with their mandates and workplans, to assist developing country Parties in integrating approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change into relevant national planning processes, including NAPs, as appropriate ³				AC/NAP Taskforce
	NWP partners, in collaboration with the AC, to support the work of other adaptation-related institutional arrangements, in particular by providing relevant scientific and technical information and sharing knowledge ⁴				NWP/AC
	Every first regular AC meeting of the year: Provide advice on the delivery of NWP mandates that relate to the work programmes of constituted bodies under the Convention, and on opportunities to align efforts with relevant bodies, workstreams and institutional arrangements, including themes for the NWP Focal Point Forum ⁵				AC, secretariat, NWP

¹ In developing each of the workstreams and associated activities in its workplan, the AC is aiming to strengthen engagement and collaboration with institutions, organizations, frameworks, networks and centres under and outside the UNFCCC process, including those at the intergovernmental, regional and national level, 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 implementation of adaptation action and the provision of support to developing country Parties.

² 11/CMA.1, para 6.

³ 10/CP.24, para 3 and annex para 1(e).

⁴ 11/CMA.1, para 4.

⁵ FCCC/SBSTA/2018/4, paragraph 19.

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	<p>- AC and the LEG, in collaboration with the SCF and relevant experts, to contribute to further technical work by continuing to compile existing methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support;</p> <p>- 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:⁶</p>				AC and LEG/ SCF and others
	Call for submissions issued	Submissions due by 31 March Update compilation of methodologies (including submissions)	Consider compilation (<i>late 2020 or early 2021</i>)	Consider compilation (<i>late 2020 or early 2021</i>)	
	AC to develop, with the engagement of the IPCC Working Group II, using relevant existing guidance as a starting point, as appropriate, by June 2022, draft supplementary guidance for voluntary use by Parties in communicating information in accordance with the elements contained in the annex, for consideration by the SBs at their fifty-seventh sessions (November 2022) in the context of their consideration of the report of the AC: ⁷				AC, IPCC Working Group II
	Letter sent to IPCC WG II and mapping of relevant existing guidance updated	Draft outline and 1 st draft of the guidance	2 nd draft	3 rd draft	
	Information collection and preparation for the Global Stocktake : CMA1 invited the relevant constituted bodies and forums and other institutional arrangements under or serving the Paris Agreement and/or the Convention (<i>footnote including the Adaptation Committee</i>) to prepare for the technical assessment, with the assistance of the secretariat, synthesis reports on the information identified in paragraph 36 below* in their areas of expertise: ⁸				AC, secretariat
		Concept and outline of the synthesis report	0-draft of the synthesis report	1 st half: advanced draft 2 nd half: close to final draft (Finalization in March 2022)	

⁶ 11/CMA.1, paras 35 and 36.

⁷ 9/CMA.1, para 15.

⁸ 19/CMA.1, para 24.

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To incorporate gender as a cross-cutting consideration into all AC activities ⁹	<p>Work plan developed for enhancing consideration of gender in adaptation action and the AC workplan activities</p> <p>Toolkit launched for a gender-responsive process to formulate and implement NAPs</p>	<i>(See joint AC/PCCB event in workstream B. (Providing technical support and guidance to Parties on means of implementation) below)</i>		Evaluate progress in incorporating gender considerations into adaptation action and the AC workplan activities	AC, LEG, NAP global Network, NAP TF, secretariat, women and gender constituency
<i>Workstream A: Providing technical support and guidance to Parties on adaptation action</i>					
To provide guidance to Parties on planning and implementing adaptation action		To consider approaches to reviewing the overall progress made in achieving the global goal on adaptation and to reflect the outcome of this consideration in its 2021 annual report ¹⁰			AC
		Draft technical paper on data for short-, medium- and long-term adaptation	Finalized technical paper on data for short-, medium- and long-term adaptation		AC/NAP Taskforce, secretariat, LEG, NWP, NAP Global Network, GCOS, WMO, GFCS, IPCC, WCRP
	2019–2021 workplan for the NAP Taskforce agreed				AC/NAP Taskforce
	AC, through its NAP Taskforce 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. ¹¹ Follow-up mandate: Continue to include in its report information on the gaps and needs in its report for consideration at SB 53 ¹²				

⁹ Decision 3/CP.23.

¹⁰ Decision 1/CMA.2, para. 14.

¹¹ Decision 8/CP.24, para. 18.

¹² Decision -/CP.25 (NAPs, paras 3 and 11).

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To share experience and lessons learned from developing and implementing monitoring and evaluation systems		Organize an event for sharing existing knowledge on and tools for monitoring and evaluation		Prepare a technical paper featuring case studies on the development and application of monitoring and evaluation systems at the national and subnational level, including consideration of the value of monitoring and evaluation systems, existing barriers and opportunities to overcome them	AC, NWP, secretariat
		Prepare a draft technical paper on information and methodologies for assessing progress in enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change ¹³			AC
To enhance the provision of technical support to developing country Parties for adaptation action in a coherent manner	Information document prepared on linkages between mitigation and adaptation				AC, LEG, NAP Global Network, others
	- 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				AC, LEG, NWP, NAP TF

¹³ This paper was originally planned for 2021 but has been brought forward due to its relevance to the new mandate relating to the global goal on adaptation contained in decision 1/CMA.2.

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	relevant methodologies for assessing adaptation needs , including needs related to action, finance, capacity-building and to make the information available on the adaptation knowledge portal. ¹⁴				
	- AC, with the engagement of the IPCC WG II, as appropriate, to prepare, drawing on the inventory and the February 2021 submissions, a technical paper on methodologies for assessing adaptation needs and their application, as well as on the related gaps, good practices, lessons learned and guidelines, for consideration and further guidance by the SBSTA at its fifty-seventh session (November 2022) in the context of its consideration of the report of the AC: ¹⁵				AC, IPCC WG II
	Letter sent to IPCC WG II Concept note prepared for inventory, incl., scope, approach, periodicity of update Engage with LEG an NWP after AC 16	Revised concept note for inventory and scoping note for technical paper Finalization of inventory in June	Call for submissions	Submissions due in February Drafting technical paper, drawing on inventory (Finalization in 2022)	
<i>Workstream B: Providing technical support and guidance to Parties on means of implementation</i>					
To provide guidance with a view to enhancing the provision of financial support for adaptation action, including for the process to formulate and implement NAPs	2 nd half of each year: Provide input to the SCF for the preparation of the draft decisions on guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism Input provided in 2019				AC, secretariat, SCF
	Explored opportunities for enhanced interaction with the SCF, incl. meetings during sessions of the COP and SBs			Update the AC's 2015 thematic report on navigating the landscape of support for the process to formulate and implement NAPs	AC/NAP TF, secretariat
To strengthen engagement with the private sector on mobilizing financial	Followed up on the private sector workshop during Adaptation Forum	Launch toolkit for engaging the private sector in NAPs			AC, NAP Global Network, secretariat, organizations

¹⁴ Decision 11/CMA1, para.15.

¹⁵ Decision 11/CMA1, para.17.

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resources for adaptation action					
To provide guidance with a view to enhancing the provision of technological support for adaptation action	Explored opportunities for enhanced interaction with the TEC and the CTCN, including on SB 52 technology day		Determine topic and prepare a scoping note for the technical paper to be produced in 2021	Prepare a technical paper on the application of technologies for an adaptation priority topic to be determined	AC, secretariat, NWP, TEC, CTCN
To provide guidance with a view to enhancing capacity-building for adaptation action	Explored opportunities for enhanced interaction with the PCCB Joint AC/PCCB concept note prepared on the event to take place in 2020	Organize and hold an AC/PCCB event on identifying gaps and solutions related to incorporating gender considerations into adaptation planning and implementation			AC/NAP Taskforce, PCCB, secretariat, women and gender constituency
	Submissions invited from Parties and organizations on Parties' capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding, including their experience, successes and remaining challenges Information document prepared on Parties' capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding and on their successes and challenges in building in-country capacity	Updated information document on Parties' capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding and on their successes and challenges in building in-country capacity			AC/NAP TF, secretariat
<i>Workstream C: Awareness-raising, outreach and information-sharing</i>					

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To raise awareness among all relevant stakeholders and increase policy support for adaptation, particularly the NAP process	Produce biannually, following each session of the subsidiary bodies, the Adaptation Finance Bulletin				Secretariat, GCF, AF, GEF, LDCF, Convention bodies
	Contribute to the NWP eUpdate , including by suggesting topics such as North–South and South–South cooperation, use of indigenous and local knowledge, capacity-building, etc.				NWP, AC, secretariat
	Participate, if invited and prioritized, in events organized by other organizations, particularly events that provide access to new audiences				AC volunteers
	Report on 25 years of adaptation under the UNFCCC prepared				AC, secretariat
To promote exchange of information, particularly in relation to the most vulnerable people, sectors and regions, and strengthen interaction between Parties and stakeholders at all levels by organizing focused events	Organize once a year an Adaptation Forum in conjunction with other adaptation-related events				Forum working group/ NWP, partners outside the Convention
	2019 Adaptation Forum on Engagement of the private sector in adaptation planning processes, including NAPs: Challenges and opportunities	2020 Adaptation Forum on Sharing existing knowledge on and tools for monitoring and evaluation			
	Contribute to the organization and delivery of the annual NAP Expo ¹⁶				NAP Taskforce
To improve the publication and dissemination of results, good practices and lessons learned	Communications strategy reviewed and updated to also include a social media strategy	Consider a detailed communications plan		Evaluate the communication plan and the media strategy	AC, secretariat
	Provide advice in relation to the publication of AC products on the Adaptation Knowledge Portal ¹⁷				AC, secretariat, NWP

¹⁶ Document FCCC/SBI/2017/19, para.73.

¹⁷ Document FCCC/SBSTA/2018/4, para.19.

Objective	2019	2020 first half	2020 second half	2021	Lead/collaboration
	AC and LEG and in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, to provide guidance to the secretariat on the preparation of synthesis reports every two years starting in 2020 on specific adaptation themes, focusing on relevant lessons learned and good practices in developing country Parties (context: recognition of adaptation effort of developing countries): ¹⁸				AC/NAP TF, secretariat, relevant stakeholders
	Theme agreed, in coordination with the LEG Chair to avoid overlaps and enhance supplementary: How developing countries are addressing hazards, focusing on relevant lessons learned and good practices. Outline prepared	Draft report	Finalized report	Identify 3-5 themes based on current work Coordinate with LEG Chair Outline end 2021	
<i>Workstream D: Technical examination process on adaptation¹⁹</i>					
To identify concrete opportunities for strengthening resilience, reducing vulnerability and enhancing understanding and implementation of adaptation action	Conducted the 2019 TEP-A , including associated TEMs Technical paper prepared on opportunities to enhance adaptation action, on the basis of the results of the TEM-As, to identify short-term opportunities to enhance adaptation action and support their implementation	Conduct final 2020 TEP-A, including associated TEMs. Theme: Education and training, public participation and youth to enhance adaptation action	Prepare the technical paper		AC, lead organizations, secretariat, relevant stakeholders.
	Arrange the technology needed for virtual participation in TEMs				
	Participate, as invited and feasible, in regional TEMs organized by other organizations				

Abbreviations: AC = Adaptation Committee, COP = Conference of the Parties, CTCN = Climate Technology Centre and Network, GCF = Green Climate Fund, GCOS = Global Climate Observing System, GEF = Global Environment Facility, GFCS = Global Framework for Climate Services, IPCC = Intergovernmental Panel on Climate

¹⁸ Decision 11/CMA.1, para 13.

¹⁹ Decision 1/CP.21, paras 146-130.

Change, LDCF = Least Developed Countries Fund, LEG = Least Developed Countries Expert Group, NAP = national adaptation plan, NWP = Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, PCCB = Paris Committee on Capacity-building, SCF = Standing Committee on Finance, TEC = Technology Executive Committee, TEM = technical expert meeting, TEM-A = technical expert meeting on adaptation, TEP-A = technical examination process on adaptation, UNISDR = United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, UNSD = United Nations Statistics Division, WCRP = World Climate Research Programme, WMO = World Meteorological Organization.

* Para 36. *Also decides* that the sources of input for the global stocktake will consider information at a collective level on:

- (a) The state of greenhouse gas emissions by sources and removals by sinks and mitigation efforts undertaken by Parties, including the information referred to in Article 13, paragraph 7(a), and Article 4, paragraphs 7, 15 and 19, of the Paris Agreement;
- (b) The overall effect of their nationally determined contributions and overall progress made by Parties towards the implementation of their nationally determined contributions, including the information referred to in Article 13, paragraph 7(b), of the Paris Agreement;
- (c) The state of adaptation efforts, support, experience and priorities, including the information referred to in Article 7, paragraphs 2, 10, 11 and 14, of the Paris Agreement, and the reports referred to in Article 13, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement;
- (d) The finance flows, including the information referred to in Article 2, paragraph 1(c), and means of implementation and support and mobilization and provision of support, including the information referred to in Article 9, paragraphs 4 and 6, Article 10, paragraph 6, Article 11, paragraph 3, and Article 13, in particular paragraphs 9 and 10, of the Paris Agreement. This should include information from the latest biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows of the Standing Committee on Finance;
- (e) Efforts to enhance understanding, action and support, on a cooperative and facilitative basis, related to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change;
- (f) Barriers and challenges, including finance, technology and capacity-building gaps faced by developing countries;
- (g) Good practices, experience and potential opportunities to enhance international cooperation on mitigation and adaptation and to increase support under Article 13, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement;
- (h) Fairness considerations, including equity, as communicated by Parties in their nationally determined contributions.
