

Advice to the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability, and adaptation to climate change

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its 19th meeting, will be invited to discuss the information contained in this document, in particular the possible elements of new advice in section 2. It may wish to request the secretariat to take action as appropriate.

1. Background and overview

1. In response to an invitation from SBSTA 48.1,¹ AC 15 and AC 17 provided advice on the delivery of NWP mandates that relate to the work programmes of constituted bodies, and on opportunities to align efforts with relevant bodies, workstreams and institutional arrangements. This was then communicated to the Chair of the SBSTA. The advice received, as well as information on progress made, was included in the NWP's annual reports of 2019² and 2020, respectively.³ The secretariat also delivered progress reports to AC 16 and AC 18.
2. Building on ongoing collaboration and recent mandates of the SBSTA, the AC also invited the provision of technical support from the NWP partners in respect of the work mandated to the AC by the CMA and other adaptation knowledge-related activities included in the AC's workplan of the AC, as appropriate.
3. It invited the NWP to share relevant findings of NWP workstreams with constituted bodies for their use and made recommendations on the improvement of the Adaptation Knowledge Portal (AKP),⁴ the central hub for adaptation knowledge generated by NWP partners and constituted bodies, and recommended the themes for the NWP's 13th and 14th Focal Point Fora (Oceans, 2019; and the link between climate change adaptation and biodiversity, 2020/2021), respectively.
4. The AC appreciates the regular progress reports on work undertaken by the NWP and will consider the outcomes in its discussions on its next flexible workplan, covering the years 2022-2024.

2. Possible elements of new advice

5. In its consideration of possible further areas of advice that have not yet been addressed, the AC may wish to reflect on its current and future priorities which will also guide the establishment of its new workplan:
 - a) The AC's support to the Paris Agreement, including the elements contributing to the global stocktake; and
 - b) The continuation of its ongoing technical work based on the five basic functions of the AC.

¹ Paragraph 19 of document [FCCC/SBSTA/2018/4](#).

² See document [FCCC/SBSTA/2019/INF.1](#).

³ See document [FCCC/SBSTA/2020/INF.1](#).

⁴ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NWPStaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

6. To supplement this, the NWP, its Lima Adaptation Knowledge Initiative (LAKI) and the new UN Climate Change and Universities Partnership Programme can on one hand furnish the AC with knowledge support on demand; and on the other hand, serve as a disseminator of information.
7. The AC may wish to communicate the following to the Chair of the SBSTA in the context of giving further advice to the NWP:
- a) The AC appreciates the knowledge support provided by NWP partners to the AC, in line with the AC's previous advice. The AC invites the NWP to continue providing this support and looks forward to future reports on progress made;
 - b) The AC welcomes the links established between the NWP network and other adaptation-related constituted bodies and takes note of identified areas for knowledge support to those bodies (see annex). The AC could invite the secretariat to regularly review the workplans of these constituted bodies with a view to identifying areas where further knowledge support could be provided, and to formally convey to the presiding officers of other constituted bodies the availability of NWP partner organizations to support targeted activities on the respective workplans, as well as to disseminate information produced by these bodies to the network of NWP partners. The AC also welcomes the links established between the NWP and the Lima work programme on gender and invites the NWP and its Lima Adaptation Knowledge Initiative (LAKI) to continue identifying and addressing knowledge gaps, including in implementing gender considerations in adaptation planning and policies;
 - c) With regard to the topic for the 15th NWP Focal Point Forum (FPF 15), scheduled in conjunction with COP 27 in 2022, the AC could consider aligning it with the topic it will select for its second synthesis report on recognizing adaptation efforts of developing countries, due in 2022. The AC will be invited to agree on a topic for its second synthesis report at AC 19 and could inform the NWP, through the Chair of the SBSTA, of the agreed topic after the meeting (see document [AC19/INFO/6D](#) for suggested themes). This way the information synthesized by the AC, based on national information submitted to the secretariat (NAPs, Adaptation Communications, NDCs, National Communications) could be supplemented by knowledge generated by NWP partners, including, as appropriate, through an expert group.
 - d) In terms of specific knowledge support required from NWP partners to the AC's work in 2021, the following concrete items can be identified. The NWP is invited to draw upon the outcomes in the context of the Lima Adaptation Knowledge Initiative and its thematic areas⁵ such as oceans, coastal areas and ecosystems and biodiversity and climate change, as well as collaborate with the NWP expert group set up on various thematic areas in supporting these areas of work. The AC may wish to invite the NWP to:
 - i) Contribute to the AC's and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group's (LEG) work on methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support. The AC and the LEG considered an overview of existing methodologies, based on submissions and other resources, and will contribute to further technical work by continuing to compile methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support. The AC will consider the modalities of this further work at AC 19 and will invite NWP partners to contribute as appropriate;
 - ii) Contribute to the AC's work on monitoring and evaluating adaptation (M&E). Activities on the AC's workplan on this topic include organizing an event for sharing existing knowledge on, and tools for, M&E,⁶ followed by the preparation of a technical paper featuring case studies on the development and application of M&E systems at various levels. The NWP could contribute by

⁵ The NWP will initiate its work on one of the priority thematic areas agriculture and food security in 2021.

⁶ At its 15th meeting the AC agreed that the key themes for the event will be communicating M&E results; sharing existing knowledge and tools on measuring progress of adaptation actions, also addressing data. The event was scheduled to take place during the Adaptation Futures 2020 conference in New Delhi, India, which has been postponed to 2021.

co-organizing the event, under the leadership of the AC, and by collecting new case studies and synthesizing information contained in the AKP.

- iii) Contribute to the AC's technical paper on *Priorities and needs: technologies for adaptation in agriculture, water resources and coastal zones; including experiences in stakeholder engagement and regulatory issues pertaining to the development, transfer and uptake of technologies in those sectors*. Here too, the NWP could contribute by collecting new case studies and synthesizing information contained in the AKP.
- iv) Contribute to the work conducted by the LEG and the AC on gaps and needs related to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, and ongoing activities of the LEG, the AC and relevant organizations related to addressing those gaps and needs.⁷ NWP partner organizations, including the universities in the context of the UN Climate Change and Universities Partnership Programme⁸ could express interest in addressing specific knowledge gaps and inform the LEG and the AC accordingly.
- v) Contribute to any events and forums conducted by the AC, and those that the AC is invited to collaborate on, as appropriate.

3. Possible next steps

8. The AC will be invited to discuss the information contained in this document, in particular the possible elements of new advice. It may wish to request the secretariat to take action as appropriate.

⁷ See <https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/workstreams/national-adaptation-plans-naps/gaps-and-needs-related-to-the-naps>

⁸ Graduate students, in the context of UN Climate Change and Universities Partnership Programme, are invited to focus the project on addressing a specific knowledge gap and need related to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans.

Annex: Overview of areas in which NWP partners can contribute knowledge support to other constituted bodies

The table below provides an overview of areas in which NWP partners can contribute knowledge support to other constituted bodies.

LEG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NWP partner organizations will continue to be mobilized to collaborate with the LEG in implementing its work programme for 2021. This will include implementing NAP-related activities and providing support to the LDCs, such as by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Gathering knowledge in support of the systems approach of the NAP-SDG iFrame, and supporting Open NAPs; (b) Supporting the organization of NAP Expos; (c) Contributing to the development of the integrative supplement; (d) Supporting the work of the LEG, for example through inclusion in the NWP eUpdate of calls for interest in activities in support of Open NAPs; (e) Collecting case studies relevant to formulating and implementing NAPs and collaborating with the LEG on determining best practices and lessons learned. • The NWP Expert Group for Oceans is developing a policy brief with the intent to facilitate access to, and funding by, the GCF via improved, high-quality proposals. The brief is intended to be a supplement to the GCF's upcoming Sectoral Guidelines for Ecosystems and Ecosystem Services (EES) geared specifically towards coastal and marine nature-based solutions. This brief also responds to the call for guidance on access to finance, which is highlighted in the integrative supplement to the technical guidelines for the formulation and implementation of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs).
CGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of relevant technical guides on reporting • Participation in the UN Climate Change and Universities Programme, which NWP is leading on • Engagement on CGE training workshops and webinars
PCCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge and information sharing and stakeholder engagement with relevant actors • Technical session on capacity building and adaptation at the Capacity Hub event planned for the COP 26 • Co-convene activities at the regional scale, especially through the Regional Climate Weeks and the LAKI
SCF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCF Forum on the topic "Finance for Nature-Based Solutions".
TEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-organize a deep dive thematic session on oceans and coastal areas (as a part of Technology day) with the NWP expert group on oceans led by IUCN/FEBA and TEC (March 2021) • Share information and examples compilation of good practices and lessons learned on RD&D by NWP partners • Support innovative approaches to deploy, disseminate, and scale up adaptation technologies (knowledge sharing and connecting with partners) • Collaborate with the oceans expert group and TEC to develop the concept note leading to various outputs for SB52

FWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and participate in dialogues, meeting and events organized under the LCIPP • Invite relevant Indigenous Peoples Organizations and other expert institutions engaged in the LCIPP work to be partners of the NWP • Indigenous people’s curricula and materials (to be discussed) • Interoperability and synergy between the LCIPP dedicated web portal and the AKP • IPO engagement on the thematic focus on biodiversity
Lima work programme on gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and connect the Lima work programme on gender with relevant partners to provide expertise and research on gender. For example: Global Gender Event at the Climate Dialogues which will be an opportunity for stakeholders to publicly share their plans on supporting the implementation of the LWPM/GAP • Mainstream gender issues through collaborations in ongoing adaptation activities.

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