

21st meeting of the Adaptation Committee

Agenda item 7b

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

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I: Introduction and background

- **Mandate:** In 2018, the CMA requested the AC to develop, with the engagement of the IPCC WGII, using relevant existing guidance as a starting point, by June 2022, **draft supplementary guidance for voluntary use by Parties in communicating information in accordance with the elements contained in the annex of decision 9/CMA.1** for consideration by the subsidiary bodies at their fifty-seventh sessions (Nov. 2022).
- **Objective:** To help Parties to enhance the quality of information, reduce duplications and the work required to prepare that information, and help them benefit from synergies with relevant actions.
- **Approach:** Collection on the feedback provided by Party representatives, practitioners, and other experts, including scientific experts from IPCC WG II, e.g. 30 June 2021, Webinar; 22 March 2022, Expert meeting



II: Key information and changes to the draft since AC 20

- **Part I:** Guidance relevant for the adaptation communications
- ✓ Key process, Existing guidance, relevant guidelines and Considerations

Figure 1. Overview of key elements of the guidance for ADCOMs

Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthen visibility, profile, balance with mitigation, action, support, learning and understanding
Role in the global stocktake	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information on state of adaptation, experiences, priorities• Contribute to review of progress and enhanced implementation
Guiding principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Country-driven, flexible, voluntary• No additional burden or basis for comparison or review
Considerations related to submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• With vehicle documents (e.g. NAP, NDC, NC, BTR) or independently• Should be clearly identified• Submitted in time to inform each GST/ASAP to inform the first GST
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Circumstances, institutions, vulnerabilities, priorities, plans, needs, progress, co-benefits, other frameworks, gender, indigenous knowledge• Ex ante information; "priority" vs. "additional"; tailored to vehicle document
Recording in a registry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recorded in a public registry maintained by the secretariat
Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GEF: invited to support ADCOM preparation under existing mandates• Other institutions: support adaptation in accordance with ADCOM priorities



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- ✓ Existing vehicle document guidelines and potential information synergies between ADCOMs and other communications, through providing specific guidelines for each of four vehicles.

Table 3. Overview of the guidance for the main ADCOM vehicle documents

Vehicle document	Guideline document(s)	Sections/paragraphs with adaptation-specific or -related provisions	Hyperlink
NAP ¹	5/CP.17 (initial guidelines for the formulation of NAPs)	Entire document	https://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/cancun_adaptation_framework/national_adaptation_plans/application/pdf/decision_5_cp_17.pdf
	LEG Technical Guidelines for the NAP Process		https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/workstreams/national-adaptation-plans-naps/guidelines-for-national-adaptation-plans-naps
NDC	4/CMA.1	Paragraphs 8, 10 and 16 AND Annex I (paras 3 (d) and 4 (d))	https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cma2018_3_add1_advance.pdf
	9/CMA.1	Entire document ²	
NC	6/CP.25 (for developed countries)	Section VII (paras 46-47)	https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cp2019_13a01_adv.pdf
	17/CP.8 (for developing countries)	Paras 3-4 and 26 AND section B (paras 28-36)	https://unfccc.int/files/meetings/workshops/other_meetings/application/pdf/dec17-cp.pdf
BTR	18/CMA.1	Annex (paras 10 (c), 13 and 14) AND chapter IV (paras 104-117)	https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/CMA2018_03a02E.pdf



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- **Part II:** Supplementary guidance to facilitate the preparation of information on specific elements
- ✓ Elaborated the information on each of the nine types of information identified in 9/CMA.1.
- ✓ For each type of the information, provided a brief description, an overview of where related information appears in other UNFCCC guidelines, of resources that can facilitate the preparation of the element, and suggestions by the AC for such preparation.

Table 7: possible resources to facilitate communication on adaptation priorities, strategies, policies, plans, goals and actions

Author	Resource	Short description	Specific suggestions related to this element
LEG	Technical guidelines for the national adaptation plan process	Identify specific steps and activities to formulate and implement a NAP	The guidelines identify possible components of a progress report on the NAP to the COP, including information on national circumstances, development priorities and objectives, geography, climate, and the economy, which may affect progress on the NAP; as well as institutions relevant to the NAP (LEG 2012, 115).
UNFCCC	User Manual for the Guidelines of National Communications from Non-Annex I Parties.	Provides specific suggestions for reporting on adaptation efforts in national communications (see pages 14-18)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Information on national circumstances should be linked to other chapters of the NC, and that other subject areas should refer to the national situation;- The section on national circumstances could include information on:<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Geography, including climate, forests, land use, and other environmental aspects;(b) Population, including growth rates, distribution, density and other vital statistics;(c) Economy, including energy, transport, industry, mining, tourism, agriculture,



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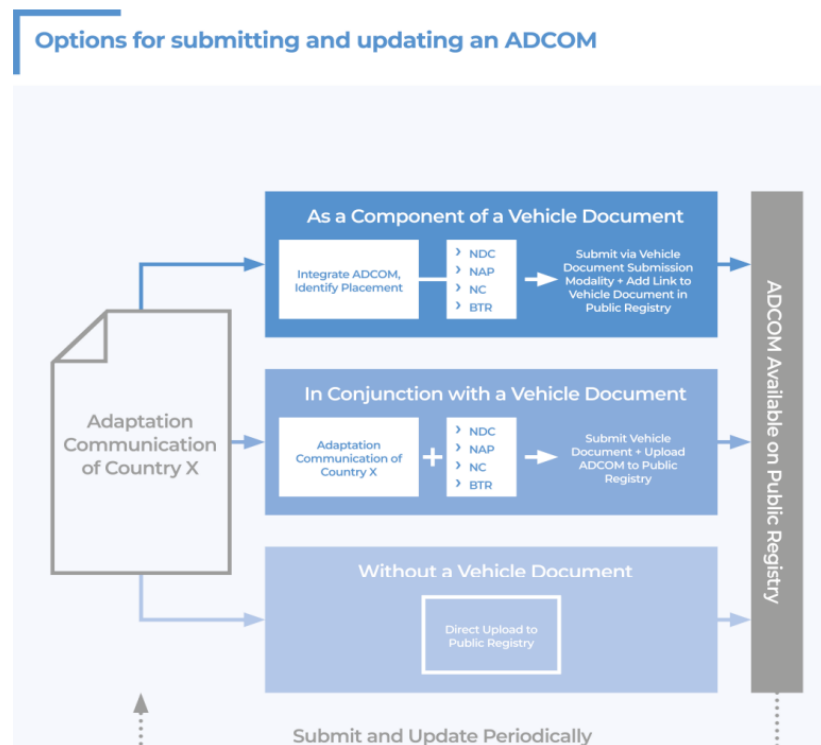
➤ In part I:

- ✓ There is a new Figure 3, which was replaced following feedback on an earlier version
- ✓ Relevant outcomes/provisions from CMA 3 included
- ✓ Language has been further streamlined and simplified – this is an ongoing process

➤ In part II:

- ✓ More resources on economic diversification have been included;
- ✓ Annex I contains several additional examples of approaches for the preparation of ADCOMs.

Figure 3: options for submitting and updating an ADCOM



III: Stakeholder engagement events

- ❖ During the Expert Meeting, the AC heard from the IPCC's Working Group II, Parties, organizations supporting Parties' preparation of adaptation communications, and representatives of indigenous peoples, youth, and research NGOs.
 - ❖ Insights were shared on, for example:
 - Approaches to **engage domestic stakeholders** in developing the ADCOM
 - **Challenges** and **good practices**
 - The **domestic role** of ADCOMs
 - **Use of the draft guidance** so far
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III. Next steps

- ❖ With a view to finalizing the work by June 2022, the AC may now wish to:
 - Provide any additional feedback on the draft supplementary guidance
 - Share ideas on how to reflect the views heard during the Expert Meeting in the draft supplementary guidance, particularly on topics such as stakeholder consultation and engagement
 - Reflect on potential conclusions and recommendations to include in the draft supplementary guidance
 - Consider how to disseminate and present the supplementary guidance once finalized
 - Consider how to collect relevant experiences for enhancing the feasibility and applicability of the supplementary guidance

