

Promoting overarching coherence

Collaboration with other adaptation-related institutional arrangements under the Convention

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

This item will be discussed on the AC's virtual workspace

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its 19th meeting, will be invited to discuss in writing the information contained in this report, in particular the possible action items in sections 2 and 3 on further collaborative work, with a view to promoting coherent action on adaptation under the Convention. It may wish to request the secretariat to take action as appropriate.

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1. Background and overview

1. As part of its efforts to promote the implementation of adaptation action under the Convention in a coherent manner in line with the Cancun Adaptation Framework and the Paris Agreement, the AC requested the secretariat to prepare a map of mandates, workplans and/or decisions with adaptation relevance under the Convention after each session of the Conference of the Parties (COP). The map will be used to compare, analyse and consider what actions may need to be undertaken by the AC to enhance coherence. Given the absence of a COP session in 2020, the secretariat reviewed the workplans of other constituted bodies only.
2. Further, AC members nominated to contribute to the work of other institutional arrangements under the Convention, as well as those who represented the AC at other meetings since AC 18 shared the resulting next steps – if applicable - via email with the AC for information and further consideration.
3. A summary of the activities described in paragraphs 2 and 3 above is contained in this document.

2. Workplans of related constituted bodies and specific opportunities for collaboration

4. The opportunities for collaboration and coordination mentioned in this chapter have been identified in addition to ongoing collaborative work, which for the sake of brevity is not repeated in this document. Planned and ongoing joint work is mentioned in the background papers prepared for the respective AC 19 agenda items and in the previous mapping paper prepared after COP 25 for AC17, available [here](#).

2.1. Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG)

5. The updated LEG work programme activities for 2020-21 are contained in document [FCCC/SBI/2020/14](#), annex III. The AC may wish to be aware of the broad activities that the LEG is offering in support of the LDCs, due to their relevance to the work of the AC.
6. Collaborative activities mandated to the AC and the LEG have already been included in the workplans of both bodies, including tasks related to an inventory of methodologies for assessing adaptation needs; methodologies to review the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support; and identifying and addressing gaps and needs identified in the work of the two bodies. The following specific activities from the LEG workplan bear particular relevance for the AC's ongoing work and the AC may therefore wish to explore possibilities for further engagement or coordination.
 - a) Make available data and information for addressing gaps, or sources of such data and information, as well as tools and models, to support the LDCs in their risk and vulnerability assessment work in the context of NAPs;
=> The AC could contribute by referring the LEG to its recent reports on data for adaptation at different spatial and temporal scales; and on how developing countries are addressing hazards.
 - b) Continue to provide regular updates to the LDCs on activities related to supporting their formulation and implementation of NAPs;
=> The AC could invite the LEG to work with the AC on the planned update to 2015 report on financing NAPs.
 - c) Update the PEG M&E tool for use to also assess the outcomes and impact of adaptation efforts in the context of NAPs, building on the best available science and tools;
=> The AC could invite the LEG to take into account the case studies the AC is planning to invite for its further M&E work, as well as the resulting technical paper.
 - d) Continue to design training materials in relation to implementing the Paris Agreement, in collaboration with other constituted bodies and organizations;
=>The AC may wish to take note and contribute upon the LEG's invitation as appropriate.
 - e) Continue to engage and mobilize regional centres and networks in nominating LEG focal points;
=> The secretariat is updating the AC's database of regional centres and networks working on

adaptation in 2021.¹ The AC may wish to request the secretariat to coordinate with the LEG support team on this work so to make the database useful for both constituted bodies.

2.2. Facilitative working group (FWG) of the local communities and indigenous peoples platform (LCIPP)

7. Collaborative opportunities in support of the LCIPP's initial [two-year workplan for the period 2020-2021](#) were summarized in a [letter by the Co-Chairs of the FWG sent to the AC](#) before AC18. The letter expressed interest in seeking further synergies and collaborative opportunities with the AC, and the following activities were identified:

- a) The FWG invited the AC to consider enhancing the engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities, through the LCIPP and the UNFCCC indigenous peoples organizations (IPO) constituency focal points, in the AC's work, including in the ongoing effort to review the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support, and the 2021 technical paper on the application of adaptation technologies.
- b) The FWG further invites the AC to explore collaborative opportunities between the AC and the FWG as each body prepares its input to the Global Stocktake, and synergies between the AC's work related to sustained long-term in-country capacity building in accessing adaptation funding and the FWG's effort to map and report on existing funding opportunities for the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities from all regions related to climate change.
- c) The FWG invites the AC to nominate a member as the LCIPP focal point to facilitate and enhance collaborations between the AC and the FWG, and the FWG will also make a similar nomination.

=> The AC may wish to take into account the invitations for collaboration in its future work and nominate an LCIPP focal point to enhance collaboration.

2.3. Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (WIM Excom)

8. The WIM ExCom workplan is available [here](#), and the Plans of Action of the WIM ExCom's Task Force on Displacement (TFD) (of which the AC is a member) and the Technical Expert group on Comprehensive Risk Management CRM are included in Annex I and Annex II, respectively, [here](#).

9. The Excom's workplan is structured into five workstreams addressing enhanced cooperation and facilitation in relation to slow onset events; non-economic losses; comprehensive risk management approaches; human mobility, including migration, displacement and planned relocation; and action and support, including finance, technology and capacity-building, to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change.

10. The Excom has established working groups under several of these workstreams. While the AC is already a member of the TFD, the Excom recently invited the AC to nominate a member for the newly launched expert group on non- economic losses. The AC nominated Shella Biallas to contribute to the work of the group, backed up by Pilar Bueno.

11. The AC may take note of the following opportunities to create synergies, as appropriate:

=> Nominate a member for the expert group on non- economic losses by 22 February 2021;

=> Workstream C on enhanced cooperation and facilitation in relation to comprehensive risk management approaches (including assessment, reduction, transfer and retention) could benefit from, and draw on, the AC's

¹ <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/adaptation-committee-ac/areas-of-work/regional-centres-and-networks>

current and forthcoming work on methodologies for assessing adaptation needs, including the [inventory](#), in particular those entries pertaining to risk assessment;

=> Excom members may also be interested in the AC's 2020 report on how developing countries are addressing hazards.

2.4. Standing Committee on Finance (SCF)

12. The SCF agreed to extend its 2020 [workplan](#) to 2021. It will be republished shortly. Mandated collaborative activities have already been included in the AC's workplan, including those mandated by the CMA in decision 11/CMA.1 and the annual contribution to the draft guidance to the Financial Mechanism of the Convention.

2.5. Paris Committee on Capacity Building (PCCB)

13. The workplan of the PCCB for 2021-2024 is available [here](#). Due to the cross-cutting nature of the PCCB, the AC will be able to continue contributing to all of the priority areas of the PCCB, comprising:

- a) Enhancing coherence and coordination of capacity-building under the Convention with a focus on avoiding duplication of efforts, including through collaboration with bodies under and outside the Convention that engage in activities related to capacity building, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates;
- b) Identifying capacity gaps and needs, both current and emerging, and recommending ways to address them;
- c) Promoting awareness-raising, knowledge- and information-sharing and stakeholder engagement with bodies and relevant actors under and outside the Convention, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates.

14. The Co-Chairs of the [PCCB sent a letter to the AC](#) as input to AC18 which specifies several opportunities for collaboration. The letter informed the AC of the upcoming launch of the informal coordination group for capacity-building under the Convention and the Paris Agreement (ICG), whose purpose is to provide members (representatives of constituted bodies, operating entities and relevant processes under the Convention and Paris Agreement) with a conducive space for information-sharing, coordination and collaboration on climate-related capacity-building activities and initiatives. The launch is expected in early 2021 and the first ICG meeting is expected to take place in conjunction with the 5th PCCB Meeting (tentatively scheduled for May/June 2021). Further detailed communications on this will follow.

The Co-Chairs further invited the AC to nominate one or two representatives to engage with the work of the PCCB for 2021 (note: the current AC member to liaise with the PCCB is Mariam Allam, with Kazem Kashefi as back-up). Along with participation in the annual meeting, these focal points will become members of the ICG, with the expectation that they would participate regularly in ICG meetings. The PCCB nominated Mfumu Richard Lungu as its [focal point to work with the AC in 2021, with Yongxiang Zhang as backup focal point](#).

15. The PCCB is in the process of nominating its focal points for each constituted body, who will each communicate with their corresponding body's PCCB focal points over the ICG launch.

=> *The AC may wish to take note of the upcoming launch of the informal coordination group for capacity-building under the Convention and the Paris Agreement and confirm its nominees to the group.*

2.6. Technology Executive Committee (TEC)

16. The TEC workplan for 2019-2022 is available [here](#). It is structured around the elements of innovation; implementation; enabling environment and capacity-building; collaboration and stakeholder engagement; and support.

17. On innovation, the TEC is planning to promote innovative approaches, including through development of scalable business cases, local community participation, gender and culturally sensitive approaches, to deploy, disseminate, and scale up adaptation technologies. An activity planned in this context is to prepare a policy brief/recommendation on innovative approaches.

=> *The AC may wish to invite the TEC to draw on its previous work engaging the private sector in adaptation, as appropriate.*

18. On enabling environments, the TEC is examining enabling environments, including challenges and opportunities to incentivize the private and public sector in the development and transfer of technologies, building on previous work of the TEC on adaptation and mitigation technologies. In 2021 it is planning to hold a thematic dialogue and produce a policy brief containing recommendations for enhancing enabling environments and addressing various challenges to technology development and transfer, including those related to capacity building.

=> *The AC may wish to consider whether this work could benefit from previous AC work as referred to in para 17 above and whether the findings from the TEC's upcoming thematic dialogue and policy brief could feed into the 2021 AC paper on adaptation technologies, focusing on priorities and needs: technologies for adaptation in agriculture, water resources and coastal zones; including experiences in stakeholder engagement and regulatory issues pertaining to the development, transfer and uptake of technologies in those sectors.*

2.7. Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN)

19. Following the AC's input to the 15th meeting of the CTCN's Advisory Board and a follow-up message from the CTCN secretariat, activities were identified that would benefit from a collaboration between the two bodies. This includes inputs to the technical paper on technologies for adaptation; possible follow-up activities to the AC's recent publication on data for adaptation at different spatial and temporal scales; and continued collaboration on the LEG's and the AC's efforts to address gaps and needs related to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans.

2.8. Consultative Group of Experts (CGE)

20. The CGE will meet in early March to develop its workplan for 2021. It will be guided by its strategic priorities, which are available [here](#). The priorities for 2020-2022 will be to continue identifying gaps and needs and promoting the understanding of the existing measurement, reporting and verification arrangements (National Communications, Biennial Update Reports, International Consultation and Analysis) under the Convention, recognizing that the enhanced efforts to prepare improved national communications and biennial update reports can help developing country Parties prepare better for the reporting under the enhanced transparency framework, introduce the enhanced transparency framework, and facilitate transition to the enhanced transparency framework.

=> *The AC will invite the CGE to a webinar (pending AC agreement) with practitioners to discuss the draft supplementary guidance for adaptation communications.*

2.9. Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability, and adaptation to climate change (NWP)

21. While not a constituted body as such, the NWP was established to facilitate and catalyze the development and dissemination of information and knowledge that would inform and support adaptation policies and practices, with a focus on developing countries. It has grown into the UNFCCC knowledge-to-action hub for climate adaptation and resilience, comprising a network of over 400 organizations committed to closing knowledge gaps and scaling up climate adaptation action.

22. The SBSTA invited the AC to provide advice to the NWP 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. Please consult document AC19/INFO/5B ([see AC19](#) agenda item 5b) for more information.

3. Overall opportunities for collaboration with other constituted bodies

23. General cross-body collaboration is included in the mandates and workplans of all adaptation-related constituted bodies. While targeted collaboration on specific products or projects is frequently carried out, there are also opportunities for more overall information sharing across constituted bodies and from several constituted bodies jointly to the wider adaptation community. The AC may wish to consider:

- a) Sharing a short overview of its key outcomes and publications with other adaptation-related constituted bodies at the end of each year, including an outlook of its upcoming work;
- b) Including all constituted bodies in the distribution lists of its outreach activities, including the Adaptation Finance Bulletin;
- c) Organizing joint sessions to exchange progress and experiences on parallel mandates, for example the synthesis reports in the context of the Global Stocktake, and invite short briefings from other constituted bodies or related organizations on particular projects or themes of interest;
- d) Making better use of the established NAP Taskforce to invite ideas and feedback from other bodies, including by sharing drafts of the upcoming reports and technical papers on navigating the landscape of support for the process to formulate and implement NAPs; and on technologies for adaptation;
- e) Alerting all adaptation-related constituted bodies of the broad knowledge base available under the NWP and invite the constituted bodies to communicate their knowledge gaps, directly or through the AC, to the NWP to help address the knowledge gaps in the respective adaptation-related areas.

4. Representation of AC members in related meetings of other constituted bodies and workstreams since AC 18

24. The following meetings have taken place since AC 19 with AC representation:

Date	AC attendee	Meeting
24 Nov 2020	SCF liaison (Funanani Muremi)	Progress update on the work of the SCF
25 Nov 2020	Capacity building liaison (Mariam Allam)	The work of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building
25 Nov 2020	TFD liaison (Liu Shuo)	WIM Excom event
26 Nov 2020	Cecília Silva, Mariam Allam, Funanani Muremi, Navina Sanchez	5 th annual meeting between the GCF and the constituted bodies of the UNFCCC
26 Nov 2020	TEP-A working group lead (Alice)	Joint TEP-A and TEP-M event
26 Nov 2020	Alice Gaustad	NWP expert meeting: Addressing knowledge gaps: Biodiversity and climate change adaptation
27 Nov 2020	Alessandra Sgobbi, Alice Gaustad	Structured Expert Dialogue on the second periodic review of the long-term global goal
2 Dec 2020	Navina Sanchez	Koronivia workshop
4 Dec 2020	Co-Chairs	Closing session: Informal dialogues with constituted bodies

5. Possible next steps

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