

27th meeting of the Adaptation Committee

Agenda item 15c

Enhanced collaboration with
external experts and organizations

Options paper

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I. Introduction and background

- The AC is mandated to enhance coherence on adaptation, inter alia, through “Promoting synergy and **strengthening engagement with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks**, in order to enhance the implementation of adaptation actions, in particular in developing country Parties”
- The AC may establish **subcommittees, panels, thematic advisory groups or task-focused ad hoc working groups** with demonstrated and recognized technical expertise, to provide, inter alia, expert advice in different sectors and areas (decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 113)
- The AC shall also engage with, and draw on the expertise of, relevant **institutions, organizations, frameworks, networks and centres outside of the Convention, including those at the intergovernmental, regional, national and, through them, subnational levels**, where appropriate (decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 100) and seek input from these as well as from the **private sector and civil society** (decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 105)

I. Introduction and background (cont.)

- To date, the AC has made use of several of these modalities, including
 - ❖ Establishing the NAP task force;
 - ❖ Engaging experts and organizations in its workshops, forums and events;
 - ❖ Engaging with the IPCC Working Group II and the Technical Support Unit on various COP and CMA mandates;
 - ❖ Collaborating with the NAP Global Network on the development of specific products;
 - ❖ Inviting experts to provide their advice on specific themes.
- At AC 26, the AC agreed to **further determine how to enhance its collaboration with external experts and organizations**, including for the activities related to the mandate referred to in **paragraph 44 of decision 2/CMA.5**

II. Options and considerations

When considering the following guiding questions, the AC is invited to take note of the concept note for this item, including the good practice examples from other constituted bodies provided therein

- **Which activities of the AC's 2025–2027 flexible workplan would benefit from external expertise and contributions?**
- **Which form of collaboration would be most appropriate for the respective activities?**
 - ❖ Longer-term, ad-hoc or a combination
- **How should the engagement be initiated?**
 - ❖ Via the AC's website (e.g. roster, open call for inputs), proactive outreach or a combination

II. Options and considerations (cont.)

- **Which criteria should be applied for the selection of experts and organizations?**
 - ❖ Criteria for technical expertise
 - ❖ Criteria for representation (e.g. geographic region/administrative level/ type of organizations, centres and networks/ gender)

- **Which other considerations will need to be taken into account?**
 - ❖ Ownership issues and co-branding
 - ❖ Other?

III. Next steps

The AC may wish to take note of the following possible next steps and provide further guidance to the secretariat:

- Secretariat to **initiate any steps towards the collaborations** if agreed by the AC at AC 27 (e.g. the creation of a roster of experts on the AC's website);
- Alternatively or additionally, secretariat to draft an “**AC strategy, including guidelines and criteria, for collaborative partnerships and engagement**”, following the example of the TEC as included in table 1 of the options paper, for consideration at AC 28;
- Alternatively or additionally, secretariat to organize a **meeting among constituted bodies for an informal exchange** of experience on the collaboration with external experts and organizations and the coordination of future approaches.