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Summary

This report covers the work of the Adaptation Committee (AC) between November 2015 and September 2016. It contains organizational and procedural information, including information on meetings held during this period and changes in members and co-chairs. The report further highlights progress made in the implementation of the flexible workplan of the AC for the years 2016–2018 in the areas of: promoting overarching coherence, including mandates arising from decision 1/CP.21; providing technical support and guidance to the Parties on adaptation actions and means of implementation; awareness-raising, outreach and sharing of information; and the technical examination process on adaptation. It concludes with recommendations for the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation for consideration and forwarding to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

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I. Introduction

A. Mandate

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP) decided that the Adaptation Committee (AC) shall operate under the authority of, and be accountable to, the COP, which should decide on its policies in line with relevant decisions.¹

2. The COP requested the AC to report annually to the COP, through the subsidiary bodies, including on its activities, the performance of its functions, guidance, recommendations and other relevant information arising from its work, and, as appropriate, on further action that may be required under the Convention, for consideration by the COP.²

B. Scope of the report

3. This report contains information on the work undertaken by the AC between November 2015 and September 2016, including the revision and status of implementation of its workplan for the period 2016–2018 and action taken on mandates received through decision 1/CP.21. It also contains recommendations for consideration by the COP, as referred to in paragraph 4 below.

C. Possible action by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

4. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) are invited to consider the information contained in this report. In particular, they may wish to consider the recommendations contained in chapter IV below and forward them to the COP for consideration and adoption, as appropriate.

II. Organizational and procedural matters

A. Meetings and workshops

5. During 2016, the AC held its 9th and 10th regular meetings (AC 9 and AC 10) from 1 to 3 March and from 13 to 16 September, respectively. Webcasting was made available to enable live and on-demand coverage of the plenary discussions at AC 9.³ Owing to a lack of financial resources, a live webcast of AC 10 was not made available. All regular meetings of the committee were open to observers.⁴

6. Furthermore, members of the AC and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) informally met on 27 May 2016 to discuss the initial steps to be taken in response to joint mandates received through decision 1/CP.21,⁵ and members of the AC task force on

¹ Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 95.

² Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 96.

³ <<http://unfccc6.meta-fusion.com/ac09/channels/ac09-live/>>.

⁴ All documents, presentations and summary outcomes for each agenda item are available at <unfccc.int/9376> (for AC 9) and <unfccc.int/9653> (for AC 10).

⁵ More information on the mandates, the meeting and the meeting report are available at <unfccc.int/9785>.

national adaptation plans (NAPs) convened on 12 July 2016 on the margins of the NAP Expo organized by the LEG.⁶ All the above-mentioned meetings took place in Bonn, Germany.

7. The AC accepted a generous invitation from the Government of the Netherlands to host the 3rd AC Adaptation Forum on 12 May 2016 in conjunction with the Adaptation Futures conference in Rotterdam.⁷

8. At AC 10, the AC agreed on the dates for its first meeting in 2017 as follows: the 11th meeting (AC 11) will take place in the week of 6–10 March 2017, taking into account that one or two days of that period will be spent jointly with the LEG to advance work on the joint mandates arising from decision 1/CP.21. The exact duration of the meeting is still to be determined.

9. The AC welcomed with appreciation the funding support from the Governments of Canada, Japan, the Netherlands and New Zealand and from the European Commission for the work of the AC and other activities under the Cancun Adaptation Framework.

10. However, this did not cover all the supplementary resources required⁸ and the committee could have achieved more if additional financial resources had been made available.⁹ The AC noted with concern the significant gap between the increased tasks and responsibilities assigned to the committee and the resources available to carry out this work.

B. Chairing arrangements and membership¹⁰

11. Pursuant to decisions 2/CP.17 and 16/CP.19, at AC 9, Mr. Donald Lemmen was re-elected for a second term as Co-Chair and Ms. Minpeng Chen was elected for a first term as Co-Chair.

12. The COP decided that AC members shall serve for a term of two years and shall be eligible to serve a maximum of two consecutive terms of office.¹¹ The following members were re-elected at COP 21: Ms. Christina Chan, Mr. Damdin Davgadorj, Mr. Andro Drecun and Ms. Renske Peters. Members elected for the first time were Ms. Chen, Ms. Madeleine Diouf, Ms. Dinara Gershinkova and Ms. Hlobisile Sikhosana-Shongwe.

13. The terms of office of seven other members will come to an end before AC 11 and the positions will be open for nominations at COP 22. These positions are currently held by Mr. Luke Daunivalu, Mr. Fred Kossam, Mr. Lemmen, Mr. Clifford Mahlung, Mr. Klaus Radunsky, Mr. Ali Shareef and Ms. Sumaya Ahmed Zakieldeen. In addition, the position formerly held Mr. Juan Hoffmaister, who resigned from office on 27 February 2016, is open for nominations. Ms. Gershinkova resigned on 18 August 2016 and the coordinators of the group of Eastern European States informed the secretariat of the nomination of Mr. Vladimir Kattsov as her successor. The AC welcomed his nomination.

⁶ Information on the NAP task force is available at <unfccc.int/8858>.

⁷ <www.adaptationfutures2016.org/programme/sessions/roundtables/rt7>.

⁸ See document FCCC/SBI/2015/3/Add.2.

⁹ See paragraph II.A.5 above. In addition, it impacted the AC's ability to invite funded experts to its meetings, including AC 10 and one of the parallel sessions it is organizing in the context of the 5th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum (see paragraphs 75 and 76 below).

¹⁰ See <unfccc.int/6944> for a list of AC members.

¹¹ Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 106.

C. Working arrangements

14. In addition to attending the regular meetings of the AC, its members also work intersessionally via electronic means to advance work on particular topics through dedicated working groups established for a range of agreed priorities. This intersessional work is essential, and requires AC members to allocate a certain amount of time to it throughout the year. Depending on the estimated duration of the respective tasks, the working groups can either be short-term and informal, or be more formally arranged with specific terms of reference, such as in the case of the NAP task force and the working group on the technical examination process on adaptation (TEP-A).

15. At AC 9, the AC successfully tested a new modality of work, which was an informal half-day retreat for members only. This contributed to building a common understanding among members of the committee of the new tasks arising from COP 21, facilitated the seamless integration of new members, and enhanced the overall performance and effectiveness of the committee during the remainder of the year.

16. The AC has developed a working routine of regularly seeking inputs from experts. This includes valuable inputs from: partner organizations to the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change; representatives of other institutional arrangements established under the Convention, including its Financial Mechanism; and other relevant stakeholders with specific expertise.

17. In this context, the AC has promoted active participation by observers in its meetings. Observers have been invited to provide general statements at the opening and closing of meetings, to provide concrete suggestions during the discussions on specific agenda items and to actively participate in the work of breakout groups. Such active engagement of observers and the possibility of feeding additional experience and expertise into the discussions were deemed to be beneficial for furthering the work of the committee and its objectives to create synergies and maintain transparency.

III. Progress made in the implementation of the workplan of the Adaptation Committee

18. At its 8th meeting, in 2015, the AC agreed on its workplan for the years 2016–2018, with the understanding that the workplan would remain flexible enough to incorporate any relevant outcomes arising from COP 21. COP 21 welcomed that workplan and requested the AC to carry out further tasks in preparation for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) and to support enhanced action prior to 2020.

19. In discussing these items, the AC welcomed the strong vote of confidence that COP 21 awarded the committee. At its first meeting after COP 21 (AC 9), the AC agreed that:

(a) It is ready to address the tasks in a comprehensive, technical and strategic manner, reaching out to Parties, other bodies under the Convention, organizations and other stakeholders;

(b) It will adopt an iterative step-by-step approach, which will benefit from the input and engagement of a wide range of stakeholders;

(c) It will consider various means to trigger discussion to achieve a shared understanding such as conducting side events and expert meetings, inviting submissions (including from Parties), taking stock and making use of relevant events such as the Adaptation Futures conference.

20. When initiating its work on items relating to CMA 1, the AC agreed on timelines that would allow for the finalization of recommendations by the end of 2017.

21. With regard to enhanced action prior to 2020, the AC conducted the 2016 TEP-A, which was organized jointly by the SBSTA and the SBI.

22. At AC 9, the AC revised its workplan accordingly and agreed to update it regularly to reflect future developments. The current workplan of the AC is contained in the annex. Table 1 shows the activities undertaken and indicates the paragraphs in this document where further details are available.

Table 1
Activities of the workplan of the Adaptation Committee undertaken in 2016

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Paragraph cross reference</i>
Overarching coherence		
O1	Map mandates, workplans and/or decisions with adaptation relevance	23–24
O1	Engage with other constituted bodies under the Convention and report on progress and recommendations to enhance coherence	25–32
O1	Develop methodologies and modalities mandated under decision 1/CP.21 by CMA 1	18–20, 34–43
O1	External representation of the AC by AC members	33
O2	Consideration of a partnership platform with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks	57–60
Workstream A: Technical support and guidance to the Parties on adaptation action		
A1	Identify follow-up activities on livelihoods and economic diversification and develop an information product	61–62
A1	NAP task force to develop a new flexible workplan	55–56
A1	Develop an inventory of ongoing work on monitoring and evaluation of adaptation	63–65
A2	Continue to consider further modalities for supporting developing country Parties in their adaptation actions	Throughout
Workstream B: Technical support and guidance to the Parties on means of implementation		
B1	Coordinate with and provide inputs to the SCF, the TEC, the CTCN and the financial entities under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, when relevant and as requested, and identify next steps, as appropriate, on technology and capacity-building	70–71
B1	Engage continuously with the GCF to understand its policies and programmatic priorities	67–68
B1	Develop an information paper, in collaboration with the LEG, the SCF and the GCF, on experiences of countries in accessing the GCF readiness programme	68
B1	Identify and collect lessons learned and good practices from national implementing entities of funds, programmes/entities	69

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Paragraph cross reference</i>
	and initiatives, on the necessary enabling environments, institutional arrangements and governance for adaptation Workstream C: Awareness-raising, outreach and sharing of information	
C2	Organize the 2016 Adaptation Forum in conjunction with the 2016 Adaptation Futures conference	73–74
C2	Organize a session during the forum of the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network	75–76
	Workstream D: Technical examination process on adaptation	
D1	Conduct TEP-A by agreeing on two topics for 2016 and organizing two technical expert meetings during the forty-fourth sessions of the subsidiary bodies. Prepare a technical paper	21, 44–52 ^a

Abbreviations: AC = Adaptation Committee, CMA = Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, CTCN = Climate Technology Centre and Network, GCF = Green Climate Fund, LEG = Least Developed Countries Expert Group, NAP = national adaptation plan, SCF = Standing Committee on Finance, TEC = Technology Executive Committee, TEP-A = technical examination process on adaptation.

^a All mandates arising from decision 1/CP.21 are reported in chapter III.A.

A. Overarching coherence, including the implementation of decision 1/CP.21

23. The first objective in the workplan of the AC is to promote the implementation of adaptation action under the Convention in a coherent manner, in line with the Cancun Adaptation Framework and the Paris Agreement.

24. In this spirit, the AC regularly considers mandates, workplans and/or decisions with relevance to adaptation under the Convention in order to identify areas of duplication, address gaps and promote synergies. To facilitate such consideration, it requested the secretariat to prepare an information paper after COP 21 on relevant mandates as well as proposed next steps for collaboration in order to enhance coherence and reduce duplication.¹² This paper was then used as the basis for the revision of the flexible three-year workplan of the AC.

25. The AC further strives to improve coherence by exploring informal ways of exchanging information on current and future work of relevant entities and upcoming opportunities for collaboration. This has included holding informal bilateral meetings on the margins of the forty-fourth sessions of the subsidiary bodies among the Co-Chairs of the AC, the Co-Chairs and dedicated members of the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF), the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Technology Executive Committee (TEC), the Chair of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE) and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the LEG. Similar meetings were held at COP 21 and are planned for COP 22, in particular in support of delivering on the mandates arising from decision 1/CP.21, including with regard to TEP-A.

26. Due to the common focus of work, there has been close collaboration between the

¹² AC document AC/2016/2 available at <unfccc.int/9376>.

AC and the LEG throughout 2016. This not only includes the new joint mandates arising from decision 1/CP.21 (see paras. 39–43 below) but also includes: continued collaboration on the development of NAP Central¹³ (one committee member participated in the advisory group established by the LEG); joint work under the committee’s NAP task force;¹⁴ collaboration on the NAP Expo;¹⁵ and participation in regular meetings of the LEG. Furthermore, a member of the AC is serving in a team established by the LEG for reviewing the methodology and selection of best practices and lessons learned in addressing adaptation. The LEG finalized the third volume of a publication entitled *Best Practices and Lessons Learned in Addressing Adaptation in Least Developed Countries* at the end of 2015,¹⁶ and will embark on new tasks in the coming months relating to the assessment of progress on NAPs.

27. The AC welcomed the information and case studies provided by partner organizations under the Nairobi work programme that have informed the work of the AC over time. Upon invitation from the Chair of the SBSTA, the AC invited partner organizations under the Nairobi work programme to further enhance their support to the work of the AC by carrying out a range of activities in the areas of knowledge support and stakeholder engagement in 2016 and beyond.¹⁷ This was welcomed at SBSTA 44,¹⁸ which also recognized the role of the Nairobi work programme in providing support in the areas of adaptation knowledge and related stakeholder engagement to other workstreams and constituted bodies under the Convention and noted the potential role it can play in new processes under the Paris Agreement and decision 1/CP.21. In this regard, the SBSTA invited the AC, the LEG and other relevant bodies, in accordance with their mandates and functions, to consider providing recommendations for activities to be undertaken under the Nairobi work programme in supporting these processes.¹⁹

28. The AC also enhanced its collaborative efforts with the Board and the secretariat of the Green Climate Fund (GCF), including participation in the 13th meeting of the GCF Board (see paras.67–70 below).

29. Members of the AC participated in the TEC adaptation task force and a TEC in-session thematic dialogue on enablers and barriers to South–South cooperation on technologies for adaptation, as well as the 7th Advisory Board meeting of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN).

30. The AC also actively contributed in a range of in-session events at the forty-fourth sessions of the subsidiary bodies, including the SBSTA research dialogue and an informal brainstorming event under the Nairobi work programme.

31. At the forty-fourth sessions of the subsidiary bodies, the AC further organized a side event on the potential establishment of a partnership platform (see paras. 58 and 59 below), which included presentations by the Director of the CTCN and the secretariat on behalf of the Nairobi work programme partner organizations.

32. The AC has also engaged in work relating to the coherence of reporting under the Convention, by further contributing to the work of the CGE. One member of the AC served as a resource person in a webinar organized by the CGE in September 2016 to share hands-on experience in the area of coastal zone management.

¹³ <unfccc.int/nap/sitepages/Home.aspx>.

¹⁴ See <unfccc.int/8858>.

¹⁵ See <http://napexpo.org/2016/>.

¹⁶ See <http://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/application/pdf/leg_bp11_volume3.pdf>.

¹⁷ See document FCCC/SBSTA/2016/INF.4 for details.

¹⁸ FCCC/SBSTA/2016/2, paragraph 16.

¹⁹ FCCC/SBSTA/2016/2, paragraph 13.

33. In addition, the AC accepted two invitations from the Presidency of COP 22 to advance work in support of the Paris Agreement during the intersessional period. One of the Co-Chairs of the AC participated in an international conference on water security for climate justice, held in July 2016, and a member took part in a conference on adaptation metrics in September 2016.

1. Review of the work of adaptation-related institutional arrangements under the Convention, in 2017

34. The COP requested the AC, taking into account its mandate and its second three-year workplan, and with a view to preparing recommendations for consideration and adoption by CMA 1, to review, in 2017, the work of adaptation-related institutional arrangements under the Convention, with a view to identifying ways to enhance the coherence of work, as appropriate, in order to respond adequately to the needs of Parties.²⁰

35. The AC requested the secretariat to conduct a desk review of relevant information and to prepare a background note on this matter,²¹ which was considered at AC 10. The note included an initial mapping of related work by other bodies, draft terms of reference for the review and a suggested timeline. The agreed terms of reference and milestones for the review are available online.²²

36. The AC further agreed to invite Parties, observers and other stakeholders to submit their views on this matter by mid-January 2017.²³

2. Methodologies for assessing adaptation needs

37. The COP, with the same stipulations as noted in paragraph 34 above, requested the AC to consider methodologies for assessing adaptation needs with a view to assisting developing countries, without placing an undue burden on them.²⁴

38. AC 10 considered a background note²⁵ containing the results of a desk review on this matter and agreed on the next steps for the development of recommendations, including a scoping meeting for the review in early 2017. The AC further agreed to invite Parties and other stakeholders to submit their views on this matter by mid-January, to inform the review and the meeting.²⁶

3. Joint mandates with the Least Developed Countries Expert Group

39. COP 21 requested the AC and the LEG to jointly develop modalities to recognize the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties, as referred to in Article 7, paragraph 3, of the Paris Agreement, and make recommendations for consideration and adoption at CMA 1.²⁷

40. The COP further requested the AC and the LEG, in collaboration with the SCF and other relevant institutions, to develop methodologies, and make recommendations for consideration and adoption by CMA 1, on the following:

²⁰ Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 42(a).

²¹ AC document AC/2016/12, available at <unfccc.int/9653>.

²² <unfccc.int/9653>.

²³ More information and guiding questions will be made available at <unfccc.int/6053>. Parties should submit their views via the submission portal at <http://www.unfccc.int/5900>. Observers and other stakeholders should e-mail their submissions to <secretariat@unfccc.int>.

²⁴ Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 42(b).

²⁵ AC document AC/2016/13, available at <unfccc.int/9653>.

²⁶ As footnote 23 above.

²⁷ Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 41.

(a) Taking the necessary steps to facilitate the mobilization of support for adaptation in developing countries in the context of the limit to the global average temperature increase referred to in Article 2 of the Paris Agreement;²⁸

(b) Reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support referred to in Article 7, paragraph 14(c), of the Paris Agreement.²⁹

41. Following a joint informal meeting of members of the AC and the LEG on these matters, the two bodies requested the secretariat to also conduct a desk review of relevant information pertaining to the issues mentioned in paragraphs 39 and 40 above and to prepare a background note for their consideration.³⁰ The AC and the LEG further agreed to complement the desk review with a call for submissions from Parties and non-Party stakeholders.³¹

42. The AC and the LEG agreed on the following next steps in terms of:

(a) Process: the AC and the LEG established a joint working group consisting of four members each from the AC and the LEG to work intersessionally. The working group will invite participation from the SCF;

(b) Meetings and events:

(i) The AC and the LEG agreed to conduct a meeting of the joint working group on the margins of COP 22, in addition to online meetings and exchanges;

(ii) Progress of the joint work of the AC, the LEG and the SCF on mandated preparations for CMA 1 will be presented during a side event at COP 22. The event is scheduled to take place on 10 November 2016 from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.;

(iii) They further agreed to hold the first meetings of the AC and the LEG in 2017 in Bonn with an overlap of one or two days for joint consultations. The SCF will be invited to these meetings;

(c) Documents:

(i) The AC and the LEG requested the secretariat to prepare a synthesis of the submissions referred to in paragraph 41 above. A draft of this synthesis paper will be shared with the AC/LEG members before COP 22;

(ii) They decided that the joint working group, with the support of the secretariat, will prepare a paper, to include for each mandate a list of options of methodologies and modalities and their respective strengths and weaknesses, building upon the desk reviews and the synthesis of submissions. The paper will also explore potential synergies with other mandates and processes.

43. The agreed next steps and the evolution of work on the joint AC/LEG mandates are continuously updated on a dedicated website.³²

4. Technical examination process on adaptation

44. TEP-A was established by decision 1/CP.21 as part of enhancing action prior to 2020. TEP-A is taking place during the period 2016–2020, and its objective is to identify concrete opportunities for strengthening resilience, reducing vulnerabilities, and increasing the understanding and implementation of adaptation actions. The COP decided that TEP-A

²⁸ Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 45(a).

²⁹ Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 45(b).

³⁰ Document AC-LEG/2016/2, available at <unfccc.int/9785>.

³¹ See <unfccc.int/9761>.

³² <unfccc.int/9785>.

is to be organized by the subsidiary bodies, conducted by the AC and supported by the secretariat.

45. TEP-A includes annual technical expert meetings (TEMs) on adaptation, bringing together a broad group of stakeholders to discuss policies, actions and concrete opportunities and their implementation. In response to its new mandate, the AC, at AC 9, established a core working group to plan two TEMs in 2016, which were held on 24 and 25 May on the umbrella topic “Reducing vulnerability and mainstreaming climate change adaptation, including through the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans”.³³

46. In identifying the speakers and facilitators of each TEM, the AC strived to balance the following: experience of Party and non-Party stakeholders, including UN organizations, other intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and representatives of the private sector; experience of developed and developing countries; experience from different regions, sectors and impacts; and gender.

47. During the TEMs, participants were invited to use an innovative and interactive audience management tool, which enabled the submission of questions and remarks via smartphones, tablets and laptops. This was successful in ensuring broader participation, and the tool was also used by participants to submit ideas for future TEMs.

48. Discussions held at these meetings, as well as other information relevant to the topic of the respective year, are reflected in an annual technical paper³⁴ prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the AC. The technical paper provides information on some of the main gaps and challenges communicated by countries along the key stages of the adaptation process. It then highlights opportunities and options to reduce vulnerability and enhance adaptation action, including principles and objectives of monitoring and evaluation and also elaborates on some of the mechanisms, approaches and options that support and enhance the implementation of adaptation actions. The main findings are further distilled into seven key messages available at the beginning of the paper.³⁵

49. The technical paper serves as an input to a summary for policymakers (SPM), which is prepared by the secretariat in consultation with high-level champions.³⁶ The SPM then feeds into an annual high-level event that builds on the Lima–Paris Action Agenda and which will be held in conjunction with the sessions of the COP until 2020.

50. The TEP-A working group was also tasked with identifying possible additional topics for TEP-A in the period 2017–2020 and elaborating on its engagement with other entities. At AC 10, the AC considered a progress report prepared by the working group³⁷ and agreed on the group’s terms of reference, including expanding its membership to include representatives of the LEG, the TEC and the SCF, as well as of environmental, business and research non-governmental organizations. It also agreed to forward a list of possible future topics and criteria discussed during the meeting to the expanded working group for further consideration.

51. At AC 10, the AC noted that the TEMs referred to in paragraph 45 above were organized in the short amount of time available between receiving the mandate from COP 21, agreeing on topics at AC 9, and the forty-fourth sessions of the subsidiary bodies. Future TEMs will benefit from more planning and organizing time.

52. While the 2016 TEMs and technical paper have initiated an exploration of

³³ See <unfccc.int/9542>.

³⁴ The 2016 technical paper is contained in document FCCC/TP/2016/6.

³⁵ See document FCCC/TP/2016/6, paragraph 3.

³⁶ The 2016 SPM will be made available at <<http://climateaction2020.unfccc.int/>>.

³⁷ AC document AC/2016/22, available at <unfccc.int/9653>.

opportunities to enhance adaptation actions and options to support their implementation, future topics could have a narrower focus and could thus allow for a more in-depth examination of opportunities and options.

B. Providing technical support and guidance to the Parties

53. The AC has made progress in a range of activities aimed at providing technical support and guidance to the Parties in two main areas, namely adaptation actions and means of implementation, which include finance, technology and capacity-building.

1. Adaptation action

54. The main focus of the work of the AC on technical support and guidance is on NAPs, in close collaboration with the LEG and supported by the AC's NAP task force. In addition, during 2016, the AC further focused on other specific issues feeding into that work, namely considerations concerning a possible new partnership platform, livelihoods and economic diversification, and the monitoring and evaluation of adaptation.

Task force on national adaptation plans

55. The AC conducted a meeting of its NAP task force on 12 July 2016, on the margins of the 2016 NAP Expo. During this meeting, members of the NAP task force discussed the working modalities within the group and with organizations outside the Convention, as well as its flexible workplan for the period 2016–2018, which was further refined in the intersessional period. Also during the intersessional period, the AC approved the task force's revised terms of reference. The extended membership now includes representatives not only of the LEG, the GCF, the SCF and the TEC, as previously, but also of the Adaptation Fund and the Global Environment Facility (GEF). Members from other bodies and experts will be actively engaged and also support the task force, as necessary, under the guidance and approval of the AC.

56. At AC 10, the AC considered a progress report on the work of the NAP task force³⁸ and approved its workplan. More detailed information on the work of the task force, as well as its approved workplan, is available on the AC web pages.³⁹

Partnership platform with national, regional and international organizations

57. The COP decided that the AC should promote synergy and strengthen engagement with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks.⁴⁰

58. In its consideration of this matter, the AC agreed to utilize a range of modalities to identify gaps in the provision of technical support to the Parties, and modalities to address these gaps. As one of the latter, the AC proposed the possible establishment of a partnership platform with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks to provide technical support to developing country Parties on adaptation. As a follow-up, it agreed to consult, during a side event at the forty-fourth sessions of the subsidiary bodies, with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks on collaboration to provide technical support.

59. The side event was held on 17 May 2016,⁴¹ and lively discussions revealed that a wide range of regional centres and networks are already in place, offering a large variety of support and utilizing different modalities of collaboration. Their support to collaborate with

³⁸ AC document AC/2016/19, available at <unfccc.int/9653>.

³⁹ <unfccc.int/9917>.

⁴⁰ Decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 20(c).

⁴¹ <unfccc.int/9576>.

the AC is high. In order to take an informed decision on whether to establish a new partnership platform or to enhance collaboration with existing ones, participants suggested the AC take stock of what already exists, and to identify how a new platform could add value and address existing gaps.

60. At AC 10, the AC considered the information and feedback received from Parties, organizations and networks at the side event as contained in more detail in the report on the meeting.⁴² It agreed not to establish a new partnership platform in the near future and requested the Nairobi work programme, in collaboration with the CTCN, to prepare an overview of the landscape of existing platforms, including gaps, and report back to the AC at its 12th meeting on progress made.

Promoting livelihoods and economic diversification

61. As described in its previous report to the COP,⁴³ the AC held a meeting on livelihoods and economic diversification in September 2015. It considered a draft report⁴⁴ at AC 9, and approved the finalized version⁴⁵ at AC 10. On the basis of the information contained in the report, the AC agreed on an additional draft recommendation for consideration by the subsidiary bodies at their forty-fifth sessions and by COP 22, as appropriate and as contained in chapter IV below.

62. At AC 9, the AC requested the secretariat to develop an information and outreach product to communicate the key outcomes and messages from the expert meeting to a broad range of stakeholders, both inside and outside the climate community. At AC 10, the AC endorsed the draft information product,⁴⁶ which, upon finalization, will be disseminated, before COP 22, through established channels, such as the UNFCCC website (AC,⁴⁷ Nairobi work programme⁴⁸ and Newsroom⁴⁹ web pages), the Facebook Adaptation Exchange⁵⁰ and NAP Central,⁵¹ as well as to key organizations, regional centres and relevant listservs.

Inventory of ongoing work on monitoring and evaluation of adaptation

63. To follow up on previous work on monitoring and evaluation of adaptation, the AC, in its workplan, agreed to prepare an inventory of ongoing monitoring and evaluation work, including work undertaken by the LEG, the GEF and other initiatives outside the Convention. It invited support from partner organizations of the Nairobi work programme to compile and verify the inventory. In response, the secretariat, with input from partner organizations to the Nairobi work programme, prepared an inventory and analysis,⁵² which the AC considered at AC 10.

64. During its considerations, the AC kept in mind its previous agreements to consider, in 2017, additional work on monitoring and evaluation systems and impact evaluations and to convene, in 2018, a meeting to exchange views on national adaptation goals and indicators and how they relate to goals and indicators for sustainable development and for disaster risk reduction in the context of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030. The AC requested that this meeting be carried out under the Nairobi work programme.

⁴² AC document AC/2016/15, available at <unfccc.int/9653>.

⁴³ FCCC/SB/2015/2, paragraphs 34–38.

⁴⁴ AC document AC/2016/6, available at <unfccc.int/9376>.

⁴⁵ AC document AC/2016/17, available at <unfccc.int/9653>.

⁴⁶ AC document AC/2016/18, available at <unfccc.int/9653>.

⁴⁷ <unfccc.int/6053> and <unfccc.int/6997.php#AC>.

⁴⁸ <unfccc.int/6997.php#NWP>.

⁴⁹ <http://newsroom.unfccc.int>.

⁵⁰ <www.facebook.com/The.Adaptation.Exchange/>.

⁵¹ <www4.unfccc.int/nap/Pages/Home.aspx>.

⁵² AC document AC/2016/16, available at <unfccc.int/9653>.

65. At AC 10, The AC considered the inventory prepared under the Nairobi work programme and requested the secretariat to add additional existing monitoring and evaluation tools and frameworks to the inventory, including those referred to in intended nationally determined contributions/nationally determined contributions/undertakings and during TEP-A. It also requested the secretariat to further assess the existing monitoring and evaluation tools and approaches as input to the joint work of the AC and the LEG on methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support (see paragraphs 40–43 above).

2. Means of implementation

66. One of the objectives driving the work of the AC is to provide guidance on ways to enhance support, including for finance, technology and capacity-building, in particular related to access, institutional arrangements and enabling environments, including for the process to formulate and implement NAPs. The AC has been implementing various activities throughout 2016.

67. One focus area of this work is the collaboration of the AC with the GCF. In its workplan, the AC agreed to engage continuously with the GCF to understand its policies and programmatic priorities as they relate to adaptation and as they evolve. This has been furthered through an ongoing series of interactions between members of the AC and the GCF Board, the Co-Chairs of the two bodies and the two secretariats. Activities in this respect included the following:

(a) The standing invitation to the GCF to participate in the work of the AC NAP task force. The AC noted that the nomination of a GCF Board member, which was first extended in 2013, is still pending. To simplify the collaboration in this respect, the AC agreed to broaden the invitation from a member of the GCF Board to a representative of the GCF, which could also include a secretariat staff member;

(b) The GCF Board substantively addressed the item of “Relationship with relevant UNFCCC thematic bodies” at its 13th meeting and invited a member of the AC to join the consideration of this matter. The AC welcomed the subsequent decision by the GCF Board to hold an annual meeting in order to enhance the cooperation and coherence of engagement between the GCF and the thematic bodies under the Convention. The first meeting will be held in the margins of COP 22, chaired by the Co-Chairs of the GCF Board and organized by the GCF secretariat. It will include the Chairs of the various thematic bodies, the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies and the COP Presidency, and will be open to all members of the GCF Board and the thematic bodies. The outcome of the meeting will be a written report to the COP and included in the GCF annual report to the COP.⁵³

68. The AC further agreed to develop an information paper, in collaboration with the LEG, the SCF and the GCF, on experiences of countries in accessing the GCF readiness programme in supporting adaptation, including for the process to formulate and implement NAPs. While the outline of the paper was agreed at AC 9, the committee also agreed to postpone the finalization of the document until after COP 22 because, by that time, more relevant information will be available, including the launch of the GCF independent evaluation of the readiness programme.

69. With regard to engagement with national entities facilitating financial support for adaptation, the AC, at AC 10, agreed on its next steps to identify and collect lessons learned

⁵³ See GCF Board decision B.13/11, available at http://www.greenclimate.fund/documents/20182/226888/GCF_B.13_32_Rev.01_-_Decisions_of_the_Board__thirteenth_meeting_of_the_Board__28-30_June_2016.pdf/c93a0291-28c1-4bfc-bc22-cf4c590c3c83.

and good practices from national implementing entities (NIEs) of funds, programmes/entities and initiatives, on the necessary enabling environments, institutional arrangements and governance for adaptation. In this context, it considered a concept note for a workshop to be held in 2017⁵⁴ to engage relevant stakeholders, including experts on NIEs and national designated authorities, to advance understanding and overcome challenges relating to the establishment of NIEs and accessing the GCF readiness programme for adaptation.

70. The AC also welcomed the continued collaboration with the SCF and its dedicated working group on the draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism. Upon the invitation from the SCF, the AC, on the basis of the annual reports of the GEF and the GCF, provided inputs that will be considered by the SCF when developing draft guidance. Inputs as submitted to the SCF are included in chapter IV below.

71. The AC noted with concern the lack of funding in the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund and recognized the importance of addressing urgent and immediate adaptation needs in developing countries particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.

C. Awareness-raising, outreach and sharing of information

72. The workplan of the AC contains a range of activities to facilitate awareness-raising, outreach and sharing of information. The section below provides details of the relevant work carried out by the AC during 2016.

73. As mentioned in paragraph 7 above, the 2016 Adaptation Forum was held in the context of the 2016 Adaptation Futures conference in Rotterdam from 10 to 13 May 2016. The AC used the opportunity of having a broad range of adaptation experts on site not only to inform them of the adaptation aspects of the Paris Agreement, but also to receive input from the audience on specific new tasks arising from decision 1/CP.21. Specifically, the following two questions were discussed:

(a) What is needed to objectively review the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation actions and the support for adaptation in countries?

(b) What can be done to effectively and efficiently recognize the adaptation efforts that have been undertaken by developing countries?

74. The very broad range of responses showed that there is a variety of different views on and approaches to tackling these questions. The valuable feedback received at this forum was taken note of and fed into the decision of the AC and the LEG (see para. 41 above) to formally invite submissions on these matters, helped the formulation of guiding questions for the submissions and also informed the respective desk reviews.

75. The AC, at AC 9, agreed to accept an invitation from the Global Adaptation Network to organize one of several parallel sessions during the 5th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum, scheduled to take place in Colombo from 17 to 19 October 2016. The theme of the 2016 forum is “Adapting and living below 2°C: bridging the gaps in policy & practice”, and it will explore platforms and concrete pathways for even greater partnerships by governments, civil society and business.

76. Building on the experience gained at the Adaptation Futures conference, the AC agreed to follow a similar approach and focus the session on one of its mandates arising from decision 1/CP.21. It agreed that more discussion will be helpful on the request “To consider methodologies for assessing adaptation needs with a view to assisting developing

⁵⁴ AC/2016/20, available at <unfccc.int/9653>.

country Parties, without placing an undue burden on them”.⁵⁵

77. Another means for sharing information is NAP Central,⁵⁶ which is being developed by the LEG. It is designed to provide a universally accessible, web-based central repository and hub for information pertinent to the NAP process. The AC has collaborated with the LEG on the operationalization of NAP Central, and the progress made in its development has been reviewed regularly.

78. All previous and recent awareness-raising and outreach materials produced by the AC, such as the video documentary,⁵⁷ thematic reports⁵⁸ and information products⁵⁹ are available online, and the AC strongly encourages their use and dissemination. Table 2 shows some statistics on the dissemination of the information products.

Table 2
Distribution of information products produced by the Adaptation Committee as at 9 September 2016

<i>Product</i>	<i>Web page views^a</i>	<i>Views on YouTube</i>	<i>Downloads^b</i>	<i>Hard copies</i>
2015 video documentary “Adapting to a changing climate”				
English version	3 572	10 631		
Arabic version	42	203		
Bengali version	167	208		
Chinese version	50	128		
French version	574	1 729		
Hindi version	381	194		
Portuguese version	337	1 127		
Russian version	99	556		
Spanish version	828	2 715		
2013 thematic report “The state of adaptation under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change”			11 263	2 370
2014 thematic report “Institutional arrangements for national adaptation planning and implementation”			9 707	1 540
2015 Thematic report “Navigating the landscape of support for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans – 2015 overview for developing countries”			1 417	1 740

⁵⁵ Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 42(b).

⁵⁶ <unfccc.int/nap/sitepages/Home.aspx>.

⁵⁷ Available at <unfccc.int/8889>.

⁵⁸ While a limited number of hard copies are still available (they can be requested by sending an e-mail to <AC@unfccc.int>), in the future publications will by default be published electronically (web only). This is in line with secretariat guidance and cost-saving and sustainability measures.

⁵⁹ Available at <unfccc.int/6997.php#AC>.

2015 Overview report “Enhancing coherent action on adaptation 2012–2015”

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^a <unfccc.int/8889>.

^b Figures refer to downloads from the secretariat website. The secretariat has, upon request, disseminated pdf versions of the AC information products through other channels, including listservs, with the recommendation for further distribution. Such further distribution therefore cannot be tracked.

79. Information products of the AC are also disseminated on the dedicated Facebook Adaptation Exchange page, which is maintained by the secretariat’s Adaptation Programme. The Facebook Adaptation Exchange currently has 11,190 followers.⁶⁰

IV. Recommendations to the Conference of the Parties

80. On the basis of its work undertaken in 2016, the AC agreed to forward the following recommendations to the SBSTA and the SBI for consideration and forwarding to the COP, as appropriate. The COP may wish:

(a) To invite relevant bodies and institutions under the Convention and non-Party stakeholders to strengthen financial and technical support and capacity-building, and to increase the consideration of projects, tools and methodologies related to enhancing economic or livelihood diversification, especially for developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change;

(b) To note with concern the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat, including those pursuant to decision 1/CP.21, the serious shortfall in resources available to the AC, and the need for supplementary financial resources.

81. The AC submitted the following recommendations to the SCF for further consideration and inclusion in the report of the SCF to the COP. The COP may wish:

(a) To request the GEF to take into consideration climate change risks in all of its programmes and operations, as appropriate, keeping in mind lessons learned and best practices, and to report back to the COP on a regular basis;

(b) To reiterate its invitation to the GCF Board to review its adaptation-related procedures and policies, including its programmatic priorities, in view of decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 12, and Article 7, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement;

(c) To request the GCF Board to take into consideration climate change risks in all its programmes and operations, as appropriate, keeping in mind lessons learned and best practices, and to report back to the COP on a regular basis;

(d) To welcome with appreciation decision B.13.09 of the GCF Board and to look forward to its timely implementation;

(e) To urge the GCF Board to provide guidance on the development of readiness proposals to access the activity area for the formulation of NAPs and other national adaptation planning processes;

(f) To invite developing countries, especially those that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, to use the Project Preparation Facility and the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme to prepare transformative adaptation projects.

⁶⁰ As at 27 September 2016.

Annex

Revised flexible workplan of the Adaptation Committee for the period 2016–2018³

Objectives	Activities							
	2016: first half	Lead ^a	2016: second half	Lead	2017	Lead	2018	Lead
Overarching coherence								
O1 To promote the implementation of adaptation action under the Convention in a coherent manner, in line with the Cancun Adaptation Framework and the Paris Agreement	Update map of mandates, workplans and/or decisions with adaptation relevance under the Convention, and compare and analyse to consider what actions may need to be undertaken by the AC	Sec.	Annual report to the COP, through the subsidiary bodies	Sec.	Update map of mandates Annual report to the COP, through the subsidiary bodies	Sec.	Update map of mandates Annual report to the COP, through the subsidiary bodies	Sec.
					Engage with representatives of relevant bodies to discuss and agree upon joint activities, as appropriate	AC	Engage with representatives of relevant bodies to discuss and agree upon joint activities, as appropriate	AC
	Request for the AC to consider by CMA 1 methodologies for assessing adaptation needs ^b	AC	Issue call for submissions	Sec.	Scoping meeting in early 2017 and development of recommendations as per agreed next steps	AC		
			Issue call for submissions on the 2017 review of the work of adaptation-related institutional arrangements	Sec.	Review, in 2017, the work of adaptation-related institutional arrangements under the Convention as per agreed next steps	AC		

Objectives	Activities							
	2016: first half	Lead ^a	2016: second half	Lead	2017	Lead	2018	Lead
			under the Convention ^c					
	Requests to the AC and the LEG to develop the following by CMA 1:	AC and LEG	Call for, and synthesis of, submissions;	Joint AC/LEG working group	Joint AC/LEG meeting in the first half of 2017	Joint AC/LEG working group		
	– Modalities to recognize the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties; ^d		Paper with a list of options for all mandates;		Joint side event at SBSTA 46 and SBI 46			
	– Methodologies on taking the necessary steps to facilitate the mobilization of support for adaptation in developing countries; ^e		Joint side event at COP 22;		Joint side event at COP 23			
	– Methodologies on reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support for adaptation ^f		Meeting of the joint AC/LEG working group on the margins of COP 22					

Members to represent the AC externally, where relevant, including on task forces, advisory groups, etc., and to provide the AC with reports as appropriate

<i>Objectives</i>	<i>Activities</i>							
	<i>2016: first half</i>	<i>Lead^a</i>	<i>2016: second half</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>Lead</i>
O2 To strengthen engagement of other relevant institutions, organizations, frameworks, networks and centres outside of the Convention, including those at the intergovernmental, regional and national levels and, through them, the subnational level, where appropriate, and relevant international agreements, with respect to their distinct mandate, tasks, goals and ways of work, in order to enhance the implementation of adaptation actions and to enhance the provision of support to developing country Parties	Strategic and ‘upon request’ collaboration, including through submissions, workshops or side events, in cooperation with interested organizations, including, but not limited to, United Nations organizations and Parties	AC and NWP					Documentation of joint activities to be included in the annual report	AC
	Consult, including through a side event organized at SBSTA 44 and SBI 44 with inputs from the NWP and its partners as well as the LEG, and through targeted outreach, with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks on collaboration in the area of provision of technical support, building on work completed through the regional assessment performed under the first workplan, and drawing on all workstreams of the work of the AC	NWP	Overview of the landscape of existing platforms, including gaps. Report back to AC 12 on progress made	NWP in collaboration with the CTCN				

Objectives	Activities							
	2016: first half	Lead ^a	2016: second half	Lead	2017	Lead	2018	Lead
Workstream A. Technical support and guidance to the Parties on adaptation action								
A1 To provide guidance to the Parties on adaptation planning and implementation at the national level	Identify follow-up activities on livelihoods and economic diversification, taking into account activities under the TEP-A, to be taken up by the NAP task force	NAP task force and NWP			Report on various approaches to adaptation, such as community-based adaptation and ecosystem-based adaptation, taking into account livelihoods and economic diversification	NWP		
	NAP task force to develop a new workplan, based on and contributing to the AC's workplan and mandates.	NAP task force	Carry out work as per new workplan		Finalize the technical paper on long-term adaptation planning, taking into account the work of the LEG on integrating adaptation into national planning	NAP task force	Compile lessons learned and good practices as they relate to experiences of countries in linking their NAP processes with subnational planning and action	NAP task force
			Develop an inventory of ongoing monitoring and evaluation work, including by the LEG, the GEF, and GIZ, as well as existing platforms fostering knowledge exchange on adaptation monitoring and evaluation, including PROVIA	NWP	Based on an analysis of the inventory, agree on additional work on monitoring and evaluation systems and impact evaluations explore ways to enhance the monitoring and evaluation of support provided and received for adaptation	NWP, NAP task force	Convene a meeting to exchange views on national adaptation goals/indicators and how they relate to indicators/goals for sustainable development and for disaster risk reduction in the context of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030	NWP

<i>Objectives</i>	<i>Activities</i>							
	<i>2016: first half</i>	<i>Lead^a</i>	<i>2016: second half</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>Lead</i>
A2 To enhance the provision of technical support to developing country Parties for adaptation action in a coherent manner	Continue to consider further modalities for supporting developing country Parties in their adaptation actions, taking into account ongoing and planned work by other constituted bodies and the SBSTA 44 and SBI 44 side event	AC						
Workstream B. Technical support and guidance to the Parties on means of implementation								
B1 To provide guidance on ways to enhance support, including finance, technology and capacity-building, in particular related to access, institutional arrangements and enabling environments, including for the process to formulate and implement NAPs	Coordinate with, and provide inputs to, the SCF, the TEC and the CTCN, as well as the financial entities under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, when relevant and as requested To engage continuously with the GCF to understand its policies and programmatic priorities as they relate to adaptation and as they evolve	AC NAP task force	Taking into account relevant ongoing and planned work on technology and capacity-building under the Convention, identify next steps, as appropriate, on technology and capacity-building	AC NAP task force		Develop an information paper, in collaboration with the LEG, the SCF and the GCF, on experiences of countries in accessing the GCF readiness programme in supporting adaptation, including for the process to formulate and	NAP task force	Building on previous work and taking into account the 2017 review of the Financial Mechanism, explore remaining barriers and challenges for accessing adaptation resources and preparing recommendations for

<i>Objectives</i>	<i>Activities</i>							
	<i>2016: first half</i>	<i>Lead^a</i>	<i>2016: second half</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>Lead</i>
					implement NAPs Collaborate with the GEF, the GCF, the Adaptation Fund, United Nations agencies, relevant multilateral and bilateral organizations and NGOs supporting the process to formulate and implement NAPs to enhance communication, awareness, coordination and complementarity of donors and funds		the different financial instruments under the Convention	
			Prepare a concept note for a workshop for the engagement of relevant stakeholders, experts on NIEs, NDAs, etc., to advance understanding and overcome challenges related to the establishment of NIEs and accessing the GCF readiness programme for adaptation	AC	Organize the workshop for the engagement of relevant stakeholders, experts on NIEs, NDAs, etc., to advance understanding and overcome challenges related to the establishment of NIEs and accessing the GCF readiness programme for adaptation	AC	Prepare an information paper, in collaboration with the SCF, on different national institutional frameworks for adaptation finance, and, where available, long-term financial strategies, including identifying good practices and lessons learned, highlighting strengths and limitations and providing examples of application	AC

<i>Objectives</i>	<i>Activities</i>							
	<i>2016: first half</i>	<i>Lead^a</i>	<i>2016: second half</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>Lead</i>
					Identify the authoritative actors from the private sector, including a mapping of their influence, and identify next steps, building on the Private Sector Initiative under the NWP	NWP	Convene a meeting to foster greater contribution of the private sector to the process to formulate and implement NAPs, including examples of private sector involvement to date in NAPs	NWP, NAP task force
Workstream C: Awareness-raising, outreach and sharing of information								
C1	To raise awareness and policy support for adaptation, particularly the NAP process, by relevant stakeholders at all levels, in particular the national level		Develop an information product on livelihoods and economic diversification	AC				
C2	To promote the exchange of information, particularly as it relates to the most vulnerable people, sectors and regions, and strengthen the interaction between Parties and stakeholders at all levels by utilizing the convening power of the AC to organize focused	Organize the 2016 Adaptation Forum in conjunction with the 2016 Adaptation Futures conference	AC	Organize a session during the Forum of the Global Adaptation Network	AC	Adaptation Forum as appropriate, seeking synergy, or in conjunction, with the high-level event, to the extent possible, with representatives of United Nations agencies, relevant multilateral and bilateral organizations and NGOs supporting the NAP process	AC	Adaptation Forum as appropriate, seeking synergy, or in conjunction, with the high-level event, to the extent possible

Objectives	Activities							
	2016: first half	Lead ^a	2016: second half	Lead	2017	Lead	2018	Lead
events								
Workstream D: Technical Examination Process on Adaptation (TEP-A) ^g								
D1 To identify concrete opportunities for strengthening resilience, reducing vulnerabilities, and increasing the understanding and implementation of adaptation actions	Conduct TEP-A by agreeing on topics, based on submissions from Parties and stakeholders, and taking into account existing topics/activities under workstreams A and B, and organizing two TEMs during SBSTA 44 and SBI 44.	TEP-A group	Prepare a technical paper, to be made available in a user-friendly format.	TEP-A group	Conduct the TEMs at SBSTA 46 and SBI 46 and prepare a technical paper, taking into account the assessment of TEP-A in 2017	TEP-A group	Pending assessment of TEP-A, conduct the TEMs at SBSTA 48 and SBI 48 and prepare a technical paper.	TEP-A group

Abbreviations: AC = Adaptation Committee, AC 9 = 9th meeting of the Adaptation Committee, AC 12 = 12th meeting of the Adaptation Committee, CMA = Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, COP = Conference of the Parties, CTCN = Climate Technology Centre and Network, GCF = Green Climate Fund, GEF = Global Environment Facility, GIZ = Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (German Corporation for International Cooperation), LEG = Least Developed Countries Expert Group, NAP = national adaptation plan, NDA = national designated authority, NGO = non-governmental organization, NIE = national implementing entity, NWP = Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, PROVIA = Global Programme of Research on Climate Change Vulnerability, Impacts and Adaptation, SBSTA = Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, SBI = Subsidiary Body for Implementation, SCF = Standing Committee on Finance, Sec. = secretariat, TEC = Technology Executive Committee, TEM = technical expert meeting, TEP-A = Technical examination process on adaptation.

^a Lead = To lead the implementation of activities for consideration and agreement by the AC.

^b Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 42(b).

^c Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 42(a).

^d Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 41.

^e Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 45(a).

^f Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 45(b).

^g Activities under this workstream are being undertaken in such a way as to maximize their contribution to the objectives of workstreams A, B and C, as well as the overall objective of promoting coherence.