

16th meeting of the Adaptation Committee
9-12 September 2019
Bonn, Germany

Day 1: 9 September 2019

1. Opening and welcome (Ms. Marianne Karlsen (Co-Chair))

The Co-Chairs of the Adaptation Committee (AC) officially opened the 16th meeting of the AC on 9 September 2019 at 10:20 hrs.

2. Adoption of the agenda (Ms. Marianne Karlsen (Co-Chair))

The [provisional agenda and annotations](#) for the 16th meeting of the AC was adopted.

3. Organization of work (Ms. Marianne Karlsen (Co-Chair))

The structure of the provisional agenda is based on the AC's workplan.

4a) Collaboration with other adaptation-related institutional arrangements under the Convention (Ms. Marianne Karlsen (Co-Chair))

AC members nominated to contribute to the work of other institutional arrangements under the Convention, as well as those who represented the AC at other meetings before, during and after the 50th sessions of the subsidiary bodies (SB 50), shared the resulting next steps via email with the AC for information and further consideration. This item will in particular focus on the longer-term mode of work of the AC with the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) and the Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform. Long term collaboration with other bodies under the Convention, including the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF), the Paris Committee on Capacity Building (PCCB) and Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (ExCom), including its Task Force on Displacement, that are already included in the AC's workplan will be discussed under the respective agenda items.

AC discussed further collaborative work with a view to promoting coherent action on adaptation under the Convention, as appropriate. LEG discussion for this agenda item will be on Wednesday when LEG chair can join via Skype.

Marianne--

- How can we as a committee find synergies with other committees in how we can maximize our collective resources across different bodies? How can the Adaptation Committee (AC) benefit from this rich, broader knowledge?
- Seeing adaptation cutting across committees and bodies now in a way that was not previously seen; we should be sure AC work is adding value to other bodies and is being seen broadly
- IPCC has received the Adaptation Committee's letters and has welcomed collaboration and so there is an opportunity to engage that should be taken advantage of
- Collaboration with Local Communities and Indigenous People Platform Facilitative Working Group (FWG of the LCIPP) will be beneficial to AC work. FWG of the LCIPP is present and previous meetings (2 during the most recent SB sessions) have seen many places where collaboration is possible. FWG was represented at this meeting.
 - Joint FWG-AC event on local and indigenous adaptation in Chile for COP 25— (Elvira (sp?) of FWG)
 - The working plan has major points: 1) with adaptation work with the exchange of knowledge with visibility of indigenous resilience in facing climate change, the socio-economic resilience as an adaptation strategy. FWG is looking for support to highlight this resilience capacity within indigenous communities throughout different socio-economic regions. Partners of indigenous communities in Africa are looking at water, in Latin America work would highlight capacity in integral management of food security and soil desertification. This exchange of knowledge is important for enhanced resilience and is the main function of the platform. 2) The capacity of showing different programmes and work from different countries that reconnects capacities and knowledge of indigenous people at local, national and regional levels.
 - Group response: (Marianne)-this will be the first joint event; will ask for the Secretariat's help in organizing this event. (Ms. Maria del Pilar Bueno (Co-Chair)) this is an exciting opportunity but not the only one with FWG, want to

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explore AC work plan on how to continue collaboration; (Ms. Navina Sanchez, Germany) we look forward to collaboration.

Summary

- The AC took note of the collaborative activities of AC members with other Convention bodies since SB 50.
- It welcomed the participation of the vice Co-Chair of the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform throughout AC 16.
- It agreed to organize a joint meeting on local and indigenous adaptation at COP 25 as a joint FWG-AC-LEG-NWP event, as previously informally discussed at SB 50.
- The AC also agreed on the importance of the local communities and IP perspectives and confirmed the intention of integrating it in its ongoing and future work, including the planned events.
- The AC welcomed the remote participation of the Chair of the LEG in a dedicated session on AC-LEG collaboration and agreed on a roadmap for future collaborative work.
- The AC also welcomed the remote participation of a member of the PCCB for a session dedicated to a joint event on gender planned for 2020.
- The AC highlighted the importance of strengthening the collaboration with other constituted bodies under the Convention on the issue of adaptation in order to create synergies and build coherence.

4b) Guidance to the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change (NWP) (Rojina Manandhar, NWP)

Background: In response to an invitation from SBSTA 48.1, AC 15 provided advice on the delivery of NWP mandates that relate to the work programs of constituted bodies, and on opportunities to align

- At the last meeting AC provided advice to NWP
- Today NWP gave overview of [Adaptation Knowledge Portal](#) (AKP)
 - AKP is an open-knowledge hub as part of UNFCCC process that does highlight up-to-date resources for NWP, NWP is working to get survey response within next month on NWP products on AKP regarding accessibility, applicability and clarity.
 - Partners and non-partners are able to submit documents on their own,
 - Partners' engagement in the work of the NWP (currently 380+ partners)
 - Actively engaging universities as partners now
 - Partners is a growing network
 - Knowledge to Action methodology –ecosystem, health. Scoping exercise and then est. expert groups (informal) and using those experts to refine knowledge and then actively work in how to distribute findings, working with partners and LEG on co-designing action based on knowledge gaps (action being joint events or other options) and eventually figure out what are the new knowledge gap after this cycle is complete.
 - 3 thematic areas so far
 - How can the work of NWP partners be better tracked?
 - They are featured in annual NWP progress report in context of thematic areas
 - Action pledges beyond the NWP scope that partners are welcome to submit (voluntary, a good way to see what else they are doing in a thematic context) (Voluntary means lack of incentive to respond in detail and frequently, not very up-to-date)
 - Ideas for the future
 - Actively track work of the partners by soliciting feedback
 - 2 Objectives for LAKI
 - Lima Adaptation knowledge initiative (LAKI) with University of Michigan, ICIMOD (International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development) to bridge priority knowledge gaps
 - Sharing IDed knowledge gaps

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- Convene interested experts to take action to close knowledge gaps
- Actively building new partnerships towards this end
 - Scale up to reach new regions
- General response to NWP presentation beyond some technical requests for IT updates on platform: concern of how to ensure AKP is not duplicative and can capture all the different work of partners who are not required to submit info
- Marianne—NWP will never be able to detailly track its 380 partners but is doing a good job.
- NWP response from AC questions—1) how to be a NWP partner, go to AKP and click Join for online form and NWP will get back to you about details regarding a focal contact, 2) different levels of tracking and modelling 3) some partners need a better sense of what they are doing 4) difficulty in content sharing with other platforms; currently many adaptation platforms link to each other as the best workaround.
- UNFCCC observer—NWP was the first space to discuss adaptation & have adaptation partners but currently the most underresourced. (before AC and Marrakesh Partnership)
- Red Cross/Red Crescent Climate Change (UNFCCC observer) —Instead of metrics/tools perhaps focus on 'stories of change' to better connect with future and potential partners about how the work of NWP is important

4c) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into the work of the Adaptation Committee, Ms. Meredith Ryder-Rude (US)

- At AC 14, members and observers were informed about gender-related activities under the UNFCCC and the AC subsequently agreed to incorporate gender as a cross-cutting consideration into all its activities. Mainstreaming a gender perspective into the work of the Adaptation Committee: Workplan ([AC/2019/17](#)) and a Concept note for a joint AC–PCCB event on identifying gaps and solutions related to incorporating gender considerations into adaptation planning and implementation ([AC/2019/18](#)). This includes:
 - a) Developing a plan for enhancing consideration of gender in adaptation action and in the AC workplan activities; and
 - b) Holding a joint meeting with the PCCB in 2020 to identify gaps and solutions related to incorporating gender considerations into adaptation planning and implementation.
- Group discussion about AC/2019/17 and AC/2019/18 documents. Q of how to fit into other initiatives and how gender can be incorporated throughout instead of siloed as it feels a bit in this document (one AC member)
- On AC/2019/17
 - The Gender Action Plan will be reviewed in Chile
 - Maybe Adaptation Communication could consider how to mainstream gender, similar with indigenous groups (Pilar, co-chair)
 - UNFCCC observer: workplan is unclear on how those outside the AC could engage on this topic
 - Red Cross/Red Crescent—gender mainstreaming is about more than just women attending, need to capture and promote their contributions
- AC/ 2019/18 (Jennifer Hanna, PCCB via Skype)
 - 22 submissions in response to request for ideas of how to mainstream gender in the formation and implementation of NAPs (National Adaptation Plans)
 - Discussion on sharing gender imbalances; this topic really is of interest to PCCB
 - Major topics to be considered for the event:
 1. Bridging the gap between gender mainstreaming needs and international support
 2. Promoting gender analysis in the NAP process: using sex-disaggregated data
 3. Reducing gender inequalities through NAPs by raising awareness and building capacity (PCCB's favorite)
 - Meredith (US) suggests merging options 2 and 3

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- Suggestions for where and when of the 2020 joint event are regional TEM-A, Sb53, Adaptation Futures (India), Korea Global Adaptation Week, Global NAP Expo (last one getting the most support from the AC)
- Practical Action (UNFCCC observer) suggested the 2020 Community-Based Adaptation (CBA) Conference in Thailand to get a more practitioner viewpoint, which was of interest to several AC members.
- PCCB for COP 25 is hosting 2nd capacity building hub and opportunity for all actors to share knowledge to action (how to implement ideas to help parties and other actors to take capacity building and other cross-cutting issues on board)

Summary Outcomes

- The AC welcomed the participation of a member of the PCCB in the discussion and agreed on a concept for a 2020 meeting on gender and adaptation to be held jointly with the PCCB.
- It agreed on two topics for the meeting:
- Promoting gender analysis in the NAP process: Using sex-disaggregated data; and
- Reducing gender inequalities through NAPs by raising awareness and building capacity
- The AC will continue the conversation with the PCCB and requested the secretariat to explore CBA 14 (Thailand, June 2020) as a venue for the meeting.
- The AC further considered and adopted its workplan on how to mainstream gender into its work.

5a) Adaptation Communications

The goal of Adaptation Communications is to draft supplementary guidance for voluntary use by Parties in communicating adaptation information at a high-level. [AC/2019/19](#) maps relevant existing guidance to inform the preparation of draft supplementary guidance for voluntary use by Parties in communicating adaptation information.

Background: The CMA (Conference of the Parties as the Meeting of the Parties of the Paris Agreement), in its decision 9/CMA.1, requested the AC to develop, by June 2022, draft supplementary guidance for voluntary use by Parties in communicating information in accordance with the elements contained in the annex to that decision. This is to be done with the engagement of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Working Group II and using relevant existing guidance as a starting point, as appropriate. The draft supplementary guidance is for consideration by the subsidiary bodies at their fifty-seventh sessions (November 2022) in the context of their consideration of the report of the AC. In the first half of 2019, the AC sent a letter to the IPCC Working Group II with information on the mandate and the timeline.

Discussion of document:

- Ms. Kulthoum Motsumi (Botswana) is concerned current draft of AC/2019/19 is more backward looking than forward looking. Other AC members point out they want to see what has been achieved in this.
- Marianne, co-chair-IPPC is an independent body, but AC cannot wait to hear back. Mandate to create the guidance lies with the UNFCCC and to coordinate with IPCC as appropriate so AC will work quickly on supplementary guidelines.
- Pilar, co-chair—this paper is a good basis and found the table to be useful. Challenge is to work with existing documents while creating something new to give an added value. Have some repeating issues and how do we take care of that?
- Marianne, co-chair—In recap, we need to make sure we aren't developing in parallel but what we do is added value, not to add burden, to Parties. AC will engage with IPCC, but AC work needs to progress independent of their engagement. Overall AC is happy with the outline of the report; next step is how to work further to populate it for draft supplementary guidelines. MPGs might be too narrow and may need to consider other vehicles.
- GIZ (UNFCCC observer)—currently developing web tool for adaptation communications derived from COP24 decision that could be a supplementary support for AC communication. To support alignment with other communications (NAPs, NDCs, etc.) and to be launched at COP25. Target group of web tool is for countries who want to develop a standalone communication document. Tool offers checklist so can help other countries as well. To present on GIZ adaptation.net and countries fill out questionnaire to receive guidance based on that questionnaire. Other organizations are welcome to contribute

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- Ms. Cecilia da Silva Bernardo (Angola) suggested that AC needed a task force to work on how to create the Adaptation Communications guidelines.

Breakout discussion of AC/2019/19 on Day 2 included questions of whether it made sense to focus (as in Table 3) on where there is overlap with existing implementation guidance or on where no guidance currently exists (as for the several new elements of the nine elements of Adaptation Communications). The meeting was broken up into two breakout sessions discussing the same topic so I can only report on my group. There was consensus that these Communications served a different purpose than the ones for reporting because the Communications are high-level. Another issue is that different Parties signed up for different things so many may not be generating biennial transparency reports (BTRs), which have a lot of adaptation points like those highlighted in AC/2019/19 Table 3. Observers were concerned that those drafting the communications in country might not know of all the on-the-ground adaptation work happening due to siloing. The second breakout discussing the Adaptation Communications timeline on Day 2 was closed to observers.

(Note: this topic went into breakout groups at the end of the day that lasted a while and final points of the summary items below occurred on the final day.)

Summary Outcomes

- The AC considered the document prepared for this meeting and agreed on a more detailed timeline with milestones to address the mandate.
- The AC took note of the letter from the IPCC dated 9 September 2019, including of the proposed meeting with the AC in the margins of COP 25, and agreed to meet with IPCC.
- The AC requested the secretariat to prepare a first outline of the draft supplementary guidance for further consideration by the AC by November.

5b) Methodologies for assessing adaptation needs

Background: The CMA, in its decision 11/CMA.1, requested the AC, in collaboration with the LEG, partner organizations of the NWP, users and developers of relevant methodologies, including academia and the private sector, to develop by June 2020 and to regularly update an inventory of relevant methodologies for assessing adaptation needs, including needs related to action, finance, capacity-building and technological support in the context of national adaptation planning and implementation, and to make the information available on the Adaptation Knowledge Portal (AKP). Said AC will prepare a technical paper on methodologies for assessing adaptation needs and their application, as well as on the related gaps, good practices, lessons learned and guidelines, for consideration and further guidance by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) at its fifty-seventh session (November 2022) in the context of its consideration of the AC report. The plan is for the AC to have finalized the inventory by June 2020 and to draft a technical paper throughout 2021 in order for it to be finalized by November 2022.

AC reviewed [AC/20019/20](#) on Inventory of methodologies for assessing adaptation needs in the context of national adaptation planning and implementation (AC16).

There was a large discussion around how to approach this work.

Approach 1 is a full inventory of the individual methods currently available.

Approach 2 is an overview inventory of available compendia and frameworks currently available. A value add could be analyzing structures of existing inventories and categorizing them by area of application.

The discussion was difficult as the co-chairs told the AC that there was really only funding for Approach 2, but many members pushed back saying that funding should not be the first issue because they were concerned Approach 2 lacked an added value but was just doing what had already been done. One member pointed out that 357 methodologies currently exist and even that list is too long for most Parties to go through and review. Clifford then asked how methodologies could be prioritized to help Parties select the best one for them.

Summary Outcomes

- The AC took note of the above-mentioned letter from the IPCC which also refers to this item.

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- The secretariat will prepare, by COP 25, different options for the inventory, visualizing them in mock-ups with associated cost estimates.
- The AC will identify potential users to work with the secretariat to make the product useful to the end user.
- The AC, with support from the secretariat, will prepare guiding questions for the mandated submissions that are due in 2021 for consideration by AC 17.

Day 2: 10 September 2019

5c) Modalities for recognizing the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties

Background: The CMA, in its decision 11/CMA.1, requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the AC and the LEG and in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, to prepare synthesis reports every two years starting in 2020 on specific adaptation themes, focusing on relevant lessons learned and good practices in developing country Parties. This mandate was issued in the context of the CMA's consideration of recognizing adaptation efforts of developing countries.

At its 15th meeting, the AC agreed on the following timeline to respond to this mandate: The AC would identify three to five themes based on its current work in the first half of 2019, in coordination with the Chair of the LEG. In the second half of the year the AC would agree on the topic for the first synthesis report and prepare an outline. The first synthesis report will be drafted in the first half of 2020 and finalized in the second half.

A [presentation](#) of the status of this item so far was given in hopes the AC would on a theme and discuss key elements of the first synthesis report on lessons learned and good practices in developing country Parties in the context of the recognition of efforts of developing countries.

3 potential topics for first synthesis report discussed:

1. Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation
2. Cost benefit analysis of adaptation options
3. How countries have been dealing with key climate hazards at national level (sea level rise, droughts, floods, etc.)

Pilar, co-chair reminded the AC that options should be considered in the context of the recognition of efforts of developing countries when using their own financial resources.

Much discussion and suggestions around merging several together (1&2 or 2&3 or 1&3-all on the table at some point in the discussion); a lot of energy around topic #3. Other topics will be taken on board for next report. Secretariat will take on board today's discussion for helping to limit the scope of #3. Some AC members were very eager for topic #1 (M&E).

- Mr. Clifford Mahlung (Jamaica) stated that whichever is chosen needs a bottom-up methodology where countries state what they are doing.
- Red Cross pointed out that for #3 it can be difficult to separate out the various hazards.
- Cecilia reminded the group that since the AC was a policy group the topic should result in a focus on best practices and lessons learned.
- Navina suggested narrowing #3 by looking at the local and national levels.
- Kultoum mentioned that vulnerabilities need to be defined by countries and had a question was around what climate information was accessible and what could be used.

(Note: this discussion also went into the final day, but summary outcomes are listed below for ease of reading.)

Summary Outcomes

- The AC agreed on the theme of "How developing countries are addressing hazards, focusing on relevant lessons learned and good practices" for its first synthesis report in the context of recognizing adaptation efforts of developing country Parties.
- It requested the secretariat to develop an initial draft for consideration by AC 17.

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6) Work of the Adaptation Committee's working group on the Technical Examination

Process on Adaptation (TEP-A)

Background: The TEP-A working group consists of members of the AC and nominees of the Green Climate Fund (GCF), LEG, SCF, TEC, and the Adaptation Fund, as well as of the Business and Industry nongovernmental organizations (BINGO), Research and Independent NGOs (RINGO), and Environment NGO (ENGO) constituencies. As in previous years, the group oversaw the 2019 technical expert meeting on adaptation finance, including the private sector, which took place on 25 and 26 June. The group also considered a theme for 2020, the final year of TEP-A, based on a reduced list of topics discussed at AC 15. Information on the group's work in 2019, as well as information on regional TEM-As, are contained in an information note prepared for the meeting ([AC/2019/22](#)).

The AC considered the information contained in document AC/2019/22 on progress made on the 2019 TEP-A and possible options for the final TEP-A in 2020.

Previously, the Adaptation Committee agreed to narrow down the list of potential themes for the 2020 TEP-A to a list of three, namely:

a) The 2°C and 1.5°C temperature limit at multiple levels (i.e., local, national and regional);

b) Education and training, public participation and youth to enhance adaptation action (highest number of votes in poll);

c) A summary of the TEM-A 2016-2019.

There was a lot of tension from AC members about the fact that the topics had been responded to through a poll and that the secretariat thought that was a legitimate process whereas AC members wanted to be making the full decision. There seemed less tension around the topic being chosen, it was mostly regarding the process for deciding. The three topics were presented for the AC to decide with the added detail that #2 had been highest in the polls. The topic was supposed to be chosen during the 15th meeting but the AC could not reach an agreement and had only managed to narrow it down to 3 options.

AC is asking for organizations to help AC with 2020 TEM-A.

Invited TEP-A working group and volunteer expert organizations to begin preparing for the 2020 TEP-S including by preparing a draft concept note and identifying contributions while bearing in mind the assessment of the 2019 TEM-A.

(Note: this discussion also went into the final day, but summary outcomes are listed below for ease of reading.)

Summary Outcome

- The AC welcomed the work of the TEP-A working group in 2019.
- For the 2020 TEP-A it approved the suggested topic of "Education and training, public participation and youth to enhance adaptation action" also reflecting on the outcomes of the TEM-A 2016 to 2019.
- The AC requested the working group, with the support of the secretariat, to work on a detailed concept for the 2020 TEM.
- It also agreed to submit reflections on the 2016-2019 TEP-A to the pre-2020 Stocktake and requested the secretariat to prepare a first draft.
- The AC finalized a set of draft recommendations to be included in the AC's annual report to the COP.

7c) Linkages between mitigation and adaptation

Background: In support of its objective to enhance the provision of technical support to developing country Parties for adaptation action in a coherent manner, the AC agreed to prepare, in the second half of 2019, an information document on linkages between mitigation and adaptation. At its 14th meeting the AC established a working group on this topic and tasked the working group to prepare a scoping note for the information document for the AC's consideration. At its 15th meeting the AC considered the outline of the paper and the timeline for its preparation and requested the working group, supported by the secretariat,

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to prepare the paper, taking into account the discussions, including relevant observer contributions, for consideration at AC 16.

The AC considered the information paper contained in document [AC/2019/24](#) and agreed on next steps. The conversation went quickly with very little commentary from AC members or observers.

Summary Outcomes

- The AC considered the draft information document prepared for the meeting.
- It took note of additional suggestions provided by AC members and observers and requested the secretariat to revise the document.
- The revised document will be shared with the AC by the end of November.

7d) Connecting short-, medium- and long-term adaptation planning at the national and subnational level, including data, financial flows and others

Background: Under its objective of providing guidance to Parties on planning and implementing adaptation action, the AC agreed to prepare, in the second half of 2019, a technical paper on countries' needs and solutions in relation to accessing, developing and using data systems for planning and implementing adaptation action. The AC's workplan also foresaw the preparation of two other technical papers: One on national experience in implementing adaptation action as a result of accessing financial flows, in particular from the GCF and other financial institutions under the Convention; and one on countries' needs and solutions in relation to accessing, developing and using data systems for planning and implementing adaptation action. A representative of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) attended AC 15 and held a presentation on the latter, which was much welcomed by the AC. At that meeting, the AC streamlined its flexible workplan to accommodate new mandates from COP 24 and CMA 1. It agreed to integrate the three reports into one and requested the secretariat to prepare an initial concept note for consideration at AC 16, with a view to producing the document in 2020.

The AC considered the concept note [AC/2019/25](#) and agreed on next steps for the preparation of the technical paper. Discussion agreed on the need to look at short, medium and long-term perspectives. When asked about monitoring and evaluation (M&E), the secretariat explained that the paper could include how data could support M&E.

Summary Outcomes

- The AC considered a draft concept note for the report.
- It provided guidance to the secretariat to focus the document on data, taking into account short-medium- and long-term perspectives and linkages of data needs to various stages in the adaptation process.
- It requested the secretariat to present a draft for consideration at AC 17.

8b) Capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding

Background: In its flexible workplan, the AC 14 agreed to provide guidance with a view to enhancing capacity-building for adaptation action under its workstream B: Providing technical support and guidance to Parties on means of implementation. The AC invited Parties and non-Party stakeholders to submit, by 15 July 2019, information on their capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding, including their experience, success and remaining challenges. These submissions were used to prepare an information document on Parties' capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding and on their successes and challenges in building in-country capacity.

The AC considered the information contained in document [AC/2019/27](#).

- Clifford hoped it will contain strong recommendations on accessing finance.
- Meredith highlighted that capacity building as a process should be linked to long-term development.
- Discussion of how there needs to be evidence that capacity building is being transferred and the need for long-term adaptation funding for in-country capacity building.
- Mr. Javier Antonio Gutierrez (Nicaragua) said the biggest cap is indigenous people.

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****Please let Pilar and Marianne know any possible activities you would suggest for building capacity around accessing adaptation funding. AC will work with PCCB, LEG and SCF.**

Many suggestions for possible activities based on the proposals made in the submissions and in consultation with the LEG, PCCB and the SCF. AC will now consult with these groups on some of the ideas. Proposals included everything from a workshop to follow-up webinars and something at the COP25.

Summary Outcome

The AC welcomed the draft document prepared for the session. It agreed to consult with the LEG, PCCB and SCF on follow-up activities with a focus on sustained long-term in-country capacity building in accessing adaptation funding and invited interested AC members and observers to provide further written comments on the document by Friday 20 September.

Breakout groups reported under Day 1's relevant topics.

Day 3, 11 September 2019

9c) 2019 Report on Adaptation under the UNFCCC by the Adaptation Committee

Background: The AC agreed to produce, in the second half of 2019, a report on the state of adaptation under the Convention. At its 15th meeting, it agreed on the scope and structure of the report to serve as an update of the 2013 report. It further agreed to amend the title of the updated 2019 report to avoid confusion with other upcoming reports in the context of the Global Stocktake (GST) and requested the secretariat to start preparing it.

The AC considered the draft report on adaptation under the UNFCCC, circulated by the secretariat before the meeting (but not available to observers) and provided some guidance on the report to the secretariat. Comments included good overall explanation, need for more graphics & simpler English for smoother reading in next version.

Summary Outcome

- The AC welcomed the draft report and provided guidance to the secretariat for its finalization.
- It agreed that more comments by the AC should be sent to the secretariat by Friday 20 September.

9d) Adaptation Forum

Background: The AC has held a series of Adaptation Fora with the objective of raising the profile of adaptation globally. In its 2019-2021 workplan the AC noted that it would hold an Adaptation Forum once a year, as appropriate.

2019 Adaptation Forum: Following the guidance of the AC's working group, the 2019 Forum took place in conjunction with the Korea Global Adaptation Week in April 2019, discussing the topic of "Engagement of the private sector in adaptation planning processes, including NAPs: Challenges and opportunities". The AC's Forum working group prepared a report on the meeting, which the secretariat issued as an interactive online information product.

2020 Adaptation Forum: The AC's Adaptation Forum group considered possible themes and venues for the 2020 Adaptation Forum and a representative of the group will be invited to present an oral report on progress made on this matter.

The AC was invited to take note of the report on the 2019 Adaptation Forum contained in the interactive information product. The AC discussed a topic and venue for the Adaptation Forum in 2020. Several AC members are interested in monitoring and evaluation, which the AC seemed happy with—particularly since AC already agreed to hold a 2020 meeting on communicating M&E results. Focus of venue had many proponents for the Adaptation Futures event but concern about how academic the venue was and if that was the right venue for the desired outcome. Regional meetings like climate weeks or regional TEM-As were also of interest but no agendas or dates set yet. AC will see which are arrangements for M&E at regional events might also be possible.

9a) Information Products

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-1 knowledge product on adaptation planning

-1 product on long-term adaptation planning and various approaches

Summary Outcome

The AC took note of its new information products and those that are still in production, including those considered under other agenda items. This includes:

- Various approaches to long-term adaptation planning
- The business case for private sector adaptation
- A toolkit for private sector engagement in adaptation action
- An interactive report on the 2019 Adaptation Forum

9b) Review and update of the Adaptation Committee's communications plan ([AC/2019/28](#)), including a social media strategy

--Meredith gave an overview of need for the new plan and its focus on simple language and not using jargon

--Translate the comms strategy to the actual projects presented

Summary Outcome

The AC considered and approved its revised communications strategy. It agreed to enhance its efforts to translate the structure into action and on the next steps contained in the document.

4a) Collaboration with other adaptation-related institutional arrangements under the Convention

The LEG chair joined over Skype, so this section was continued from Day 1. The LEG has a mandate to coordinate with the AC and a document of potential collaboration ([AC/2019/29](#)) was reviewed. LEG has already had their meeting and approved it; AC approved the roadmap for engagement during this session.

The LEG chair highlighted that the NAP Expo 2020 gender events would take place between 30 Mar-3 Apr 2020. Overall interest by AC members in this collaboration and how to move forward.

7a) Work of the Adaptation Committee Task Force on National Adaptation Plans (NAP Taskforce)

Background: The AC, at its 15th meeting, endorsed the workplan of the NAP Taskforce for the years 2019 to 2021 and provided further guidance for refining it. The AC also took note of an oral report on next steps for the implementation of the workplan and encouraged the taskforce to strengthen involvement of the members from other constituted bodies. The AC and its NAP Taskforce also took into account the request from the COP to the AC, "through its NAP Task Force and within its existing mandate and workplan, to consider gaps and needs that have been identified through relevant work of the LEG and the AC and how to address them and include relevant information thereon in its annual report for 2019". The AC further tasked its NAP Taskforce to include into its workplan suggestions on how to respond to the COP 24 invitation to "the AC in accordance with its mandate and workplan, and in collaboration with the Executive Committee, to assist developing country Parties in integrating approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change into relevant national planning processes, including the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, as appropriate".

The AC took note of an oral report by the Co-Leads of the NAP Taskforce on the implementation of the refined workplan, including on progress made in addressing the mandate to assist developing country Parties in integrating approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change. The AC considered the information contained in document [AC/2019/23](#) on gaps and needs related to national adaptation plans and how to address them.

--AC interested in talking with Displacement Task Force (includes the Red Cross) at the upcoming COP to discuss how to better collaborate since Kolthoum attended the last task force meeting in June where it was clear that there was interest of collaborating with AC. The AC will still need to create a list of potential ways to collaborate such as getting displacement expertise on documents like the Synthesis Report on Hazards.

--Gaps and needs for NAPs document focused on the following gaps and needs:

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- a) Climate scenarios, science, translation to local context
- b) Risk and vulnerability assessment and risk management
- c) Linkage with the development agenda
- d) Monitoring, evaluation and learning
- e) Accessing financial and other support
- f) Guiding principles
- g) Active learning from practice
- h) Institutional arrangements and coordination
- i) Access to and use of technology

-The completed table will be part of the LEG 36 report and the AC 2019 report.

Summary Outcome

- The AC took note of the oral report by the NAP taskforce and considered a document on gaps and needs related to the process to formulate and implement NAPs.
- It took note of the comments on the oral report and the document and invited interested AC members and observers to provide further written comments on the document by Friday 20 September. It requested the secretariat to update the document accordingly and circulate a revised version.

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(I was not there this day, so these notes come from the website and others who were in attendance.)

10) Report of the Adaptation Committee to the 25th session of the Conference of the Parties

The AC considered its draft report to COP 25 and requested the secretariat to complete the draft with the outcomes and recommendations agreed at AC 16.

11) Organization of inter-sessional work

The AC agreed to form working groups corresponding to its workstreams rather than to deliverables and for each working group to agree on intersessional workplans.

12) Dates for future meetings

The AC agreed to hold its next meeting (AC 17) from 24 to 27 March 2020 in Bonn (Tuesday-Friday).

13) Any other matters

No other matters were raised.

14) Closure of the meeting

Annex

Membership - Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee comprises 16 members including representatives from the five UN regional groups, SIDS, LDC, Non-Annex I and Annex I Parties, who shall serve in their personal capacity. *Italics indicates that they attended the 16th AC meeting.*

Name	Country	Constituency
Ms. Madeleine Diouf	Senegal	Africa
<i>Ms. Kulthoum Motsumi</i>	Botswana	Africa
<i>Ms. Liu Shuo</i>	China	Asia-Pacific
<i>Mr. Kazem Kashefi</i>	Iran	Asia-Pacific
<i>Ms. Iryna Trofimova</i>	Ukraine	Eastern Europe

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Mr. Vladimir Katsov	Russian Federation	Eastern Europe
<i>Mr. Javier Antonio Gutierrez</i>	Nicaragua	GRULAC
Mr. Julio Cordano	Chile	GRULAC
Mr. Frédéric Schafferer	France	WEOG
<i>Ms. Navina Sanchez</i>	Germany	WEOG
<i>Mr. Clifford Mahlung</i>	Jamaica	SIDS
<i>Ms. Cecilia da Silva Bernardo</i>	Angola	LDCs
<i>Ms. Maria del Pilar Bueno (Co-Chair)</i>	Argentina	Non-Annex I Parties
Mr. Naeem Ashraf Raja	Pakistan	Non-Annex I Parties
<i>Ms. Meredith Ryder-Rude</i>	United States of America	Annex I Parties
<i>Ms. Marianne Karlsen (Co-Chair)</i>	Norway	Annex I Parties

The COP, at its 17th session, decided that the Adaptation Committee shall comprise 16 members, who shall serve in their personal capacity, as follows:

- 2 members from each of the 5 United Nations regional groups
- 1 member from a small island developing State
- 1 member from a least developed country Party
- 2 members from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention
- 2 members from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention