

## Possible themes for the second report of a series of biennial synthesis reports in the context of the recognition of adaptation efforts of developing countries

### Concept note

#### Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, may wish to take into account the information contained in this document and consider next steps, as noted in Section 4.

## 1. Background and mandate

1. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) and in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, to prepare synthesis reports every two years starting in 2020. The synthesis reports on specific adaptation themes are focused on relevant lessons learned and good practices in developing country Parties in the context of the recognition of their adaptation efforts.<sup>1</sup>
2. The AC in its revised 2019-2021 workplan<sup>2</sup> agreed to identify in 2021 three to five themes based on current work and to prepare an outline on the chosen theme by end of 2021. It further agreed to coordinate with the LEG Chair.

## 2. Approach

3. The main source of input is countries self-reported documents, including National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Communications (NCs) and Adaptation communications (AdComms). Information may also be drawn from other relevant reports under the UNFCCC, reports of other UN and international organizations as well as other sources to complement the national reports.
4. It is foreseen for the methodology and preliminary findings to be presented at AC 20, including how relevant stakeholders are being engaged, and for the report to advance intersessionally and to be finalized at AC 21 or AC 22.

## 3. Suggested themes

5. The following five themes are suggested to be considered by the AC. They were identified with a view to a) selecting new topics that have not been analyzed in depth before, and b) drilling deeper into ongoing AC work for continuity, all geared towards giving Parties the opportunity of recognizing all possible aspects of adaptation efforts by developing countries while focusing on relevant lessons learned and good practices.
6. The AC may also wish to recall that the topic of the AC's previous synthesis report in this context was "How developing countries are addressing hazards", and that the LEG is in the process of finalizing its

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<sup>1</sup> See Decision 11/CMA.1 para. 13.

<sup>2</sup> [https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/ac\\_workplan\\_post\\_ac17\\_web.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/ac_workplan_post_ac17_web.pdf)

report “Best practices and lessons learned in addressing adaptation through national adaptation plans, Volume 4: designing and implementing adaptation actions in key systems”.

7. The proposed five themes are:

- a) Efforts of developing countries in enabling adaptation by private actors, including through economic and policy instruments. Such instruments may include regulations, risk sharing and risk transfer, improved resource pricing, subsidies, and taxes;
- b) Efforts of developing countries in setting up institutional arrangements to plan and implement adaptation at different levels of government;
- c) Efforts of developing countries in assessing the costs of adaptation. This could entail exploring different methodological approaches developing countries are taking in assessing the costs of adaptation, including as it relates to data, discount rates, and other considerations;
- d) Efforts of developing countries in engaging stakeholders in adaptation planning and implementation;
- e) Efforts of developing countries in meeting their adaptation costs; exploring instruments, actors and approaches, including through national budgetary allocations, percentage loss of their GDPs, private sector investments, etc.

#### 4. Next steps

8. The AC, following agreement on a theme, may wish to request the secretariat to prepare a first draft, including the underlying methodology, possibilities for collaborating with stakeholders and preliminary findings, for consideration at AC 20. It may also wish to inform the LEG accordingly.

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#### Document information

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