

## Work of the Adaptation Committee's Taskforce on National Adaptation Plans (NAP Taskforce)

### Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC) at its 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, will be invited to consider the information contained in this note, and provide further guidance as needed.

## 1. Background

1. The AC's task force on National Adaptation Plans (NAP TF) was established at the fourth meeting of the Adaptation Committee (AC) in 2013, with the aim to further support developing countries on NAP formulation and implementation. It was welcomed by the COP at its nineteenth session (decision 16/CP.19).
2. The original terms of reference of the NAP were contained in annex I of the report of the AC to COP 19,<sup>1</sup> and were revised intersessionally before the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the AC in 2016 to reflect the extended membership that is currently in place.<sup>2</sup>
3. The task force aims to serve as a bridge between the constituted bodies working on adaptation to move forward in an informed and coherent manner in supporting developing countries in their national adaptation planning. The NAP TF also serves as a platform to liaise with the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG), upon request, in support of its work on NAPs in the least developed countries (LDCs), as well as to identify opportunities in which activities can also be employed by non-LDCs.
4. The task force includes nominated members of the AC, the LEG, the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF), the Technology Executive Committee (TEC), the Green Climate Fund (GCF), the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the Adaptation Fund (AF). External members and experts can also be invited to engage in and support the task force as relevant. Members of the NAP TF generally meet twice a year, and exchange virtually and in writing throughout the year as necessary to carry out the different activities.
5. The work of the NAP TF has been increasingly aligned with the AC workplans, aiming to support its delivery. The task force has set itself three workplans to date, the latest being the flexible workplan for 2022-2024,<sup>3</sup> which includes activities related to identifying synergies, awareness-raising and outreach, as well as technical support and guidance on adaptation planning and implementation, and on reviewing subnational, national and overall adaptation progress.
6. For 2023, the focus areas of the different activities include: progress, good practices and lessons learned, challenges and opportunities in the application of traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems in adaptation; closing capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding; understanding and strengthening engagement of the private sector in adaptation; and adaptation monitoring and evaluation.

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<sup>1</sup> Available in document [FCCC/SB/2013/2](#).

<sup>2</sup> The revised terms of reference are available at: [https://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/groups\\_committees/adaptation\\_committee/application/pdf/20160506\\_tor\\_nap\\_tf.pdf](https://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/groups_committees/adaptation_committee/application/pdf/20160506_tor_nap_tf.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> As contained in the [annex to document AC21/INFO/7c](#) and annexed to this paper.

## 2. Update on the work of the NAP Taskforce for 2022-2023

7. The NAP TF contributed to the design and delivery of three AC events at the NAP Expo 2022 on the following topics: promoting the inclusion of (micro,) small and medium enterprises in national adaptation planning and implementation; matching needs with support in formulating and implementing NAPs; and gaps and opportunities for gender-responsive adaptation planning and action, including through NAPs. It held two meetings – February and July 2022 – to discuss entry points by members of the NAP Taskforce to enhance adaptation ambition, coherence and synergy; as well as potential activities to support the vision on adaptation for the next five years. A policy brief on progress, good practices and lessons learned in prioritizing / incorporating gender responsive adaptation action is under preparation.

## 3. Reflections

8. During recent years, it has become apparent that there are potential synergies between the work of the NAP TF and adaptation-relevant activities of other constituted bodies that are not members of the task force, such as the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism (WIM ExCom), the Paris Committee on Capacity Building (PCCB), the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform Facilitative Working Group (LCIPP FWG), or the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE).

9. At the same time, there are some overlaps between the ongoing work that the NAP TF undertakes in promoting coherent support on national adaptation planning, and the Dialogue between the AC and other adaptation-related constituted bodies that was established in 2022 to discuss ways of further strengthening coherence and collaboration in addressing adaptation as per the AC's mandate.

10. Therefore, as a possible next step, the AC may consider consolidating both workstreams into a more inclusive mechanism that brings together all the adaptation-related constituted bodies beyond the NAP TF membership to harmonize work on adaptation across bodies, reinforcing synergies and avoiding overlaps.

11. This could be an enhancement of the Dialogue between the AC and the adaptation-related constituted bodies, and would continue to promote joint work according to the priorities set by Parties and the work programmes of the different constituted bodies in order to strengthen adaptation planning, action and support. The AC would continue inviting the different constituted body representatives to meet annually or bi-annually, potentially during sessions of the SBs, and coordinate virtually throughout the year as needed to undertake the various activities.

## 4. Possible next steps

12. The AC, in collaboration with representatives of the NAP TF, could revise the remaining activities on the NAP TF's flexible workplan for 2023 and 2024, as well as the task force's terms of reference, and consider converging the work of the NAP TF with the established Dialogue between the AC and other adaptation-related constituted bodies.

## Annex: Flexible workplan of the NAP Taskforce for 2022-2024

AC workplan workstream	2022	2023	2024
Workstream 2: Awareness-raising, outreach and information-sharing	Identify synergies and explore collaborations in awareness-raising, outreach and information-sharing plans and activities of the members of the Taskforce	Identify synergies and explore collaborations in awareness-raising, outreach and information-sharing plans and activities of the members of the Taskforce	Identify synergies and explore collaborations in awareness-raising, outreach and information-sharing plans and activities of the members of the Taskforce
Workstream 3: Providing technical support and guidance on adaptation planning and implementation, including means of implementation, at the national and subnational level	Prepare a policy brief on progress, good practices and lessons learned in prioritizing / incorporating gender responsive adaptation action	Prepare a policy brief on progress, good practices and lessons learned, challenges and opportunities in the application of traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems in adaptation	
	Finalize the online information resource for NAP support on NAP Central	Update the online information resource for NAP support on NAP Central	Update the online information resource for NAP support on NAP Central
		Contribute to the design and delivery of the AC dialogue at SB 58 on closing capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding, and to the preparation of action-oriented briefs or case studies to demonstrate how such capacity gaps could be closed	Contribute to the design and delivery of the AC dialogue at SB 60 on closing capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding, and to the preparation of action-oriented briefs or case studies to demonstrate how such capacity gaps could be closed
	Contribute to the organization and delivery of NAP Expos	Contribute to the organization and delivery of NAP Expos	Contribute to the organization and delivery of NAP Expos
	Support the AC in designing and delivering at the NAP Expo the event on understanding and strengthening engagement of the private sector in adaptation (see <a href="#">AC workplan for 2022-2024</a> for details)	Support the AC in designing and delivering at the NAP Expo the event on understanding and strengthening engagement of the private sector in adaptation (see <a href="#">AC workplan for 2022-2024</a> for details)	Support the AC in designing and delivering at the NAP Expo the event on understanding and strengthening engagement of the private sector in adaptation (see <a href="#">AC workplan for 2022-2024</a> for details)
Workstream 4: Providing technical support and guidance on reviewing subnational, national and overall adaptation progress	Support the AC in developing the technical paper featuring case studies on the development and application of monitoring and evaluation systems at the national and subnational level (see <a href="#">AC workplan for 2022-2024</a> for details)	Supporting adaptation monitoring and evaluation related activities of the AC	Supporting adaptation monitoring and evaluation related activities of the AC

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