

Further work in contributing towards the development of methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support by continuing to compile existing methodologies (decision 11/CMA.1, para 35)

First meeting of the AC-LEG joint working group, in collaboration with the SCF

1. Background

1. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA), at its first session, invited the Adaptation Committee (AC) and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG), in collaboration with the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF), and relevant experts to contribute to the technical work of developing methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support referred to in Article 7, paragraph 14 (c), of the Paris Agreement, by continuing to compile existing methodologies.¹

2. In response, the AC and the LEG have compiled relevant methodologies into a background paper² and, at AC 19 and LEG 39, respectively, both bodies decided to (i) continue compiling relevant methodologies as part of the Adaptation Knowledge Portal to complement the information basis; and (ii) to establish a joint working group, in collaboration with the SCF, tasked with agreeing on a joint way forward on the mandate including considering the need and scope of a possible thematic expert group

2. Joint working group

Table 1. The table below provides a list of members nominated to participate in the joint working group

Name	Constituted body
Ms. Funanani Muremi	AC
Ms. Iryna Trofimova	AC
Ms. Mariam Allam	AC
Ms. Shella Biallas	AC
Mr. Vladimir Kattsov	AC
Ms. Hana Hamadalla Mohamed	LEG
Mr. Kenel Delusca	LEG
Mr. Ram Prasad Lamsal	LEG
Ms. Sonam Lhaden Khandu	LEG
Ms. Gabriela Blatter	SCF

¹ Decision 11/CMA.1, paragraph 35.

² AC-LEG/INFO/2, version 01.1.

3. Proceedings

3. The first meeting of the joint working group took place virtually on 26 August 2021, from 14:00 – 15:30 CET. The following members participated in the meeting: Ms. Funanani Muremi, Ms. Iryna Trofimova, Ms. Mariam Allam, Ms. Shella Biallas, Mr. Vladimir Kattsov, Ms. Hana Hamadalla Mohamedv, Mr. Kenel Delusca, Mr. Ram Prasad Lamsal, Ms. Gabriela Blatter. Ms. Sonam Khandu sent her apologies.
4. The meeting was facilitated by Ms. Cecilia da Silva Bernardo. Ms. da Silva Bernardo also attended the meeting in her capacity as the AC-Co-Chair.
5. The meeting was opened through welcoming remarks by the LEG Vice Chair, Mr. Ram Prasad Lamsal, and the AC Co-Chair, Ms. Cecilia da Silva Bernardo.
6. The meeting comprised the following issues:
 - a) Introduction to the mandate and progress of work to date;
 - b) Developing an overall framing of adaptation under the Convention and the Paris Agreement to facilitate reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support provided for adaptation under the first global stocktake;
 - c) Identifying ways to structure the collected methodologies and to facilitate their navigation;
 - d) Mobilizing external expertise to assist in advancing the work.
7. Each issue was introduced by a short briefing of the secretariat and followed by a joint discussion. The meeting closed with the identification of next steps.

4. Summary of the discussion

4.1. Development of an overall framing

8. Regarding the development of an overall framing of adaptation under the Convention and the Paris Agreement to facilitate reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support provided for adaptation under the first global stocktake, the secretariat presented a conceptual framing of adaptation actions considering actions triggered through the UNFCCC process and those happening beyond. The diagram is included in annex 1. Members generally appreciated the diagram, noting that it will require revisions, and agreed that such a framing would assist in taking the work forward. It was suggested that a short technical note could be developed to accompany the diagram and that it could also be used to provide a framing to the background paper (AC-LEG/INFO/2, version 01.1). It was suggested that conducting a webinar with Parties and a range of other actors would be useful in seeking further views and ideas regarding the further development of the framing.

4.2. Ways to structure the methodologies

9. The secretariat provided an introduction on how the methodologies could be structured and posted on the Adaptation Knowledge Portal (AKP) including possible descriptive elements to be captured (see annex 2).
10. Based on the introduction, members discussed ways of presenting the collected methodologies in terms of their structuring, the elements of description, and ease of navigation.
11. Overall, members preferred the option of displaying the methodologies as a navigable list in a dedicated space on the AKP instead of having to find them via tagging or searches only. It was recommended to take into account previous experience with using the AKP for displaying methodologies for a defined thematic issue (e.g. Methodologies for assessing adaptation needs). In this regard it was suggested to develop a short navigational guide and/or a matrix to facilitate search and navigation of the methodologies. (See also comment above under the framing of adaptation discussion on the possibility to use the framing of adaptation being developed to, in turn, provide a framing to the background paper under AC-LEG/INFO/2, version 01.1). In this way, methodologies would be displayed according to type/element of the framing, that is, the function, rather than by who produced the methodology).

12. With regard to the elements of descriptions, suggestions were made in terms of adding or refining some of the elements presented as contained in annex 2. Suggestions were also made to add "Limitations of methodologies", "types of metrics applied by the methodologies" and "financial, technology and human capacities required to apply the methodologies" as descriptive elements.

13. Members suggested that further contributions from Parties and relevant organizations on methodologies continue to be sought to add to the four submissions that had been received to date and that the organization of a webinar could be a good approach in this regard. In addition, it was suggested that expert opinion be considered for the structuring of the methodologies and for this, an exchange and coordination with the IPCC WG II was recommended, e.g. through the suggested webinar.

4.3. Mobilizing additional external expertise

14. Members generally agreed that the mobilization of external expertise was desirable to assist the joint working group in advancing its work. However, they viewed that it was too early to establish a formal thematic expert group at this time, and that further substantive work, e.g. on the overall framing, was needed in order to identify specific areas where additional expertise may be required. Meanwhile they agreed on the organization of webinars and the engagement of individual experts, e.g. experts referred to in decision 11/CMA.1 paragraphs 34 and 35, from Parties, IPCC WG II, the UNEP Adaptation Gap report, in support of advancing the work, taking into account usual balance considerations.

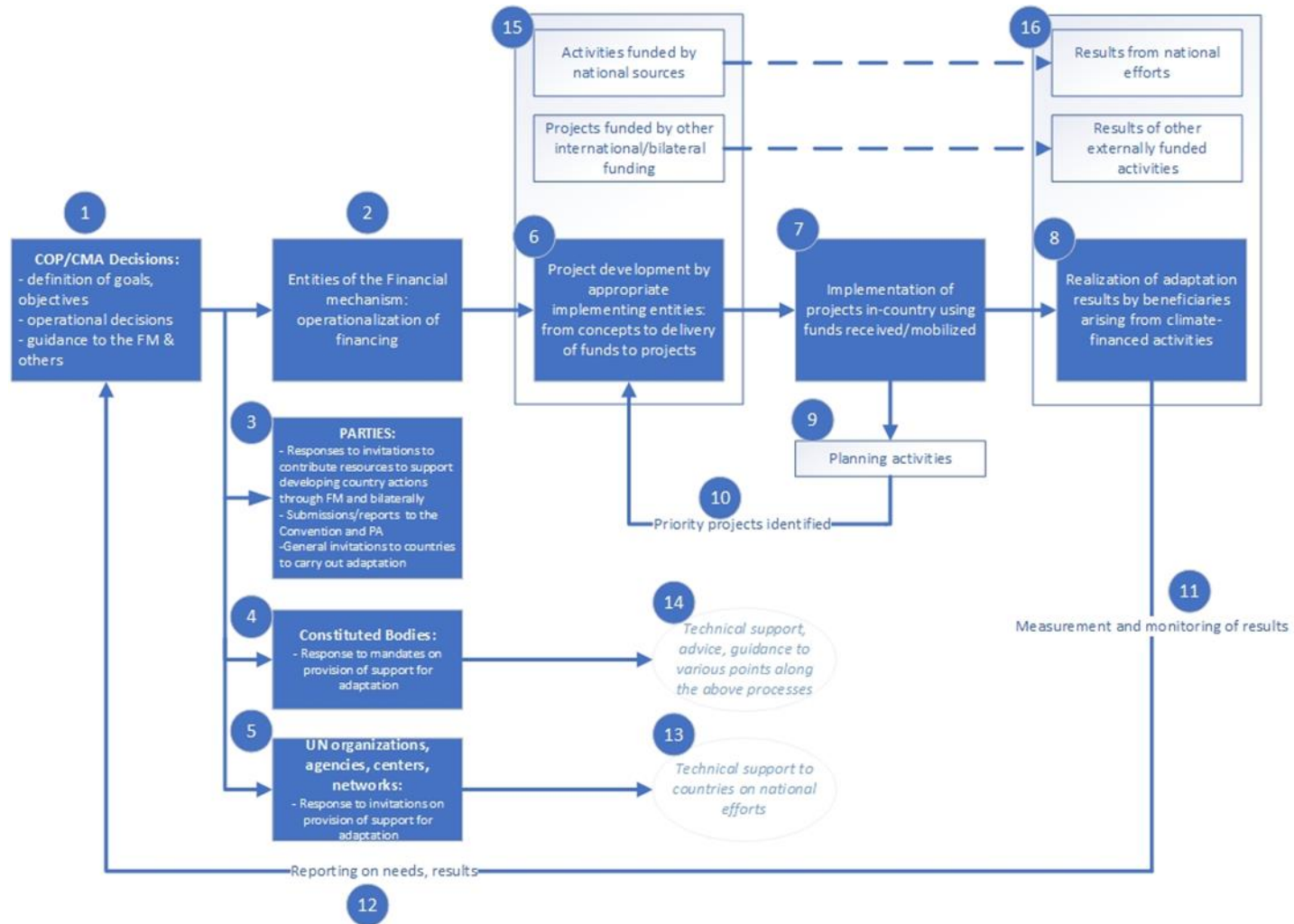
15. There was general agreement that each type of external expert engagement would require a set of targeted terms and guiding questions.

5. Next steps

16. Members agreed on the following next steps and preliminary timelines in advancing their work:

Next step	Preliminary timeline
Further reflect on the overall framing and draft a technical note to accompany the diagram presented during the meeting	September/October
Organize a webinar to expand collection of inputs to inform the work (e.g. on the overall framing and the further collection and structuring of the methodologies) guided by a clear set of questions, including external experts such as from the IPCC Working Group II	Q4/2021 or early 2022 (exact date tbd)
Revise the elements to be used to structure and describe the methodologies on the Adaptation Knowledge Portal (AKP) (considering the further conceptual work under the mandate as well as expert opinions, where relevant, e.g. through the above two steps)	After the webinar
Develop a document for navigating the methodologies on the AKP	Upon finalization of the structuring
Invite relevant experts (e.g. experts involved in IPCC WG II and the UNEP Adaptation Gap report and other relevant processes) to participate in all of the above next steps on the basis of clear terms and guiding questions	Ongoing

Annex 1: Conceptual framing of adaptation actions considering actions triggered through the UNFCCC process and those happening beyond



Annex 2: Possible descriptive elements for presenting each methodology on the Adaptation Knowledge Portal (*as presented at the meeting. The list will be revised to reflect suggestions from the meeting*)

- a) Title of the methodology
- b) Issuer
- c) Web link of the issuer
- d) Type of organization
- e) Focus of the methodology (adequacy of adaptation/adequacy of support/effectiveness of adaptation/effectiveness of support/combinations thereof)
- f) Level of application (global, regional, national, sub-national)
- g) Geographic region
- h) Description
- i) Further information
- j) Date of issuance/publication
- k) References
- l) Good practices and lessons learned.

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