



United Nations  
Climate Change

## 29th meeting of the Adaptation Committee

### Agenda item 15(c)

# Collaboration with external experts and organizations



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# I. Introduction and background

- Since its establishment the AC has been mandated to enhance coherence and to engage with stakeholders at different levels
- The need for coherence and collaboration is growing with the expanded nature of the adaptation architecture under the Convention and the PA
- At AC 26 the AC decided to further determine how to enhance its collaboration with external experts and organizations



# I. Introduction and background (cont.)

- At AC 27 the AC agreed to request the secretariat to include a section on options for collaborating with external experts and organizations in concept notes for relevant workplan activities and to **develop a note including criteria for such external collaboration**
- AC 28 considered the note and requested the secretariat to further elaborate the criteria, taking into account the inputs provided



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## II. Potential types of contributions

- Contributing to specific technical discussions during AC meetings in an advisory role;
- Providing inputs to technical products and activities of the AC;
- Serving as panelists and speakers at AC events;
- Providing specific expertise in subcommittees, panels, thematic advisory groups or task-focused ad hoc working groups established by the AC.



## III. Draft guidelines for the engagement

The draft guidelines, as included in the annex of the concept note, include the following elements:

- Introduction and scope;
- Purpose and form of the collaboration and engagements;
- Guiding principles, including integrity, transparency, and confidentiality
- Process and criteria for the collaborations and engagements, including initiation, selection and agreements
- Approval of products and activities
- Review of the guidelines



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## V. Next steps

The AC may wish to

- Consider replacing the term “organizations” with “entities” in the context of the guidelines, so as to ensure coverage of all potential collaboration partners as mentioned in the AC’s revised Rules of Procedure;
- Endorse the revised guidelines and criteria for collaboration with external experts and organizations, as outlined in the annex, with a view to making them available on the AC’s website;
- Request the secretariat to take the guidelines and criteria into account when initiating future collaborations and engagements on behalf of the AC.