Introduction of agenda item 4

Communication of current support for adaptation in developing countries by regional institutions and United Nations agencies

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I: Background and context

- AC agreed to "invite regional institutions and UN agencies to communicate their current support for adaptation in developing countries, including in relation to capacity building, including of national institutions"
- Responses would facilitate further consideration by the AC aimed at strengthening the roles of regional institutions and UN agencies in supporting enhanced adaptation action in developing countries
- Call was issued as agreed at AC3.
- 121 organizations were contacted, 30 responded of which 28 provided input



II: Proposed next steps

- In accordance with the workplan, the secretariat will
 - Undertake a comprehensive analysis of the submissions received and prepare an information paper that strengthens the understanding of the roles of relevant institutions and agencies in supporting enhanced adaptation actions in developing countries, for consideration at AC5.



III: Topics for further guidance

The AC may wish to provide guidance on:

- Should a reminder be issued to those addressees who have not responded?
- Should a call be issued to organizations, especially regional centres and networks, that have not been included in the first call but that were recommended by the organizations that have responded?
- Should the scope of the call be broadened to include NGO's which provide significant support for adaptation in developing countries and who have already responded indicating their willingness to contribute?
- Should the call include an open question to organizations of how they propose their role could be strengthened under the Convention?

