

24th meeting of the Adaptation Committee

Agenda item 5a

Dialogue on addressing developing countries' capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding

Concept note for part II

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I. Introduction and background

- ❖ At AC23, it was agreed to establish a **continuous workstream on addressing gaps and needs in the formulation and implementation of NAPs**.
- ❖ The AC decided to organize the dialogue with adaptation-related CBs on the **progress made in addressing developing countries' capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding** and on possible ways to enhance further progress.
- ❖ Intersessionally, it was decided that the dialogue would be organized in **two parts**.

II. Proceedings of the first part of the dialogue

- ❖ The first part of the dialogue was held virtually on **10 July 2023** and focused on **the work of the adaptation-related CBs** and how it could address the identified capacity gaps in a synergistic and coherent manner.
- ❖ The **AC** and the **LEG** presented the **capacity gaps and needs of developing countries** which they had identified through their work and each CB shared its **relevant past, current and planned work which could assist in addressing them.**
- ❖ As a next step the AC agreed to **develop a mapping of the work of the CBs to identify potential areas for synergies and collaboration** and to develop a **concept note** for the second part of the dialogue.

III. Mapping of work relevant in addressing the capacity gaps

- ❖ The mapping revealed that the **work of the CBs mainly focuses on the following areas:**
 - ❖ Addressing the **more general capacity gaps** relating to e.g. enabling environments and navigating and accessing funding instruments and mechanisms;
 - ❖ Sharing of **information, experience and lessons;**
 - ❖ **Hands-on technical support** and **matchmaking activities** with potential providers of support for a small set of selected countries and themes.

IV. Potential areas for further synergies and collaboration

- ❖ Based on the results of the mapping, the following areas provide opportunities for **further synergy and collaboration** among the CBs:
 - ❖ Ensure **equitable regional/geographical distribution and coverage** of their products and activities;
 - ❖ **Building more on each other's work** and on the activities proposed in the submissions on this matter;
 - ❖ **Enhance work in areas currently less covered** (e.g. policies/regulations/mainstreaming of adaptation; determination of funding needs; navigating private as well as national sources of finance and related instruments; preparing fundable projects and proposals; ensuring capability of the funding seekers; using and managing funds);
 - ❖ Enhance **matchmaking activities** to match potential providers of support with the identified capacity gaps and needs;
 - ❖ Convene and encourage the **collaboration with external experts** and additional providers of support who can complement and take forward the work of the CBs in specific areas.

V. Approach to the second part of the dialogue

- ❖ The AC agreed to organize the **second part of the dialogue** as a **broader event** among the **adaptation-related CBs** and **agencies, donors** and **NWP partners**, open to **Parties** and **observers**.
- ❖ **Objective**: encourage a more **open discussion** on how to **further enhance developing countries' capacities** ("**solutions fair**"), building on the findings of the first part of the dialogue.
- ❖ **2h virtual meeting** with **input presentations from other recent activities and initiatives on their experiences in addressing the capacity gaps** and a **discussion**.

IV. Next steps – the AC may wish to...

- ❖ Consider the proposed approach for part II of the dialogue and provide further guidance on the **agenda, participants, speakers, guiding questions** and **date**;
- ❖ Consider ways to encourage **follow-up activities**;
- ❖ Consider **options for taking stock** of the agreed follow-up activities, e.g. at the 2024 AC Dialogue with adaptation-related constituted bodies or a separate event;
- ❖ Collaborate with the other adaptation-related CBs in organizing part II of the Dialogue.