

20th meeting of the Adaptation Committee

Agenda item 5b

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

7-10 September 2021



Pilar Bueno, Adaptation Committee member

I: Mandate and work so far

- ❖ Decision 9/CMA.1 > 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.
 - with engagement of IPCC WG II and using relevant existing guidance as a starting point.
 - The draft supplementary guidance > November 2022, in context of consideration of the AC report.
 - ❖ **AC 15 – AC 17**, AC agreed on timeline and considered a mapping of existing guidance as well as an outline of the draft guidance > Development and revisions.
 - ❖ **AC 18** (and a call on 3 Feb 2021) considered an early draft and provided advice, requesting the secretariat to focus on Part II.
 - ❖ **AC 19** considered an updated revised draft, which contained an advanced part II (descriptions of each element, simple tables with an overview of relevant guidelines, an examples of resources that can help preparing the element)
 - ❖ **Events** (*feedback > publishing of the next draft on 31 August 2021*)
 - **30 June 2021**, a webinar to discuss the guidance with Parties and experts
 - **19 August 2021**, discussion of the draft by AC members.
-



II: Work since AC 19

❖ Since AC 19, the main changes in the document are:

➤ **In part I:**

- ✓ There is a new section on the role of ADCOMs in GST, and two new figures on: (a) ADCOMs in GST; (b) key milestones related to ADCOMs from 2015 to 30;
- ✓ Language from decisions guide the ADCOMs (table 1) and the registry (table 2) has been integrated;
- ✓ Figure 3 is being redesigned and replaced with a placeholder.

➤ **In part II:**

- ✓ More examples of element-specific resources were added, and they are now presented in tables capturing the relevant points;
- ✓ Annex I contains two initial examples of national preparation processes of ADCOMs;
- ✓ The text has been simplified to reduce the length of the document and to focus on essential points.

❖ Due to time constraints not all feedback from the webinar has been considered in full. The next revision will continue considering all the feedback received (including at the webinar, the call with interested AC members, and AC 20).



III: Overview of the document

- ❖ Part I aims to:
 - Provide an overview of guidance relevant for ADCOMs
 - Outline the role of the ADCOM in the GST, and relevant milestones
 - Consider the modalities for submitting an ADCOM
 - Detail potential information synergies between ADCOM and other documents

 - ❖ Part II aims to present information to facilitate preparation of information on each element envisaged by decision 9/CMA.1. For each element, part II aims to describe:
 - What the element is about;
 - How it is addressed in other UNFCCC reporting and communication guidelines
 - What existing resources can help Parties prepare information on the element
 - How a Party might approach the preparation of information on the element

 - ❖ In addition, the document contains two annexes:
 - Annex I contains examples of how Parties have prepared their ADCOMs
 - Annex II provides a full list of how information related to each element of ADCOMs is reflected in other UNFCCC reporting and communication guidelines
-



III: Questions and next steps

- ❖ The AC is invited to consider the current progress made on the draft supplementary guidance, in particular:
 - Whether the draft is heading in the right direction?
 - Are additional considerations or types of information required that would be helpful in light of the discussion so far, as well as the feedback received at the webinar?
- ❖ In doing so, the AC may wish to consider how to ensure complementarity with related work. This includes work on approaches for assessing progress towards the global goal on adaptation.
- ❖ In addition, the AC may wish to comment on the status of engagement with the IPCC, in particular:
 - Whether/when the current or post-AC 20 draft of the guidance could be shared with the IPCC for their feedback?
 - What other opportunities/modalities the AC should consider for this engagement?

