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Provisional agenda and annotations

The Adaptation Committee (AC) looks forward to the active participation of observers in the meeting and kindly requests observers to come prepared with concrete proposals to support the work of the AC.

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Opening and welcome

1. The 18^{th} meeting of the Adaptation Committee (AC) will be preceded by a one-hour outreach event to showcase the AC's achievements in 2020. The Co-Chairs will officially open the 18^{th} meeting of the AC on 9 November 2020 at 14:00 hrs.

2. Adoption of the agenda

2. The provisional agenda for the 18th meeting of the AC will be presented for adoption.

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	Adaptation Committee

3. Organization of work

- 3. Due to the necessity to meet virtually, and considering the different time zones, the AC will meet for two hours on each day, starting at 13:00. Documents for the meeting have been discussed and advanced during the intersessional period following a clear time line that was circulated on 18 September 2020. The Co-Chairs encouraged AC members to consider this pre-sessional period as part of the meeting and to contribute actively to this intersessional work.
- 4. Also due to the virtual meeting format, the AC agreed to delay its work on recommendations for consideration by the COP and CMA to 2021, when physical meetings will hopefully be possible again.
- 5. To compensate for the reduced meeting time, the AC will be invited to focus its live discussion on key elements of its work that require finalization or clear guidance. Other items will be discussed before and after the meeting via the AC's virtual MS Teams space.
- 6. Key items that will be discussed during AC 18 are:
 - All items addressing mandates from the COP and CMA (agenda items 5, 6 and 10)
 - Items that require action in 2020 according to the AC's workplan and that have not yet been discussed (8.b);
 - Activities related to awareness-raising, outreach and information sharing (item 9).
- 7. The following items will be discussed online without dedicated time at the virtual meeting:
 - 4. Promoting overarching coherence (both sub-items):
 - 7. Technical support and guidance to the Parties on adaptation action (both sub-items):
 - 8. Technical support and guidance to the Parties on means of implementation:
 - 8a. Capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding;
 - 8c. Input to the SCF for the preparation of the draft decisions on guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism.
- 8. To ensure transparency, all documents and updates will be posted on the AC 18 webpage for observers. Observers are invited to send in comments to AC@unfccc.int.
- 9. Observers can follow the meeting on a live broadcast and recordings will be made available after the meeting. Observers will be welcome throughout the meeting, unless otherwise decided by the committee. Registered observers will be invited to make interventions under all agenda items, as time allows. Should breakout groups be organized, registered observers will also be invited to participate in these.

¹ To be made available on the dedicated web page https://unfccc.int/event/18th-meeting-of-the-adaptation-committee-ac

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4. Promoting overarching coherence

4.a Collaboration with other adaptation-related institutional arrangements under the Convention

10. AC members nominated to contribute to the work of other institutional arrangements under the Convention since AC 17 shared brief summaries and the resulting next steps via email with the AC for information and further consideration. A summary of these short updates will be shared with the AC for information and discussion via its online MS Teams space.

11. <u>Action</u>: The AC will be invited to take note of the informal update and discuss further collaborative work on its online MS Teams space, with a view to promoting coherent action on adaptation under the Convention, as appropriate.

Informal update	Collaboration with other adaptation-related institutional arrangements
	under the Convention – updates from AC members

4.b Progress report on knowledge and information support provided by the Nairobi work programme (NWP)

- 12. <u>Background</u>: In response to an invitation from SBSTA 48, AC 15 and AC 17 provided 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. This was then communicated to the Chair of the SBSTA and included in the NWP's annual reports for consideration by the SBSTA.
- 13. Building on the advice provided by AC 15, SBSTA 50 requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the SBSTA Chair, to communicate information on the work and mandates of the NWP to the relevant constituted bodies and on institutional arrangements and to invite collaboration, as appropriate.
- 14. Progress made by the NWP since SBSTA 50, including the advice received from AC 17, is contained in the NWP's annual report of 2020,² supplemented by a visual update.
- 15. *Action*: The AC will be invited to consider the information contained in the NWP's 2020 progress report and in the additional information prepared by the secretariat for AC 18.
- 16. This item will not be discussed during the virtual meeting time and the AC is invited to discuss on the AC's online MS Teams space. Observers are invited to send their comments to AC@unfccc.int.

5. Addressing mandates from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA)

5.a Global Goal on Adaptation

- 17. <u>Background</u>: By decision 1/CMA.2, the CMA called on Parties to engage in adaptation planning processes and the implementation of actions, including the development or enhancement of relevant plans, policies and/or contributions in accordance with Article 7, paragraph 9, of the Paris Agreement, with a view to continue making progress towards the global goal on adaptation of enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change.
- 18. It requested the AC 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.
- 19. The AC had already included a technical paper on this matter in its flexible 2019-21 workplan, scheduled for the year 2021. With the new mandate emerging from CMA 2, this technical paper was brought forward to 2020 to support the AC in its consideration of this new mandate. The draft technical paper contained in document FCCC/AC/2020/3 was discussed at AC 17 and a revised version was considered at an informal stocktake meeting in August 2020.

<u>Action</u>: The AC may wish to consider the revised document AC18/TP/5A and agree on next steps, including how to reflect the outcome of its consideration.

AC18/TP/5A	Technical paper on approaches to reviewing the overall progress made in
	achieving the global goal on adaptation

² See document FCCC/SBSTA/2020/INF.1.

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5.b Adaptation Communications: Draft supplementary guidance for voluntary use by Parties in communicating adaptation information

- 20. <u>Background</u>: The CMA, in its decision 9/CMA.1, requested the AC to develop, by June 2022, draft supplementary guidance for voluntary use by Parties in communicating information in accordance with the elements contained in the annex to that decision. This is to be done with the engagement of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Working Group II and using relevant existing guidance as a starting point, as appropriate. The draft supplementary guidance is for consideration by the subsidiary bodies at their fifty-seventh sessions (November 2022) in the context of their consideration of the report of the AC.³
- 21. At its 15th meeting, the AC agreed on the following time line to respond to this mandate:
 - a) In the first half of 2019, the AC sent a letter to the IPCC Working Group II with information on the mandate and the time line (see 5.c below);
 - b) It requested the secretariat to prepare, in the 2nd half of the year, an updated mapping of existing guidance for consideration at AC 16;
 - The draft supplementary guidance for voluntary use by Parties will then be developed in 2020 for further elaboration; and
 - d) Finalization in 2021/22, with the engagement of the IPCC, as appropriate.
- 22. At AC 16, the AC considered the updated mapping and agreed on a more detailed time line with milestones to address the mandate. The milestones included developing an outline of the draft guidance by AC 17 and distributing a draft to AC members early in advance to allow sufficient time for feedback. The AC took note of the letter from the IPCC dated 9 September 2019, including of the proposed meeting with the AC in the margins of COP 25, and agreed to meet with IPCC.
- 23. The meeting took place on 5 December 2019 between the Co-Chairs and members of the AC and the Co-Chairs of WGII of the IPCC, the IPCC Secretary and staff from the Technical Support Unit. The AC elaborated on its mandates and the IPCC representatives on their respective work. It was agreed to continue the conversation and identify ways for collaboration. This topic was picked up again during a SBSTA-IPCC joint working group meeting on 21 September 2020, which was attended by several AC members. The discussions remained inconclusive.
- 24. *Action*: The AC will be invited to consider the updated draft contained in document AC18/GUID/5B to inform its work towards the draft supplementary guidance for voluntary use by Parties.

AC18/GUID/5B	Draft supplementary guidance for voluntary use by Parties in communicating
	information in accordance with the possible elements of an adaptation
	communication

5.c Methodologies for assessing adaptation needs

- 25. <u>Background</u>: The CMA, in its decision 11/CMA.1, requested the AC, in collaboration with the LEG, partner organizations of the NWP, 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.
- 26. It invited Parties and observer organizations to submit via the UNFCCC submission portal by February 2021 their views and information on the development and application of methodologies for assessing adaptation needs, including needs related to action, finance, capacity-building and technological support.
- 27. The CMA also requested the AC, with the engagement of the IPCC Working Group II, as appropriate, to prepare, drawing on the inventory referred to in paragraph 26 above and the submissions referred to in paragraph 27 above, 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

³ Decision 9/CMA.1, para. 15.

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and further guidance by the SBSTA at its 57^{th} session (November 2022) in the context of its consideration of the report of the AC.

- 28. At its 15th meeting, the AC agreed on the following time line to respond to this mandate:
 - a) In the first half of 2019, the AC sent a letter to the IPCC Working Group II with information on the mandate and the time line (which is the same letter as referred to in item .5b above);
 - b) In the 2nd half of 2019 (AC 16) it considered a concept note for the inventory and will engage with the LEG and the NWP thereafter;
 - c) The AC was to finalize the inventory by June 2020, consider a scoping note for the technical paper at AC 17 and in the 2nd half of that year issue the call for submissions with the mandated due date of February 2021;
 - d) It will draft and review the technical paper throughout 2021 and finalize it before November 2022.
- 29. The pilot version of the inventory referred to in para. 26 above was launched in early July on the Adaptation Knowledge Portal. It is currently being finalized and will be updated regularly.
- 30. Guiding questions for the submissions referred to in para. 27 above were discussed at AC 17 and at the informal stocktake in August 2020. They were finalized on the AC's MS Teams space during the intersessional period and the call will be launched in October or November 2020.5
- 31. Action: The AC will be invited to take note of progress made and discuss next steps, as needed.

AC10/INEO/FC	Methodologies for assessing adaptation needs. Information note
AC18/INFO/5C	Methodologies for assessing adaptation needs, information note

5.d Recognizing the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties

- 32. <u>Background</u>: The CMA, in its decision 11/CMA.1, requested 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. This mandate was issued in the context of the CMA's consideration of recognizing adaptation efforts of developing countries.⁶
- 33. At its 16th meeting, the AC agreed on the theme of "How developing countries are addressing hazards, focusing on relevant lessons learned and good practices" for its first synthesis report in the context of recognizing adaptation efforts of developing country Parties. An initial draft report was considered at AC 17 and a revised version was discussed at the stocktake meeting in August 2020. Further comments were invited through the AC's MS Teams space in line with the agreed time line, and the paper was then finalized and is in the process of being converted into a user-friendly publication.
- 34. <u>Action</u>: The AC will be invited to take note of progress made and invite the secretariat to share the user-friendly version for broad dissemination.

AC18/SREP/5D	Synthesis report on how developing countries are addressing hazards,
	focusing on relevant lessons learned and good practices in the context of the
	recognition of adaptation efforts of developing countries

5.e Methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support

35. <u>Background</u>: CMA requested the 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. It invited Parties, United Nations 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.⁷

⁷ Decision 11/CMA.1 paras. 35 and 36.

 $^{{\}tt 4} \, \underline{https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NWPStaging/Pages/SearchAsses.aspx}$

⁵ https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx

⁶ Decision 11/CMA.1, para. 13.

36. At AC 15, the AC agreed to update the compilation of methodologies in the second half of 2020, taking into account the submissions received, and to consider the compilation in late 2020 or in early 2021.

- 37. The AC and the LEG received four submissions8 and considered a compilation at LEG 38 and at the AC's informal stocktake in August, respectively. During the absence of a wider base of submissions, the AC requested the secretariat to further advance the paper drawing on other resources. The LEG decided to consider conducting case studies of a few countries to evaluate and compare support provided with the effectiveness of adaptation outcomes as a way of informing the selection of appropriate methodologies.
- 38. Action: The AC will be invited consider the compilation contained in document AC18/COMP/5E.

AC-LEG/INFO/1	Methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation
	and support

5.f Information collection and preparation for the Global Stocktake

- 39. <u>Background</u>: Information collection and preparation is the first component of the global stocktake, followed by a technical assessment and the subsequent consideration of outputs.9
- 40. The CMA requested the Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI to issue a call for the inputs to the global stocktake, taking into account that such inputs should be submitted at least three months before their consideration in the technical assessment.
- 41. By the same decision, the CMA invited the relevant constituted bodies (including the AC) and forums and other institutional arrangements under or serving the Paris Agreement and/or the Convention to prepare, with the assistance of the secretariat, synthesis reports in their areas of expertise for the technical assessment.
- 42. The CMA also decided that the sources of input for the global stocktake will consider information at a collective level on a range of activities, including "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". 10
- 43. The AC considered a background note on the various reports mandated to be prepared by the constituted bodies and forums and other institutional arrangements, with the assistance of the secretariat. and by the secretariat, under the guidance of the co-facilitators, its 17th meeting and at its informal stocktake meeting in August 2020.
- 44. The AC requested its co-chairs to liaise with the LEG, the ExCom, LCIPP, SCF, TEC, PCCB, CGE and KCI to gather information on what reports other bodies are planning to produce in response to the mandate. It also requested the secretariat to prepare, under the guidance of the AC, an annotated outline by October 2020 for consideration by its next meeting in November 2020 with a view to finalizing the report by February 2022.
- 45. Action: The AC will be invited to consider information on progress made in liaising with other bodies, and the annotated outline of the AC's synthesis report.

AC18/INFO/5F	Progress made and outline: Synthesis report on the information identified in
	paragraph 36 of decision 19/CMA.1

6. Work of the Adaptation Committee's working group on the Technical Examination **Process on Adaptation (TEP-A)**

- 46. <u>Background</u>: The TEP-A was established at COP 21 as part of the enhanced action prior to 2020 in the decision adopting the Paris Agreement (1/CP.21, paragraph 124). The TEP-A is taking place during 2016-2020 and its objective is to identify concrete opportunities for strengthening resilience, reducing vulnerabilities, and increasing the understanding and implementation of adaptation actions.
- 47. The TEP-A will close this year with the final topic of "Education and training, public participation and youth to enhance adaptation action" also reflecting on the outcomes of the TEM-A 2016 to 2019. The 2020

⁸ Two from Parties, one from a bilateral agency and one from another organization.

⁹ Decision 19/CMA.1.

¹⁰ Decision 19/CMA. 1, para. 36 (c)

TEP-A was launched in June 2020 and has been running throughout the year, with a series of workshops and panel discussions, as well as policy briefs and two competitions. The TEP-A will officially close during the Climate Dialogues in November/December 2020 with a joint event that will also close the Technical Examination Process on Mitigation (TEP-M).

- 48. The lead of the AC's TEP-A working group will be invited to present an update on the 2020 TEP-A so far and an outlook to the closing event to be held during the Climate Dialogues.
- 49. *Action*: The AC will be invited to take note of the information presented by the lead of the TEP-A working group and agree on any next steps, as needed.

7. Technical support and guidance to the Parties on adaptation action

7.a Work of the Adaptation Committee Task Force on National Adaptation Plans (NAP Taskforce)

- 50. <u>Background</u>: The AC, at its 15th meeting, endorsed the workplan of the NAP Taskforce for the years 2019 to 2021 and provided further guidance for refining it.¹¹
- 51. The AC and its NAP Taskforce also took into account the request from the COP to the AC, "through its NAP Task Force 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". The AC and the LEG have worked on this request in a coordinated manner throughout 2019 and 2020.
- 52. COP 25¹³ requested the AC, through its NAP TF, and the LEG to continue to include in their reports such information on the gaps and needs and invited constituted bodies and other organizations to provide information to the AC and the LEG on activities undertaken to address gaps and needs related to the NAP process. The online compilation of gaps and needs is available on the UNFCCC website.¹⁴
- 53. *Action*: The AC will be invited to consider an update from the lead of the NAP Taskforce on progress made on the Taskforce's workplan, as well as on the mandate on gaps and needs.
- 54. This item will not be discussed during the virtual meeting time and the AC is invited to discuss on the AC's MS Teams space. Observers are invited to send their comments to AC@unfccc.int.

7.b Data for short-, medium- and long-term adaptation

- 55. <u>Background</u>: As part of its 2019-2021 revised flexible workplan, the AC agreed to prepare, in the second half of 2019, a technical paper on countries' needs and solutions in relation to accessing, developing and using data systems for planning and implementing adaptation action.
- 56. At AC 16, agreed to focus the paper on data, taking into account short- medium- and long-term perspectives and linkages of data needs to various stages in the adaptation process. It requested the secretariat to present a draft for consideration at AC 17.
- 57. An initial draft report was considered at AC 17 and a revised version was discussed at the stocktake meeting in August 2020. Further comments were invited through the AC's MS Teams space according to the agreed time line. The paper was then finalized and is now in the process of being converted into a user-friendly publication.
- 58. *Action*: This item will not be discussed during the virtual meeting time.

AC18/TP/7B	Technical paper on data for adaptation at different spatial and temporal
	scales

¹¹ The workplan is available on the NAP Taskforce's webpage.

¹² Decision 8/CP.24, para. 18.

¹³ Decision 7/CP.25, paras 2-4.

¹⁴ Available at https://unfccc.int/node/210550.

8. Technical support and guidance to the Parties on means of implementation

8.a Capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding

59. <u>Background</u>: The AC invited Parties and non-Party stakeholders to submit, by 15 July 2019, information on their capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding, including their experience, success and remaining challenges. These submissions were synthesized into an information document that was considered at AC 16. Several submissions were received after AC 16 and the updated synthesis paper was considered again at AC 17 and at the informal stocktake meeting in August. It was then finalized on the AC's MS Teams space in the inter-sessional period.

- 60. At AC 16 the AC agreed to consult with the LEG, PCCB and SCF on follow-up activities with a focus on sustained long-term in-country capacity building in accessing adaptation funding. It also noted that the workplan of the Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform includes a focus on capacity-building and the FWG offered to collaborate on this item.
- 61. *Action*: This item will not be discussed during the virtual meeting time.

8.b Technologies for adaptation

- 62. <u>Background</u>: In its workplan the AC agreed to prepare, in 2021, a technical paper on the application of technologies for an adaptation priority topic, with the exact topic to be determined in 2020.
- 63. The co-chairs requested the secretariat to review relevant technical information, including from the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network, to support the AC in determining a topic for its technical paper. A background note with possible topics and scope is contained in document AC18/BCKINFO/8B.
- 64. *Action*: The AC will be invited to determine the topic for its 2021 technical paper on adaptation technologies and request the secretariat to prepare a first draft for consideration at AC 19.

AC18/BCKINFO/8B	Background note for a technical paper on the application of technologies for
	an adaptation priority topic

8.c Input to the Standing Committee on Finance for the preparation of the draft decisions on guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism

- 65. <u>Background</u>: In a letter dated 15 July 2020, the Co-Chairs of the SCF invited the AC to provide inputs to the SCF on the draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism.
- 66. The operating entities of the Financial Mechanism are mandated to submit their reports to the COP annually. In 2020, the annual report of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) is expected to be available in December, and for the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in October. In 2021, the annual reports are expected to be available by mid-August, but exact dates are to be confirmed in due course.
- 67. At its 22nd meeting on 28–30 September, the SCF agreed to communicate to other Constituted Bodies that:
 - a) No guidance will be provided to the GCF/GEF in 2020, as the COP was postponed to 2021;
 - b) The annual reports of the GCF and the GEF of 2020 will be sent to the bodies, once they become available;
 - c) The bodies can submit their inputs on the draft guidance in 2020 and/or 2021;
 - d) The SCF will compile any submissions available at the time prior to its first meeting of 2021 and discuss at the meeting how it will prepare the draft guidance.
- 68. <u>Action</u>: This item will not be discussed during the virtual meeting time. The AC will be invited to agree inter-sessionally on the approach to prepare its inputs. Noting the AC's agreement not to take any substantive decisions during its virtual meetings, the AC will be invited to consider submitting to the SCF in

¹⁵ The call is available <u>here</u>.

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the third quarter of 2021 one set of inputs on the draft guidance, based on the 2020 and 2021 reports of the GCF/GEF.

9. Awareness-raising, outreach and sharing of information

- 69. The Secretariat will present an update on planned and published outreach products of the AC in 2020, including the technical paper on adaptation data and the one on how developing countries are addressing hazards, the Adaptation Finance bulletin, contributions to the NWP eUpdate, the Private Sector Toolkit, and an infographic on the AC's 2020 work.
- 70. The update will also contain information on planned and postponed events, such as the AC's outreach event during the November dialogue, the Adaptation Forum on monitoring and evaluation of adaptation and the gender workshop in the context of the 2020 NAP Expo.
- 71. <u>Action</u>: The AC will be invited to take note of the information presented and provide further guidance as needed.

10. 2020 Report of the Adaptation Committee

- 72. <u>Background</u>: The COP, by decision 2/CP.17, requested the AC to report annually to the COP, through the subsidiary bodies, including on its activities, the performance of its functions, guidance, recommendations and other relevant information arising from its work and, as appropriate, on further action that may be required under the Convention, for consideration by the COP.
- 73. As agreed at the AC's technical stocktake meeting in August 2020, the 2020 report will provide an update to the Parties on the key elements of the AC's ongoing and upcoming technical work. Recommendations based on work undertaken in both 2020 and 2021 will be included in the AC's report in 2021.
- 74. <u>Action</u>: The AC will be invited to consider the outline and content of the draft report which will be made available to members before the meeting on the AC's MS Teams space. The AC will be invited to request the secretariat to finalize the draft report and share it with AC members for approval in the week following AC 18.

11. Organization of inter-sessional work

- 75. <u>Action</u>: The AC will be invited to agree on leads/co-leads and members of its groups established to guide the implementation of activities contained in the workplan.
- 76. The AC will further be invited to consider the impacts of COVID-19 and the need to better prepare for similar shocks in its work.

12. Dates for future meetings

77. Action: The AC will be invited to agree on the tentative date for AC 19 in 2021.

13. Any other matters

78. Action: Any other matters arising during the meeting will be taken up under this item.

14. Closure of the meeting