

The 22nd AP Seminar

Discussion on M&E under the Adaptation Committee

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Adaptation in UNFCCC

- Article 2 (Objective)

The ultimate objective of this Convention and any related legal instruments that the Conference of the Parties may adopt is to achieve, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention, stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system. Such a level should be achieved within a time-frame sufficient to **allow ecosystems to adapt naturally to climate change, to ensure that food production is not threatened and to enable economic development to proceed in a sustainable manner.**

Adaptation in UNFCCC

Article 4 (Commitments)

- 1 All Parties, taking into account their common but differentiated responsibilities and their specific national and regional development priorities, objectives and circumstances, shall:
(e)....**Cooperate in preparing for adaptation** to the impacts of climate change; develop and elaborate appropriate and integrated plans for **coastal zone management, water resources and agriculture**, and for the **protection and rehabilitation of areas**, particularly in Africa, affected by drought and desertification, as well as floods...
- 4 The developed country Parties and other developed Parties included in Annex II shall also assist the developing country Parties that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change in meeting costs of adaptation to those adverse effects.

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- COP16 Decision 1
- 11. Agrees that adaptation is a challenge faced by all Parties, and that **enhanced action and international cooperation on adaptation** is urgently required to enable and support the implementation of adaptation actions aimed at **reducing vulnerability and building resilience in developing country Parties**, taking into account the urgent and immediate needs of those developing countries that are particularly vulnerable...
- 13. Decides to hereby establish the **Cancun Adaptation Framework** encompassing the provisions laid out below, with the objective of enhancing action on adaptation, including through international cooperation and coherent consideration of matters relating to adaptation under the Convention...

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Cancun Adaptation Framework

Adaptation Committee (AC)

Implement technical assistance to Parties to promote the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention

National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)

Develop mid-long term national adaptation plans for LDCs

Work Programme on Loss & Damage (L&D)

Develop work programme to consider approaches to address L&D associated with climate change impacts in developing countries

Nairobi Work Programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change

Assist all Parties, in particular developing countries, including the least developed countries and small island developing States

Adaptation Fund

Adaptation Committee: 3-year workplan

Activity 14

Conduct a **workshop on the monitoring and evaluation of adaptation**, building on and contributing to existing processes related to this topic

Milestones/deliverables	Time frame	Responsibility
Scoping paper to determine the focus, level and other aspects of the workshop, in order to ensure that the workshop is useful to Parties in implementing enhanced adaptation actions	First quarter of 2013	Adaptation Committee, supported by the secretariat
Workshop and report on the workshop <i>>Plan to be held in Fiji early September</i>	Second quarter of 2013	Adaptation Committee, in cooperation with the secretariat and relevant organizations
Identification of recommendations and guidance for consideration by the COP, as appropriate and as needed, with a view to providing technical support and guidance to Parties, in order to facilitate the enhanced implementation of adaptation actions	Fourth quarter of 2013	Adaptation Committee

AC Scoping Paper (AC/2013/7)

- In light of the complexity and long-term nature of climate change and its impacts, **it is essential that adaptation be designed as a continuous and flexible process and subject to periodic review.** Knowledge and information gained from monitoring and evaluation of adaptation actions should thus feed back into the adaptation process to ensure that future adaptation efforts are successful.

AC Scoping Paper (AC/2013/7)

- The purpose of **monitoring** is to **keep track of progress made in implementing a specific adaptation action in relation to its objectives and inputs**, which include financial resources. Monitoring enables planners and practitioners to improve adaptation efforts by adjusting processes and targets. It should be carried out during implementation, as well as during the lifetime of the adaptation action and in some cases beyond.

AC Scoping Paper (AC/2013/7)

- **Evaluation** is a process for **systematically and objectively determining the effectiveness of an adaptation action**. Evaluation can be carried out during implementation (ongoing/interim evaluation), at the completion of implementation (final evaluation), and/or some years after completion (post evaluation). Assessing effectiveness involves two questions: first, have the objectives and targets been achieved? And second, can this achievement be attributed to the adaptation measure taken?

Guiding Questions for Workshop

The Adaptation Committee agreed to focus the workshop on three guiding questions:

Q1

Given the diverse set of indicators that currently exist to measure and evaluate adaptation, how can communities, countries and development and adaptation agencies build on a common understanding of success in achieving climate resilience?

Q2

How can a framework be created that links individual assessments with national level assessments to broaden the focus from the means of achieving outcomes (individual interventions) to the desired end result (countries' becoming less vulnerable and having more adaptive capacity)?

Q3

How can results from monitoring and reporting be reported and disseminated so as to ensure that they are fed back into the respective adaptation process but also to allow for lessons learned and good practices identified

Schedule of M&E Workshop

organize the workshop as follows:

Day 1

- Introduction
- What is meant by success in adaptation?
- How do we measure success in adaptation?

Day 2

- Linking M&E of adaptation with national planning and development frameworks
- Linking national and project level assessments – Monitoring
- Linking national and project level assessments – Evaluation.

Day 3

- Feedback from M&E
- Looking into the future – Ways to enhance M&E of adaptation