

Sixth meeting of the Adaptation Committee Bonn, Germany, 29 September to 1 October 2014

Collaboration with the Technology Executive Committee

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its 6th meeting, may wish to:

- Take note of an oral report and the status of the TEC Briefs, as well as the time line for their finalization.
- Consider the proposals by the TEC on future collaboration and agree on next steps, as appropriate.
- Nominate a member to join the TEC's Task Force on adaptation.

Introduction

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP) requested the AC to engage and develop linkages through the COP with all adaptation-related work programmes, bodies and institutions under the Convention, as appropriate, including the Technology Executive Committee (TEC).¹ Similarly, the COP acknowledged the need for the TEC to achieve coherence and maintain interactions with other relevant institutional arrangements under and outside of the Convention.²

2. Since the inception of the AC the two Convention bodies have established a high level of collaboration, ranging from cross-participation in meetings and task forces, through the organization of a joint workshop on adaptation technologies,³ to the elaboration of two TEC briefs, as described below.

Issues for consideration and information

A - TEC Briefs on technologies for adaptation

3. As per activity 5.2 of the TEC's rolling work plan, the TEC is to prepare TEC Briefs on technologies for adaptation. Following its 8th meeting, the TEC agreed on the topics for these briefs (agriculture and water). The TEC, in collaboration with the AC, prepared the drafts of these briefs, which were considered at TEC 9 (August 2014). At that meeting the TEC was invited to provide further guidance on the two Briefs and to agree on a process for their finalization.

4. During a joint phone conference following that meeting it was agreed that revised drafts would be circulated to the TEC and the AC one last time in mid/end September, before obtaining the final approval from the TEC at the end of September..

B - Areas for further collaboration

5. As per activity 5.3 of its rolling work plan, the TEC proposed to conduct further work on technologies for adaptation, in collaboration with the AC in 2015. At TEC8, the TEC then requested its Task Force on adaptation to consider recommendations based on the discussions held during the workshop on adaptation technologies referred to in paragraph 2 above, on other areas of collaboration with the AC. These recommendations were shared with, and considered by, the AC inter-sessionally. At TEC9 (August 2014), the Task Force further revised and focused the proposed areas as indicated in the table below, based on inputs from the AC, for consideration by the TEC. The TEC subsequently requested its task force to further this work in consultation with the AC and to report back to TEC at its next meeting.

¹ Decision 2/CP.17.

² Decision 1/CP.16

³ See <http://unfccc.int/ttclear/pages/ttclear/templates/render cms_page?s=events_workshops_adaptationtechs>.



Proposed areas for TEC-AC collaboration	Scope/approach	Activity/Product
1. Linking TNA – NAP	a) Promotion of TNA and outputs of related TEC products, such as synthesis reports, in the development and progressive updating of the NAP process to enhance sustainability b) Identification of appropriate technologies, including their barriers and enablers, that could contribute to reduce most relevant vulnerabilities and enhance resilience; with a view to sustainably upscaling	- Dialogue/Workshop - Joint publication/living hand book
2. Good practices and lessons learned from the development, transfer, and implementation of technologies for adaptation	a) Identification of good/best practices and lessons learned in technologies for adaptation with a view to replicating b) Identification of gaps, barriers and enablers, including barriers in South-South cooperation, and exploring the role of a patent database c) Identification of technological challenges in implementing an iterative risk management approach	- Dialogue/Workshop - Living electronic inventory/hand book

C - Invitation to join the TEC's Task Force on Adaptation

6. The Chair and the Vice-Chair of the TEC, in a letter to the AC Co-Chairs dated 5 September 2014, expressed compliments for the collaborative work between the TEC and the AC and for the substantive contributions from members of the AC in the work of the TEC on adaptation, as carried out through the TEC Task Force on adaptation.

7. The TEC further noted that this collaboration could be further enhanced in the future, including by the continuous participation of the AC as a member in the Taskforce on Adaptation. This would benefit the TEC and the AC not only by ensuring a smooth communication flow, but also by enhancing synergy in the work area common to both bodies. The TEC therefore agreed to invite the AC to nominate one member to join the Task Force.

8. The current terms of reference of the Task Force will expire in October 2014. However, as per the TEC's two year rolling workplan for 2014–2015, it envisages pursuing further collaborative work with the AC in 2015, as described in section B above.

Possible action by the Adaptation Committee and next steps

9. The AC will be invited to:

1. Take note of an oral report and the status of the TEC Briefs as described in section A above, as well as the time line for their finalization;
2. Consider the proposals by the TEC on future collaboration as contained in Section B above, agree on next steps, as communicate these to the TEC;
3. Nominate a member to join the TEC's Task Force on adaptation.