

Advice to the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change (NWP)

Information note

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its 21st meeting, will be invited to consider the information contained in this document, including a submission to feed into the upcoming review of the NWP's performance and effectiveness in addressing knowledge needs relevant to implementing the Paris Agreement at SBSTA 56, and advice to be forwarded to the Chair of the SBSTA.

1. Introduction and background

1. At AC 21, the AC will be invited to consider two issues related to the NWP:
 - a) A submission by the AC for the upcoming review of the NWP's performance and effectiveness in addressing knowledge needs relevant to implementing the Paris Agreement;¹
 - b) Advice to the NWP, including reflections on how to strengthen the long-term engagement with the NWP.²

2. Submission by the AC in response to a call from the SBSTA on the performance and effectiveness of NWP in addressing knowledge needs relevant to implementing the Paris Agreement (*deadline 31 March 2022*)

2. The submission could focus on the following guiding questions:
 - a) *How has the NWP supported constituted bodies in assisting Parties in implementing the Paris Agreement in line with the outcomes of SBSTA 44 and 50, including in relation to supporting their activities in addressing knowledge gaps related to capacity-building, finance and technology?*
 - b) *Which additional thematic areas should be considered under the NWP, taking into account the different types of vulnerable ecosystem in different geographical regions, including mountainous regions?*
3. The submission could consist of the following elements:
 - a) Overview of support provided by NWP partners so far on a substantive level in the context of the thematic areas of the work of the AC;
 - b) Overview of support provided so far in contributing to the AC's awareness-raising, outreach and information-sharing efforts (eUpdates, AKP, AX), and the AC's increased focus on these in the new workplan;

¹ SBSTA 52-55 mandate.

² SBSTA 48, and SBSTA 52-55 mandates.

- c) Suggestions for further strengthening long-term engagement with the constituted bodies as per section 3.2 below to help scale up adaptation action in the context of the Paris Agreement.

3. Advice to the Nairobi work programme

4. In response to an invitation from SBSTA 48.1,³ the AC provides advice on the delivery of mandates of the NWP that relate to the work programmes of constituted bodies, and on opportunities to align efforts with relevant bodies, workstreams and institutional arrangements. The AC is also invited to identify themes for the NWP Focal Point Forums.

5. In addition, SBSTA 52–54⁴ requested the NWP to strengthen the long-term engagement with constituted bodies, including in addressing knowledge gaps in the context of capacity-building, finance and technology. The AC is invited to identify strategic areas of joint work that can respond to the needs and mandates of the AC, in line with the elements of its flexible workplan for 2022-2024.

3.1. Elements from the AC's flexible workplan for 2022-2024

6. The following activities from the AC's flexible workplan foresee outputs that are either to be prepared by NWP partners for the AC's consideration, or outputs that are prepared by the AC in collaboration with NWP partners. The AC therefore invites the support from NWP partners as follows:

3.1.1. Contributions to the dialogues on progress in closing the capacity gaps identified in accessing adaptation funding, and prepare action-oriented briefs or case studies to demonstrate how such capacity gaps could be closed

7. The AC will conduct the dialogues at SB 58 and 60 (summer 2023 and 2024, respectively), and NWP partners will be invited to prepare case studies and briefs in the run-up to the dialogues, which may then be introduced during the events. The AC will communicate the respective focus areas of the dialogues closer to the dates.

3.1.2. Development of a series of technical papers on adaptation policy options for consideration by the AC

8. As contained in its flexible workplan for 2022–2024, the AC invites NWP partners to develop technical papers with a focus on sectors or regions, such as on the tourism sector post pandemic, and how to incorporate research and development into NAP formulation and implementation, including gender considerations (2022, 2023, 2024). Additional topics for consideration by the AC include, for example agriculture and food security, drought, water scarcity and land degradation neutrality.

9. Suggestions for other themes are welcome.

3.1.3. Follow-up work with other constituted bodies

10. The AC's flexible workplan contains placeholders for follow-up work on the following, in collaboration with the NWP:

- a) Technologies for adaptation and interaction with the CTCN and the TEC (2022)
- b) Collaboration on adaptation finance with the SCF (2023)
- c) Collaboration on capacity-building with the PCCB (2024)

11. Regarding the interaction with the TEC and the CTCN, the AC is in the process of drafting a technical paper on *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 will inform the secretariat of any follow-up activities and the related information to be invited from NWP partners. The secretariat will be invited to inform the AC of relevant upcoming activities carried out between the NWP and the TEC to which the AC could contribute.

³ [FCCC/SBSTA/2018/4, paragraph 19](#).

⁴ See <https://unfccc.int/documents/309866>.

3.1.4. Synergy and coherence with the NWP's Focal Point Forum

12. To continue enhancing synergy and coherence in 2022, the AC invited the NWP to consider *assessing and meeting the cost of adaptation* in the agenda of the 15th Focal Point Forum, in line with a synthesis report that the AC is preparing in the context of recognizing the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties.

13. Further efforts can be made to shape the agenda of future NWP Focal Point Forums with themes for long-term strategic engagements, with the aim to engage NWP partners and align their efforts with Party needs and the AC's workplan, including on the following themes:

- a) Progress in implementing adaptation action – focusing on knowledge and gaps;
- b) Closing the capacity gaps identified in accessing adaptation funding;
- c) Private sector engagement in adaptation with a focus on specific sectors or systems of the economy;
- d) Monitoring and evaluation systems;
- e) Displacement associated with climate change in adaptation communications, nationally determined contributions and NAPs.

14. The AC may wish to invite the secretariat staff supporting the AC and the NWP to coordinate throughout 2022 to ensure complementarity between the synthesis report and the work of the NWP in preparation for the Focal Point Forum, and to allocate time during the 2022 Focal Point Forum to allow the AC to introduce the 2022 synthesis report. To that effect, the AC may wish to invite the secretariat to prepare a brief concept note on the organization of the 2022 Focal Point Forum and how it can complement the findings from the AC's synthesis report on *assessing and meeting the cost of adaptation*, for consideration by the AC at its 22nd meeting.

15. The AC may wish to invite the secretariat to also include information in the concept note on options for the 16th NWP Focal Point Forum (2023) and how it can best be aligned with one or more of the key themes listed in paragraph 13 above.

3.2. Invitation to the AC to strengthen its long-term strategic engagement with the NWP

16. SBSTA 52–55⁵ requested the NWP to strengthen the long-term engagement with constituted bodies, including in addressing knowledge gaps in the context of capacity-building, finance and technology.

17. The SBSTA 52–55 conclusions further contain an invitation to NWP partner organizations to undertake activities to address gaps and needs in relation to the process to formulate and implement NAPs and share the outcomes with the AC and the LEG, which is an element to strengthen long-term engagement.

18. Strategic areas of work for NWP partner engagement could include support to the AC in providing technical support and guidance on methodological issues in line with the AC's overarching work areas and thematic areas, including:

- a) Promoting overarching coherence and collaboration;
- b) Awareness-raising, outreach and information-sharing;
- c) Providing technical support and guidance on adaptation planning, implementation, including adaptation finance, technologies, and capacity-building, at the national and subnational level;
- d) Providing technical support and guidance on reviewing subnational, national and overall adaptation progress, including adaptation monitoring, assessment, evaluation and learning;
- e) Gender-responsive adaptation planning and action;

⁵ See <https://unfccc.int/documents/309866>.

- f) Traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems related to adaptation;
- g) Engagement of the private sector in adaptation.

19. To allow for a more strategic and long-term engagement the AC may invite the formation of communities of practice among NWP partners which might support the work of the AC and other constituted bodies in their thematic work. Communities of practice are groups of people who share a concern or a passion for something they do and learn how to do it better as they interact regularly.⁶ In the NWP context they would be ongoing groups of practitioners that would be able to share knowledge and experience and could be responsive to knowledge needs in their field of expertise.

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⁶ See, for example, *Introduction to communities of practice. A brief overview of the concept and its uses.* Etienne and Beverly Wenger-Trayner, 2015. Available at <https://wenger-trayner.com/introduction-to-communities-of-practice/>