

## Work of the Adaptation Committee Task Force on National Adaptation Plans

### Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, will be invited to consider the information contained in this document and agree on next steps, as appropriate.

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

|    |   |   |
|----|---|---|
| 1. | Background and mandate  | 2 |
| 2. | Activities for 2021 on the 3-year workplan of the NAP Taskforce | 2 |
| 3. | Further activities not included in the 3-year workplan          | 4 |
| 4. | Enhancing the NAP Taskforce                                     | 5 |
| 5. | Next steps  | 5 |

## 1. Background and mandate

1. The NAP Taskforce has been a useful means for the AC to share its work with other constituted bodies, and to invite input and feedback on selected elements of its work that are directly addressing national adaptation planning and implementation. The taskforce was established at AC 4 to further support developing countries seeking to formulate and implement NAPs. It was welcomed by COP 19 and consists of AC members and representatives of the AF, GCF, GEF, LEG, TEC and SCF (see annex for a full list of members).
2. At its 15<sup>th</sup> meeting the AC endorsed the workplan of the NAP Taskforce for the years 2019 to 2021<sup>1</sup> and provided further guidance for refining it.
3. The workplan is in line with the AC's flexible workplan and also responds to the invitation of SBI 47 for the AC and the LEG to consider ways to assist with the implementation of NAPs in their future work programmes and to include information thereon in their reports, as appropriate.<sup>2</sup>
4. 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. COP 25 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.
5. The lead of the NAP Taskforce delivers an oral report to the AC at each AC meeting on collaborative work undertaken, following the taskforce's three-year workplan.

## 2. Activities for 2021 on the 3-year workplan of the NAP Taskforce

6. This section outlines the contributions to the work of the AC that are on the workplan of the NAP Taskforce for the year 2021. It also provides short updates on the status of the AC's work on these activities and suggestions how the NAP Taskforce can enhance the work:
  - (a) Collaborate with the LEG and the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage, to determine next steps in responding to the COP 24 mandate 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 the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, as appropriate.*
    - ⇒ So far, the AC has mainly contributed to this mandate by participating in the Excom's working group on displacement.
    - ⇒ Members of the NAP Taskforce will be invited to bring forward additional ideas on how to support developing country Parties in integrating approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement into national planning processes.
  - (b) Contribute to the AC's evaluation of progress in incorporating gender considerations into adaptation action and the AC workplan activities.
    - ⇒ The AC, in its 2019-2021 workplan, included the objective of incorporating gender as a cross-cutting consideration into all its activities. Accordingly, the AC has enhanced efforts on gender consideration by integrating a gender perspective into AC events, documents, and

---

<sup>1</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/adaptation-committee-ac/areas-of-work/ac-s-task-force-on-national-adaptation-plans-nap-taskforce>

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/SBI/2017/19, para. 73.

- reports. The AC developed a plan for enhancing consideration of gender in adaptation action and its workplan activities, in collaboration with the PCCB and the NAP Taskforce, and agreed to evaluate progress made in 2021. Document [AC19/INFO/5C](#) contains an update on the implementation of the AC's gender workplan and a draft approach for its evaluation.
- ⇒ Members of the NAP Taskforce will be invited to bring forward additional ideas on how gender could be further incorporated into adaptation action.
- (c) Contribute to the AC's technical paper on methodologies for assessing progress in enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change.
- ⇒ COP 25 requested the AC to "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."<sup>3</sup> The AC considered the draft technical paper at AC 19 (November 2020) and is now proceeding to finalizing the paper and discussing how the outcomes from the consideration can be reflected in its annual report.
- ⇒ Members of the NAP Taskforce will be invited to review the technical paper prior to its publication to add any information that will be useful for the AC's further consideration of approaches to review overall progress made in achieving the global goal on adaptation.
- (d) Contribute to the update of the 2015 thematic report on navigating the landscape of support for the process to formulate and implement NAPs, and other adaptation planning processes, based on the information gathered in 2020.
- ⇒ The 2015 report<sup>4</sup> was considered useful by Parties and other stakeholders. It provides an overview of financial, technological and capacity-building support as well as support in the form of guidance, information and knowledge available from multilateral and bilateral sources. Due to the ongoing developments in the area of support for adaptation planning, the AC agreed to issue an update in 2021, through its NAP TF, and with the support of the secretariat.
- ⇒ AC 19 will consider an initial concept note (AC19/CN/8C)<sup>5</sup> presenting a possible approach for updating the 2015 report and for making it more user-friendly. It will then provide guidance to the NAP taskforce, with the support of the secretariat, for updating the report.
- ⇒ Members of the NAP taskforce will be invited to work with the secretariat to update the report over the course of the year.
- (e) Organize an event at the NAP Expo based on the best practices, lessons learned, challenges and opportunities related to engaging the private sector in the NAP process.
- ⇒ Due to the current COVID-19 related challenges to hold international in-person meetings, the LEG is conducting a range of virtual events covering the technical components of the NAP Expos.
- ⇒ Members of the NAP taskforce will be invited to consult whether there is a preference for holding the above-mentioned NAP taskforce event on the best practices, lessons learned, challenges and opportunities related to engaging the private sector in the NAP process

---

<sup>3</sup> Decision 1/CMA.2, para. 14.

<sup>4</sup> Scroll down to 2015 to see high and low-resolution versions of the 2015 report on the AC publications page here: <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/adaptation-committee-ac/publications-bulletin-adaptation-committee>

<sup>5</sup> To be published on the AC 19 webpage once available. See <https://unfccc.int/event/nineteenth-meeting-of-the-adaptation-committee-ac19>

virtually this year, or in person next year. Members of the NAP taskforce will then be invited to consult with the LEG, through the LEG's representative on the taskforce (see annex for a list of current members), how to move forward on this.

- (f) Contribute to an AC technical paper on a priority topic for adaptation technologies
  - ⇒ At the end of 2020 the AC agreed on the following topic for this technical paper: *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*". The AC requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the issue leads, to prepare a first draft for consideration by AC19. The draft will be contained in document AC19/TP/8B.<sup>6</sup>
  - ⇒ Members of the NAP Taskforce will then be invited to review the draft, including on the scope and objective, and provide input in their respective areas of expertise.
- (g) Contribute to the organization and delivery of the annual NAP Expo.
  - ⇒ See subparagraph (e) above.

### 3. Further activities not included in the 3-year workplan

7. The following activities are not included in the current 3-year workplan of the NAP taskforce, either because they were mandated by the COP at a later date, or because they emerged recently from current work of the Adaptation Committee and would benefit from the input of other constituted bodies and institutional arrangements.

- (a) Contribute information to the AC and the LEG on activities undertaken to address gaps and needs related to the NAP process.
  - ⇒ COP 25 requested the AC, through its NAP TF, and the LEG to continue to include in their reports information on the gaps and needs related to the NAP process and invited constituted bodies and other organizations to provide information to the AC and the LEG on activities undertaken to address such gaps and needs. For this purpose, the LEG and the AC prepared an online compilation of identified gaps and needs and made it available on the UNFCCC website.<sup>7</sup>
  - ⇒ Members of the NAP taskforce are invited to consult the online list of identified gaps and needs and contribute either by communicating further gaps and needs encountered in relation to the NAP process, or identify one or more of the gaps and needs that they can address.
- (b) Review next steps to address capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding.
  - ⇒ The AC prepared an information document on countries' capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding, including their experience, success and remaining challenges. This paper was based on submissions received throughout 2019 and developed during 2020.
  - ⇒ The AC agreed to consult with the LEG, the PCCB and the SCF on follow-up activities with a focus on sustained long-term in-country capacity building in accessing adaptation funding.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> <https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/workstreams/national-adaptation-plans-naps/gaps-and-needs-related-to-the-naps>

- ⇒ The revised information note contained in [AC19/INFO/8A](#) will be considered at AC 19 and the AC will communicate the agreed next steps to the NAP TF for further action. All members of the NAP taskforce – not limited to those mentioned in the bullet point above, will be invited to contribute, as appropriate;
- ⇒ The NAP TF is invited to take note of the thematic connection between this item and item 6(d) above.

(c) Information sharing

- ⇒ While information sharing is not explicitly mentioned in the terms of reference of the NAP taskforce, members may find the sharing and broad dissemination of products and findings relevant to the national adaptation process useful. The AC would like to share two publications that were launched in January 2021 and hopes that members of the NAP taskforce will find them interesting.
- ⇒ Members of the NAP taskforce are invited to make best use of two recent publications by the AC, and to further distribute them widely through their networks:
  - [How developing countries are addressing hazards, focusing on relevant lessons learned and good practices](#)
  - [Data for adaptation at different spatial and temporal scales](#). A short [summary for policymakers](#) of this publication is also available.

## 4. Enhancing the NAP Taskforce

8. The NAP Taskforce is a well-established group, set to serve as a bridge between the constituted bodies working on adaptation in order to move forward in an informed and coherent manner in supporting developing countries in their national adaptation planning.

9. The AC may wish to consider steps to enhance the use and impact of the NAP taskforce, mindful of the value and aggregate expertise that nominated members from the AC and another six related bodies and institutional arrangements bring to the table. The efficiency gain of an enhanced use might be considerable if applied in good measure.

10. The AC may wish to consider whether any of the following steps could enhance the work of the group:

- (a) Regular meetings, including virtual meetings, to discuss activities on the workplan (twice per year), with the option of organizing additional smaller meetings focus on specific items;
- (b) Encourage the use of the group as a multi-directional communication tool that can be used not only by the AC to seek input from other bodies, but for all member bodies to seek feedback in their respective work areas related to adaptation planning. In this sense it could be used as a broader discussion and information space that could develop over time;
- (c) Revise the current terms of reference of the NAP taskforce to increase membership, or invite other constituted bodies on an ad-hoc basis as needed, for example those that expressed interest to work with the AC on various issues (Facilitative working group (FWG) of the local communities and indigenous peoples platform (LCIPP), the PCCB and the CTCN);
- (d) Consider if and how the NAP taskforce could be useful in the broader context of collaboration towards the global stocktake.

## 5. Next steps

11. The AC may wish to request the secretariat to share the content of sections 1, 2 and 3 of this document with the NAP taskforce to recall the issues on the workplan for this year and to announce a conference call to be held after AC 19. This was done after the due date for comments by the AC on this document, i.e. on 24 February 2021.

12. The AC may further wish to discuss, at its 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, section 4 of this document and agree on next steps to enhance the NAP taskforce, as appropriate.

---

## Annex: Members of the NAP Taskforce

*As of February 2021*

### **Co-Leads**

- Navina Sanchez
- Cecilia Silva

### **AC members**

- Clifford Mahlung
- Vladimir Kattsov
- Mariam Allam
- Alice Gaustad

### **Non-AC members**

- SCF – Mohamed Nasr
- TEC – Stig Svenningsen
- LEG – Hana Hamadalla Mohamed/Nikki Lulham
- AF – Farayi Madziwa
- GEF – Katya Kuang-Idba (cc Chizuru Aoki)
- GCF – Emerson Resende/Orville Grey

---

## Document information

| <i>Version</i> | <i>Date</i>  | <i>Description</i>  |
|----------------|--------------|---|
| 01.0           | 1 March 2021 | AC 19<br>The AC will be invited to agree on a theme and the next steps. |

Keywords: National adaptation plans, adaptation to climate change, resilience, implementation, Developing country Parties.

---