

Decision 3/CP.20

National adaptation plans

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 1/CP.16, 5/CP.17, 12/CP.18 and 18/CP.19,

1. *Decides* that a revision of the initial guidelines for the formulation of national adaptation plans is not necessary at this time;
2. *Recognizes* that the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans is fundamental for building adaptive capacity and reducing vulnerability to the impacts of climate change;
3. *Reiterates* that the national adaptation plan process is a country-driven, gender-sensitive, participatory and fully transparent approach, taking into consideration vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems, and should be based on and guided by the best available science and, as appropriate, traditional and indigenous knowledge, with a view to integrating adaptation into relevant social, economic and environmental policies and actions, where appropriate;
4. *Recognizes* the continuous, iterative and long-term nature of the national adaptation plan process, and that the national adaptation plans can serve as an important tool for ensuring a common understanding and for communicating progress made towards both reducing vulnerability and integrating climate change adaptation into national and development planning;
5. *Acknowledges* the importance of communicating, in a flexible manner, what the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans involves, as well as the outputs and outcomes of that process;
6. *Decides* that there is a need to enhance the reporting on the process to formulate and implement the national adaptation plans;
7. *Notes* that there is a need to strengthen the existing reporting related to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans under the Convention;
8. *Decides* to explore options for enhancing reporting related to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans as a part of the workshop referred to in document FCCC/SBI/2014/8, paragraph 106, and the review to monitor and evaluate progress made on the national adaptation plan process referred to in decision 5/CP.17, paragraph 37;
9. *Invites* least developed country Parties and other interested developing country Parties that are not least developed countries that may wish to do so to forward outputs, including national adaptation plan documents, and outcomes related to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, to the NAP Central;
10. *Decides* to further consider how to enhance reporting related to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans at the forty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (June 2015);
11. *Requests* the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, in collaboration with the Green Climate Fund, as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism, to consider how to best support developing country Parties in accessing funding from the Green Climate Fund for the process to formulate and implement

national adaptation plans, and to report thereon to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its forty-second session.

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12 December 2014*