

Work of the Adaptation Committee Task Force on National Adaptation Plans

Progress report

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its 20th meeting, will be invited to consider this update on progress made on the workplan of the NAP Taskforce, as well as the mandate on gaps and needs that have been identified through relevant work of the LEG and the AC.

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.

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 15th meeting the AC endorsed the [workplan](#) of the AC NAP Taskforce for the years 2019 to 2021¹ and provided further guidance for refining it. 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.²
3. 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, 2020 and 2021. 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 process to formulate and implement NAPs.

2. Progress update on the work of the NAP Taskforce

4. The NAP Taskforce held its most recent meeting on 30 April 2021. The meeting served as an opportunity for members to re-familiarize themselves with the activities on the workplan and to express

¹ 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>

² FCCC/SBI/2017/19, para. 73.

interest in particular activities. While there was time for merely brief exchanges, more detailed inputs have been gathered throughout the year on an ongoing basis.

5. 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 and in how far the Taskforce members have already been engaged in the work.

Workplan activity	Status of AC work	NAP Taskforce contribution
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 <i>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</i>	So far, the AC has mainly contributed to this mandate by participating in the Excom's taskforce on displacement .	Members of the NAP Taskforce will have been 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.
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 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 its evaluation.	Members of the AC NAP Taskforce are invited to bring forward additional ideas on how gender could be further incorporated into adaptation action, as well as suggesting concrete ideas that could be included in the AC's next workplan.
Contribute to the AC's technical paper on methodologies for assessing progress in enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening	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	The draft technical paper has been shared with members of the AC NAP Taskforce for review.

resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change.	outcome of this consideration in its 2021 annual report.” The AC is preparing a technical paper to inform its consideration of this matter.	
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 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. The AC agreed to issue an update in 2021, through its NAP TF, and with the support of the secretariat. AC 19 considered and adopted a concept note (AC19/CN/8C) for preparing the update as an online information source to be included in NAP Central and to consider intersessionally whether/how to complement it with a report or short bulletins. It invited the AC NAP Taskforce with the engagement of the PCCB and the secretariat to develop a prototype for the AC’s consideration at AC 20; and a comprehensive version by November 2021	The secretariat is implementing the guidance received by the AC and will present a visual concept at AC20. Following this, an interactive demo version will be shared with the NAP Taskforce for further inputs and suggestions.
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 formulation and implementation of NAPs.	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.	The event has been included as an activity in the AC’s draft flexible workplan for the years 2022-2024.
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	The AC NAP Taskforce will be invited to provide initial inputs and feedback alongside the AC’s consideration at AC 20.

	uptake of technologies in those sectors". Document AC19/TP/8B provides a first outline of the paper, which was discussed and refined at AC19.	
(a) Contribute information to the AC and the LEG on activities undertaken to address gaps and needs related to the process to formulate and implement NAPs.	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 process to formulate and implement NAPs 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. ³	Members of the AC 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 process to formulate and implement NAPs or identify one or more of the gaps and needs that they can address.

6. While information sharing is not explicitly mentioned in the terms of reference of the NAP taskforce, members agreed that the sharing and broad dissemination of products and findings relevant to the national adaptation process is useful. The AC initiated this process by sharing two of its recent publications with Taskforce members for further use and dissemination through members' respective networks"

- a) [How developing countries are addressing hazards, focusing on relevant lessons learned and good practices](#)
- b) [Data for adaptation at different spatial and temporal scales](#). A short [summary for policymakers](#) of this publication is also available.

3. Enhancing the work of the AC NAP Taskforce

7. During its meeting on 30 April 2021, members of the AC NAP Taskforce noted that 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. It considered and agreed on the following proposals to enhance the use and impact of the NAP taskforce, mindful of the value and aggregate expertise that nominated members from the AC and other six related bodies and institutional arrangements bring to the table:

- a) **Multi-directional communication and information sharing.** Members encouraged 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;

³ <https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/workstreams/national-adaptation-plans-naps/gaps-and-needs-related-to-the-naps>

- b) **Regular meetings.** Members agreed that regular meetings, including virtual ones, are helpful to discuss activities on the workplan (twice per year), with the option of organizing additional smaller meetings focus on specific items;
- c) **Seeking further inputs.** Members agreed that other constituted bodies could be invited 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).

Annex: Members of the NAP Taskforce

As of 19 March 2021

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