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of the Parties to the Paris Agreement**

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Agenda item 4

Matters relating to adaptation

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Proposal by the President

Draft decision -/CMA.3

**Glasgow–Sharm el-Sheikh work programme on the global
goal on adaptation**

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,

Recalling the Paris Agreement and the global goal on adaptation referred to in its Article 7, paragraph 1,

Also recalling Articles 2 and 7 of the Paris Agreement,

Recognizing the importance of the global goal on adaptation for effective implementation of the Paris Agreement,

Also recognizing that additional work is needed in relation to the global goal on adaptation,

Taking note of the methodological, empirical, conceptual and political challenges identified in the technical paper of the Adaptation Committee on approaches to reviewing the overall progress made in achieving the global goal on adaptation,¹

Recognizing that combining various approaches to reviewing overall progress made in achieving the global goal on adaptation, including qualitative and quantitative approaches, can generate a more holistic picture of adaptation progress and help to balance the strengths and weaknesses of the different approaches,

Recalling that adaptation action should follow a country-driven, gender-responsive, participatory and fully transparent approach, taking into consideration vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems, and should be based on and guided by the best available science and, as appropriate, traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and

¹ Adaptation Committee. 2021. *Approaches to reviewing the overall progress made in achieving the global goal on adaptation: Technical paper by the Adaptation Committee*. Bonn: UNFCCC. Available at <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/adaptation-committee-ac/publications-bulletin-adaptation-committee>.



local knowledge systems with a view to integrating adaptation into relevant socioeconomic and environmental policies and actions, where appropriate,

Acknowledging that climate change is a common concern of humankind, Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity,

1. *Welcomes* the work of the Adaptation Committee in considering approaches to reviewing the overall progress made in achieving the global goal on adaptation² referred to in Article 7, paragraph 1, of the Paris Agreement,³ in particular the technical paper and webinar⁴ on the topic, and the engagement of Parties and non-Party stakeholders in the work;

2. *Decides* to establish and launch a comprehensive two-year Glasgow–Sharm el-Sheikh work programme on the global goal on adaptation;

3. *Also decides* that implementation of the work programme will start immediately after the third session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;

4. *Further decides* that the work programme will be carried out jointly by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;

5. *Invites* the subsidiary bodies to carry out the work programme with contributions from the current and incoming Presidencies of the Conference of the Parties, the Adaptation Committee, Working Group II of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, as appropriate, and other relevant constituted bodies and experts;

6. *Requests* the secretariat to support the implementation of the work programme;

7. *Decides* that the objectives of the work programme should be to, inter alia:

(a) Enable the full and sustained implementation of the Paris Agreement, towards achieving the global goal on adaptation, with a view to enhancing adaptation action and support;

(b) Enhance understanding of the global goal on adaptation, including of the methodologies, indicators, data and metrics, needs and support needed for assessing progress towards it;

(c) Contribute to reviewing the overall progress made in achieving the global goal on adaptation as part of the global stocktake referred to in Article 7, paragraph 14, and Article 14 of the Paris Agreement with a view to informing the first and subsequent global stocktakes;

(d) Enhance national planning and implementation of adaptation actions through the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans and through nationally determined contributions and adaptation communications;

(e) Enable Parties to better communicate their adaptation priorities, implementation and support needs, plans and actions, including through adaptation communications and nationally determined contributions;

(f) Facilitate the establishment of robust, nationally appropriate systems for monitoring and evaluating adaptation actions;

(g) Strengthen implementation of adaptation actions in vulnerable developing countries;

² As per decision 1/CMA.2, para. 14.

³ See document FCCC/SB/2021/6, paras. 32–35 and 85–86.

⁴ See <https://unfccc.int/event/AC-webinar-GGA>.

(h) Enhance understanding of how communication and reporting instruments established under the Convention and the Paris Agreement related to adaptation can complement each other in order to avoid duplication of efforts;

8. *Agrees* that implementation of the work programme should reflect the country-driven nature of adaptation and avoid creating any additional burden for developing country Parties;

9. *Decides* that activities carried out under the work programme should build on the work of the Adaptation Committee related to the global goal on adaptation, draw on a variety of sources of information and inputs, including national adaptation plans and adaptation communications, take into account traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems, and be gender-responsive;

10. *Invites* the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to inform the work programme by presenting to the subsidiary bodies, at their fifty-sixth sessions (June 2022), the findings of the upcoming contribution of Working Group II to its Sixth Assessment Report, once published, that may be relevant to reviewing overall progress made in achieving the global goal on adaptation, and engage in the work programme by clarifying methodologies and other elements related to the global goal on adaptation;

11. *Agrees* that the work programme should be carried out in an inclusive manner with the involvement of Parties, on the basis of equitable geographical representation, as well as observers, relevant constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, organizations, experts and practitioners, as appropriate;

12. *Decides* that four workshops should be conducted per year, with the support of the secretariat and under the guidance of the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies, under the work programme, namely two virtual intersessional workshops and two workshops in conjunction with the sessions of the subsidiary bodies, starting at their fifty-sixth sessions;

13. *Invites* Parties to submit via the submission portal,⁵ by 30 April 2022, views on how to achieve the objectives referred to in paragraph 0 above under the work programme;

14. *Also invites* the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies to select themes for the workshops referred to in paragraph 0 above on the basis of the submissions referred to in paragraph 0 above;

15. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare, under the guidance of the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies, a compilation and synthesis of those submissions for consideration at the workshops;

16. *Also requests* the secretariat to prepare, under the guidance of the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies, a single annual report on the workshops for consideration at the sessions of the subsidiary bodies coinciding with the sessions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;

17. *Invites* the subsidiary bodies to report annually to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, taking into account the report referred to in paragraph 0 above, on progress in implementing the work programme with a view to recommending a draft decision thereon for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its fifth session (November 2023);

18. *Encourages* Parties to make available sufficient resources for the successful and timely implementation of the work programme;

19. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 6, 12, 15 and 16 above;

20. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

⁵ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.