

Work of the Adaptation Committee's Taskforce on National Adaptation Plans (NAP Taskforce)

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its 21st meeting, will be invited to consider the information contained in this note, including the flexible workplan of the NAP Taskforce for the years 2022-2024, and provide further guidance as needed.

1. Background

1. At its 8th meeting, the AC agreed its second workplan, covering the period 2016-2018, which was The NAP Taskforce was established by the AC in 2013 and serves as the panel within the AC that continuously looks at issues related to NAPs in coordination with the LEG, other constituted bodies and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism.¹ The NAP Taskforce comprises members of the Adaptation Committee and nominees from the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, the Standing Committee on Finance, the Technology Executive Committee, the Adaptation Fund, the Global Environment Facility and the Green Climate Fund.
2. At its 20th meeting the AC took note of the latest progress report by the NAP Taskforce² and approved the recommendations contained therein on the enhancement of the NAP Taskforce. The recommendations state that the taskforce is a well-established group, set to serve as a bridge between the constituted bodies working on adaptation in order to move forward in an informed and coherent manner in supporting developing countries in their national adaptation planning. A number of steps were agreed to enhance the use and impact of the NAP Taskforce, mindful of the value and aggregate expertise that nominated members from the AC and other six related bodies and institutional arrangements bring to the table. These include using the taskforce for multi-directional communication and information sharing, holding regular meetings, and seeking further inputs from other constituted bodies.
3. This note contains an update on the work of the NAP task force since AC 20 and reflections from the last meeting of the taskforce held on 24 February 2022. The flexible workplan of the taskforce for 2022-2024 is contained in the annex.

2. Update on the work of the NAP Taskforce since AC20

4. The AC report on navigating the landscape of support for the process to formulate and implement NAPs, and the related online resource, has been completed based on the guidance received at AC 20. The preparation of the report was led by the NAP Taskforce and received inputs from the taskforce members. The report and the online resource will be presented by the secretariat at AC 21 for the AC's information.
5. Members of the NAP Taskforce have also provided comments on the AC's draft 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.

¹ <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/adaptation-committee-ac/AC-NAPTF>.

² See document [AC20/INFO/6A](#).

6. The information document on Parties' capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding and on their successes and challenges in building in-country capacity was finalized at the end of 2021,³ also with inputs from members of the Taskforce.

3. Reflections from the last meeting of the NAP Taskforce

7. The NAP Taskforce's first meeting of the year took place on 24 February 2022 to discuss overall focus of the work of the task force in light of the AC workplan for 2022–2024, and to consider the taskforce' draft flexible workplan accordingly. The meeting was attended by representatives of the AC, the Global Environment Facility (GEF) secretariat, the Green Climate Fund (GCF) secretariat, the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) and the Technology Executive Committee (TEC).

8. The meeting started off with initial reflections on key issues that could contribute to advancing adaptation, including the importance of aligning efforts towards the global goal on adaptation; setting tangible milestones; such as for all developing countries to have a NAP in place by a particular date; transformational approaches in both adaptation planning and implementation and in the provision of support; promoting the scaling up and out of adaptation actions; and the importance of climate finance from all sources in enabling ambitious progress on adaptation.

9. The second topic for discussion focused more closely on the NAP Taskforce as such. Members discussed what role the Taskforce could play to help achieve this ambition, keeping in mind the advantages that the NAP Taskforce has as a group (i.e. legitimacy under the UNFCCC and convening power). Members also exchanged views on what practical action the taskforce can take, and who can it engage.

10. The following broad suggestions were made:

- a) The different constituted bodies/organizations avail of different mandates and modalities to support countries. This complementarity is a strength of the taskforce if used in a synergetic way.
- b) Defragmentation of the wealth of efforts to support adaptation planning and implementation is necessary. Annual thematic overview reports can help Parties to gain a full overview, and based on such reports the NAP Taskforce could identify entry points. Noting that COP 27 will be branded as an implementation COP, members could think of possible entry points by mid-year that could flow into COP 27 and the GST.
- c) Similarly, technical support and guidance features on the workplans of several constituted bodies, and a broad range of guidelines and tools to provide this exist. The AC, through the NAP Taskforce, could take on a navigation function.
- d) Many gaps and needs have been identified by the constituted bodies, and the AC and the LEG have made an effort of capturing them in an overview. The NAP Taskforce could take stock of how the different bodies have addressed them, and how the gaps and needs can be matched to the available tools and types of support.

3.1. Flexible workplan of the NAP Taskforce for 2022-2024

11. The secretariat presented the draft flexible workplan of the NAP Taskforce, which is structured according to the workstreams of the AC's workplan for 2022–2024. Key activities include supporting the AC in the following areas:

- a) Catalysing synergy and collaboration in awareness-raising, outreach and information sharing;
- b) Supporting AC preparation of relevant technical material including on gender-responsive adaptation; application of traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems in adaptation; policy briefs in addressing capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding; application of monitoring and evaluation systems;
- c) Helping design and deliver relevant events of the AC including dialogues;
- d) Contributing towards the design and implementation of the NAP Expos.

³ <https://unfccc.int/documents/302884>.

12. The following reflections were made to inform the finalization of the workplan:
- a) The Taskforce could prepare a synthesis report on NAP-related information – drawing upon reports such as the Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows prepared by the Standing Committee on Finance, the Adaptation Gap Report by the United Nations Environment Programme, information from multilateral development banks, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, independent evaluations of the GEF and the GCF, and work of the AC and the LEG – to provide an overview of the status of NAP formulation and implementation, actors and scale of support, challenges and gaps, and recommendations to bridge the gaps. It would be worth noting that a similar activity is contained in the AC workplan. Members noted existing work of the AC and the LEG in particular, which the synthesis report will need to be coordinated with;
 - b) Mapping of the gaps and needs related to the formulation and implementation of NAPs against available tools and support, with a view to mobilizing experts and organizations to address those, to complement the existing work of the AC and the LEG on this matter.
13. The meeting also agreed to identify specific entry points and areas of coordination between the activities of the NAP Taskforce and the work of the respective bodies and entities participating in the taskforce.

4. Next steps

14. Members of the NAP Taskforce agreed on the following next steps:
- a) The Taskforce will keep its workplan flexible and open to further changes and additions;
 - b) The next meeting of the Taskforce will take place in early May 2022;
15. All members of the Taskforce to identify possible entry points and areas of coordination to further inform the work of the Taskforce.

Documentation information

<i>Version</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
01.0	17 March 2022	AC21 The annex of this document contains the flexible workplan of the NAP Taskforce for the years 2022-2024, for further guidance as needed by the AC.

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Annex: Flexible workplan of the NAP Taskforce for 2022-2024

AC workplan workstream	2022	2023	2024
Workstream 2: Awareness-raising, outreach and information-sharing	Identify synergies and explore collaborations in awareness-raising, outreach and information-sharing plans and activities of the members of the Taskforce	Identify synergies and explore collaborations in awareness-raising, outreach and information-sharing plans and activities of the members of the Taskforce	Identify synergies and explore collaborations in awareness-raising, outreach and information-sharing plans and activities of the members of the Taskforce
Workstream 3: Providing technical support and guidance on adaptation planning and implementation, including means of implementation, at the national and subnational level	Prepare a policy brief on progress, good practices and lessons learned in prioritizing / incorporating gender responsive adaptation action	Prepare a policy brief on progress, good practices and lessons learned, challenges and opportunities in the application of traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems in adaptation	
	Finalize the online information resource for NAP support on NAP Central	Update the online information resource for NAP support on NAP Central	Update the online information resource for NAP support on NAP Central
		Contribute to the design and delivery of the AC dialogue at SB 58 on closing capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding, and to the preparation of action-oriented briefs or case studies to demonstrate how such capacity gaps could be closed	Contribute to the design and delivery of the AC dialogue at SB 60 on closing capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding, and to the preparation of action-oriented briefs or case studies to demonstrate how such capacity gaps could be closed
	Contribute to the organization and delivery of NAP Expos	Contribute to the organization and delivery of NAP Expos	Contribute to the organization and delivery of NAP Expos
	Support the AC in designing and delivering at the NAP Expo the event on understanding and strengthening engagement of the private sector in adaptation (see AC workplan for 2022-2024 for details)	Support the AC in designing and delivering at the NAP Expo the event on understanding and strengthening engagement of the private sector in adaptation (see AC workplan for 2022-2024 for details)	Support the AC in designing and delivering at the NAP Expo the event on understanding and strengthening engagement of the private sector in adaptation (see AC workplan for 2022-2024 for details)
Workstream 4: Providing technical support and guidance on reviewing subnational, national and overall adaptation progress	Support the AC in developing the technical paper featuring case studies on the development and application of monitoring and evaluation systems at the national and subnational level (see AC workplan for 2022-2024 for details)	Supporting adaptation monitoring and evaluation related activities of the AC	Supporting adaptation monitoring and evaluation related activities of the AC