

Email update to AC 17

Item 7 – Work of the AC working group on the Technical Examination Process on Adaptation

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The AC may wish to take note of the information provided in this update, and to provide further guidance as needed.

The AC is encouraged to forward the call to organizations who may be interested and to their networks more broadly.

AC 16 approved the topic of *Education and training, public participation and youth to enhance adaptation action*. AC 16 also discussed the opportunity to try a different, more interactive format for the 2020 Technical examination process on adaptation (TEP-A), including possibly hosting a policy case competition to integrate a broader audience in the TEP-A and generate novel and innovative policy ideas.

Since AC 17, the secretariat has worked to elaborate on this theme and the idea to host a policy case competition, and has sought feedback from the TEP-A working group on how to best proceed. The secretariat has also explored linkages with the existing Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) work programme under the UNFCCC, which focuses on Education, Training, Public Awareness, Public Participation, Public Access to Information, and International Cooperation. One potential option being explored is to take advantage of the overlap between this work programme and this year's TEP-A topic is the possibility of presenting the outcomes of the TEP-A during the thematic youth day or related events during COP 26.

An open call for volunteer expert organizations to contribute to the organization of the 2020 TEP-A was issued on 5 March (see attached). Organizations were given until 23 March 2020 to express interest. As at 18 March 2020, two organizations have expressed clear interest in volunteering. The deadline will be extended to 6 April 2020 to give organizations a longer period to consider their capacity to participate in light of the current air of uncertainty surrounding upcoming events.

Adaptation Committee members are encouraged to forward the call to organizations who may be interested and to their networks more broadly.

Until the volunteer expert organizations for the 2020 TEP-A are finalized, the secretariat will continue to advance preparations for the TEP-A.