

24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Adaptation Committee

# Agenda item 7c

Methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support

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*Draft reference paper*

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# 0. Concepts

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- ❖ The **adequacy** of adaptation is a “set of solutions that together are, or are anticipated to be, **sufficient to avoid dangerous, intolerable, or severe climate and risk impacts and minimize or avoid residual risk at a given level of warming.**”
- ❖ The potential or actual **effectiveness** of adaptation refers to “**the anticipated or actual extent to which an action reduces climate risk and impacts, through decreases in vulnerability, hazards or exposure.**”
- ❖ [https://report.ipcc.ch/ar6/wg2/IPCC\\_AR6\\_WGII\\_FullReport.pdf](https://report.ipcc.ch/ar6/wg2/IPCC_AR6_WGII_FullReport.pdf).
- ❖ The **review of adequacy** asks whether the collective success of responses **is sufficient to meet the societal goals identified by a population at the given level of warming.**
- ❖ It requires not only the assessment of **the supported adaptation activities, but also of the way the support was provided**

# I. Introduction and background

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- ❖ CMA 1 considered initial recommendations provided by the AC and the LEG on the methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness (A&E) of adaptation and support referred to in Article 7, para. 14 (c), of the Paris Agreement, and invited further technical work and submissions;
- ❖ AC and LEG, in collaboration with the SCF, were invited **to continue compiling existing methodologies**;
- ❖ AC and LEG, in collaboration with the SCF, compiled existing methodologies into a background paper and established a **joint working group (JWG)** to consider the way forward on this mandate;

# I. Introduction and background (cont.)

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- ❖ The JWG has held five meetings since its establishment in 2021
- ❖ In its discussions it considered the following issues to advise the three bodies on their further work regarding the mandate:
  - A framing of adaptation and its support under the Convention and the Paris Agreement to determine the **scope of the review**;
  - The **global context** in which the review of the adequacy and effectiveness will take place and the possible **synergies** with other processes which will need to be taken into account;
  - The **sources of information** the review may draw from;
  - Possible **review criteria**.

## II. Progress since AC 23

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- ❖ The background paper was revised and amended, taking into account the discussions by the JWG.
- ❖ At its last meeting in May/June 2023 the JWG considered the revised paper and requested some further additions, including an **executive summary**, with a view to publishing the paper as a **reference paper** of the work accomplished by the three bodies do date in response to the open mandate.
- ❖ The **LEG at its 44<sup>th</sup> meeting** considered a draft of the reference paper.
- ❖ The **draft reference paper** has been finalized taking into account the additions proposed by the JWG and the comments by the LEG and shared with the JWG for final review.

## II. Progress since AC 23 (cont)

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- ❖ The finalized reference paper contains information on the following broad elements:
  - General considerations regarding the review, including its **purpose** and **principles, scope** and **context**, and **definitions** of adequacy and effectiveness
  - The **compilation of existing methodologies** and examples of their application at different levels (from sub-national to global)
  - **Lessons learned, gaps** and **challenges**
  - **Additional considerations and proposals** for the global review shared in recent discussions
  - **Opportunities and way forward** towards a more systematic review including possible areas of work for the AC/LEG/SCF and/or other stakeholders

## II. Progress since AC 23 (cont.)

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- ❖ At its last meeting the JWG also agreed on an **input of the three bodies to the third meeting of the first technical dialogue** which would summarize the work of the three bodies to date and respective findings.
- ❖ This input was provided to TD1.3 by the AC Co-Chair on behalf of the three bodies.

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

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- ❖ Take note of the information contained in the draft reference paper and request the secretariat to reflect any possible comments provided until the **final review deadline of 23 October**.
- ❖ Adopt the final version of the paper on a non-objection basis **by the end of October** and request the secretariat to publish it.