

## Flexible workplan of the Adaptation Committee for the years 2022-2024

### Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, will be invited to:

- Review the draft workplan below for completeness;
- Agree, modify or remove the proposed new activities (those highlighted in yellow) and further specify these, as appropriate;
- Request the secretariat to annex the finalized draft flexible workplan to the 2021 report of the AC.

## 1. Introduction and background

1. At AC 19 the AC started considerations of its new flexible workplan for 2022-2024. It agreed to request a small working group consisting of the Co-Chairs and interested AC members to prepare a first draft, including a structure and previously agreed on activities, by the end of April for further revisions in the intersessional period, including through conference calls and possible outreach to Parties and other stakeholders, for adoption at AC 20.

2. During the discussion, some members suggested taking an innovative approach to developing the flexible workplan, such as by having a cross-cutting consideration of the entire cycle of adaptation, focusing more on priority areas rather than specific activities, and trying to anticipate what types of work will be especially beneficial to undertake in the 2022-2024 period in light of milestones such as the global stocktake and the submission of Parties' firsts biennial transparency reports. It was suggested that outreach to or input from Parties or other stakeholders in the development of the workplan may be useful.

3. **On 7 May 2021 the AC's working group for the new flexible workplan met** and discussed a "0-draft" containing the previously agreed activities displayed in a revised structure. Members suggested the review of the AC's progress, effectiveness and performance at COP26 and the UN's 2021 Food Systems Summit as additional milestones to be taken into account and proposed a stronger focus on the AC's communications and outreach work, the inclusion of activities relating to gender, displacement, and achievements in adaptation so far.

4. As next steps the group requested the secretariat to share ideas to enhance the AC's communication and outreach work and suggested to collect concrete activities from AC members. The next conference call to consider the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the workplan was agreed to be held after the June SB sessions.

5. **On 11 August 2021 the working group met for a second time** to discuss a first draft of the workplan in its new structure. The comments received since the previous meeting were discussed and the group requested the secretariat to include progress made in the meeting into the draft workplan. A second draft was then circulated on 13 August to the working group for further review, acceptance or rejection of the proposed new activities, further refinement of the activities and allocation of the new activities to the years 2022, 2023 or 2024. A revised draft was then shared with the AC on 26 August for review and eventually approval at AC20.

## **2. Milestones and relevant information requiring continued flexibility in the workplan**

6. The AC agreed that the following upcoming milestones in the international climate change arena require flexibility in the new workplan to be able to absorb possible new priorities:

- Outcome of the review of the AC' progress, effectiveness and performance at COP26;
- Working Group II contribution to the IPCC sixth assessment report; (February 2022: 12<sup>th</sup> Session of Working Group II and 55<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC. Approval of the Summary for Policymakers, acceptance of the underlying report);
- 2021 Food Systems Summit;
- Adaptation priorities reported in Adaptation Communications, NDCs and NAPs;
- Global Stocktake in 2023.

7. The AC further agreed to enhance efforts to use of all of modalities it has at its disposition as per decision 2/CP.17, including expert input for AC consideration. It also agreed to accept more offers for collaboration within and outside the Convention, and to anchor this in the workplan. Consideration of gender aspects, local communities and indigenous peoples, displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change, and innovation will be applied across all workstreams.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> draft: Flexible workplan of the Adaptation Committee for the years 2022-2024

Workstream 1: Promoting overarching coherence and collaboration			
2022	2023	2024	Collaboration
Every first regular AC meeting of the year: Map of mandates, workplans and decisions with adaptation relevance under the Convention. Compare and analyze to consider what actions may need to be, are being, or will be undertaken by the AC or other constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, with the engagement of all relevant constituted bodies and their task forces, as appropriate. <sup>1</sup>			Constituted bodies
Every first regular AC meeting of the year: Provide advice 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, including themes for the NWP Focal Point Forum <sup>2</sup>			NWP
Participate, as mandated or if invited and prioritized, in expert groups and events of other constituted bodies or workstreams under the Convention and the Paris Agreement			Constituted bodies
Participate, if invited and prioritized, in events organized by other organizations, particularly events that provide access to new audiences			Organizations
1 <sup>st</sup> Annual dialogue with adaptation-related constituted bodies to discuss ways to further strengthen coherence and collaboration in addressing adaptation	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual dialogue with adaptation-related constituted bodies to discuss ways to further strengthen coherence and collaboration in addressing adaptation	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual dialogue with adaptation-related constituted bodies to discuss ways to further strengthen coherence and collaboration in addressing adaptation	Constituted bodies
	Collaborative activity with the Excom’s Task Force on displacement on how to assist countries interested in including displacement associated with climate change in their Adaptation Communications	Collaborative activity with the LCIPP FWG on gender-responsive adaptation action and traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems related to adaptation	Constituted bodies

<sup>1</sup> Including the [Climate Action and Support Transparency Training CASTT - Adaptation Academy](#).

<sup>2</sup> [FCCC/SBSTA/2018/4](#), para. 19.

**Workstream 2: Awareness-raising, outreach and information-sharing**

2022	2023	2024	Collaboration
Regularly prepare the AC's Adaptation Finance Bulletin			
Second half of each year: Prepare the annual report of the AC to the COP through the subsidiary bodies and an associated infographic			
Annual flagship publications to inform Parties and other stakeholders on recent developments: <b>State of adaptation reports summarizing facts and figures from all adaptation-related national reports submitted to the secretariat</b> <sup>3</sup>			
Enhanced AC communications strategy and plan, including social media outreach <sup>4</sup>	Adaptation Forum to showcase how Parties are increasing their ambition on adaptation	Adaptation Forum to showcase how Parties are increasing their ambition on adaptation	
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**Workstream 3: Providing technical support and guidance on adaptation planning and implementation on the national and subnational levels, including on means of implementation**

2022	2023	2024	Collaboration
Prepare a technical paper on <b>methodologies for assessing adaptation needs</b> and their application, as well as on the related gaps, good practices, lessons learned and guidelines, for consideration and further guidance by the SBSTA at its fifty-seventh session (November 2022) <sup>5</sup>			IPCC WG II, as appropriate
Develop, by June 2022, <b>draft supplementary guidance for Adaptation Communications</b> for voluntary use by Parties in communicating information in accordance with the elements contained in the annex to decision 9/CMA.1,			IPCC Working Group II, as appropriate, Constituted bodies

<sup>3</sup> 'Mini GST report' that could feed into the 5-yearly GST report, concise and accessible, featuring maps and infographics, as appropriate, with thematic or regional foci, or focusing on topics that are not frequently discussed, such as underrepresented groups and innovation.

<sup>4</sup> Secretariat will share ideas for the AC's consideration, including how the AKP can be used and improved to enhance the visibility of information. This will follow shortly.

<sup>5</sup> Decision 11/CMA1, para.17.

for consideration by the SBs at their fifty-seventh sessions (November 2022 <sup>6</sup> )			supporting the other instruments
Advance technical support through the work of the Adaptation Committee Taskforce on National Adaptation Plans ( <b>NAP TF</b> ), including (i) an <b>online information source for NAP support</b> on NAP Central, (ii) contributing to the organization and delivery of the annual NAP Expos; and (iii) mainstreaming gender considerations in adaptation planning and implementation.			Relevant bodies and organizations through the NAP TF
Consider and approve the workplan of the NAP TF for 2022-2024, based on the workplan of the AC			
Second half of each year: Provide input to the SCF for the preparation of the draft decisions on <b>guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism</b>			
	Action-oriented briefs or case studies to demonstrate how identified capacity gaps might be closed <sup>7</sup>	Action-oriented briefs or case studies to demonstrate how identified capacity gaps might be closed	NWP Universities Other constituted bodies
A series of technical papers that address adaptation policy options to be developed by partner organizations of the Nairobi work programme for consideration by the Adaptation Committee. <sup>8</sup>	Continuation of the series of technical papers that address adaptation policy options	Continuation of the series of technical papers that address adaptation policy options	NWP
Placeholder for follow-up work on <b>technologies</b> for adaptation and interaction with the <b>TEC</b>	Placeholder for collaborative activity on <b>adaptation finance</b> with the <b>SCF</b>	Placeholder for collaborative activity on <b>capacity building</b> with the <b>PCCB</b>	TEC SCF PCCB
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 <sup>9</sup>	Strengthen engagement of the <b>private sector</b> in adaptation with a focus on specific sectors or systems of the economy (e.g.	Strengthen engagement of the <b>private sector</b> in adaptation with a focus on specific sectors or systems	LEG, relevant bodies and organizations

<sup>6</sup> 9/CMA.1, para 15.

<sup>7</sup> For example as has been done in the context of the GCF readiness for NAP support.

<sup>8</sup> With a focus on sectors or regions, including gender considerations. Examples: “The tourism sector in the post-pandemic time”, and “How to incorporate research and development into the formulation and implementation of NAPs”.

<sup>9</sup> Still pending from NAP TF workplan, postponed due to the COVID19 pandemic.

	through policy briefs, guidance notes) <sup>10</sup>	of the economy (e.g. through policy briefs, guidance notes)	through the NAP TF
	Placeholder for outcomes from the 2021 Food Systems Summit, as appropriate		
	Placeholder for a follow-up activity on the AC-LEG-NAP Global Network Gender Toolkit <sup>11</sup>		LEG

#### Workstream 4: Providing technical support and guidance on reviewing subnational, national, and collective adaptation progress

2022	2023	2024	Collaboration
Prepare a technical paper featuring case studies on the development and application of <b>monitoring and evaluation</b> systems at the national and subnational level, including consideration of the value of monitoring and	Follow-up work on monitoring and evaluation systems <sup>13</sup>	Follow-up work on monitoring and evaluation systems	

<sup>10</sup> Possible activities as suggested by previous AC partners from the development of the private sector toolkit include:

- Improving the interplay between governments and the private sector on national adaptation planning and implementing. Content/Output: Based on the overall toolkit, the AC could develop sector specific toolkits that could provide more targeted guidance. Priority sectors for this could include (not exhaustive): Tourism, Agriculture, Health, Finance and host associated events/workshops, in collaboration with partners.
- Promoting (M)SMEs resilience to climate impacts. Content/Output: Especially (M)SMEs in developing countries, despite being the backbone of most economies, do not have the capacity to adapt. As a part of this, the AC could provide guidance to countries on how to support MSMEs in developing and implementing adaptation strategies, and host associated events in order to promote the AC's mission to promote coherence and its authority to bring together different stakeholders
- Closing the data gap in climate change adaptation planning and implementation in collaboration with the private sector. Content/Output: As identified in the recent AC data paper, but also during the past work on private sector adaptation, data is not easily available in developing countries. The work on this could include an overview over the offers for decision-ready data that are available for effective adaptation of developing countries from private sector companies.

<sup>11</sup> For example:

- Gender-responsive monitoring and evaluation approaches to track gender-differentiated results;
- Transformation at scale: putting women in the forefront of climate resilience
- Progress, experience, good practices and lessons learned in integrating gender considerations in adaptation finance

<sup>13</sup> Based on the analysis and recommendations of how national systems contribute to the measurement of collective progress on adaptation towards the GST.

evaluation systems, existing barriers and opportunities to overcome them <sup>12</sup>			
Provide guidance to the secretariat on the preparation of <b>synthesis reports</b> in the context of <b>recognition of adaptation efforts</b> of developing countries): <sup>14</sup>			NWP (them of Focal Point Forum aligned)
Prepare 2022 report: <b>Costs of adaptation</b> , including assessing and meeting the cost of adaptation	Agree on theme and initiate work for the 2024 report	Prepare 2024 report	
Prepare a <b>synthesis report</b> for the technical assessment component of the <b>Global Stocktake</b> on the information identified in decision 19/CMA.1, paragraph 36 <sup>15</sup> (AC agreed timeline for its first report: finalization in March 2022)			Other constituted bodies
Continue to compile existing methodologies for reviewing the <b>adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support</b> . <sup>16</sup>			LEG, SCF NWP (invite to contribute further methodologies to AKP) LCIPP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Placeholder on activities following the joint working group discussion</li> </ul>			

<sup>12</sup> AC agreed to shift this from 2021 to 2022.

<sup>14</sup> Decision 11/CMA.1, para 13.

<sup>15</sup> 19/CMA.1, para 24.

<sup>16</sup> 11/CMA.1, paras 35.

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