

Decision 4/CP.21

National adaptation plans

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 1/CP.16, 3/CP.17, 5/CP.17, 12/CP.18, 18/CP.19 and 3/CP.20,

Acknowledging that the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans is still in its early stages,

Noting with appreciation the pledges made by contributing Parties to the Green Climate Fund,¹

Noting with concern the lack of funding in the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans,

Noting with appreciation the contributions made by developed country Parties to the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund,

Emphasizing the need to align technical support provided to developing country Parties for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans with the principles, terminology and guidelines for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans contained in decision 5/CP.17 and subsequent related decisions,

Welcoming relevant publications of the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group pertaining to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans disseminated at this session,

Noting decision B.11/04 of the Board of the Green Climate Fund on the readiness programme implementation (progress report),² whereby it reaffirms that it may support a voluntary country-driven national adaptation planning process through its readiness and preparatory support programme, in coordination with other programmes and channels,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the progress made by developing country Parties in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;³
2. *Welcomes* the submission by Burkina Faso and Cameroon of their national adaptation plans through NAP Central,⁴ and *encourages* other Parties to forward relevant outputs and outcomes related to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans to NAP Central as they are invited to do in decision 3/CP.20, paragraph 9;
3. *Notes* that gaps and needs remain in relation to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, including in terms of access to financial support, data and reporting;
4. *Acknowledges* that it is too early to assess how the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans has contributed towards reducing vulnerability to climate change and that the measures undertaken by countries to date constitute incremental

¹ See <<http://www.greenclimate.fund/contributions/pledge-tracker>>.

² Green Climate Fund Board document GCF/B.11/06. Available at <<http://www.greenclimate.fund/-/b-11>>.

³ See documents FCCC/SBI/2015/19 and Corr.1 and FCCC/SBI/2015/TNF.11.

⁴ <<http://unfccc.int/nap>>.

steps towards achieving the objectives of the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;

5. *Notes* the progress made by some Parties in integrating climate change adaptation into relevant new and existing policies, programmes and activities, in particular development planning processes and strategies within relevant sectors and at different levels of decision-making;

6. *Invites* the Green Climate Fund, as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism, in accordance with paragraphs 36 and 40 of its governing instrument,⁵ to consider how to improve access to financial support for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;

7. *Also invites* developed country Parties to contribute to the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund;

8. *Encourages* United Nations organizations, specialized, bilateral and multilateral agencies and other relevant organizations to continue their efforts to coordinate support for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;

9. *Invites* United Nations organizations, specialized, bilateral and multilateral agencies and other relevant organizations to consider the gaps and needs, identified in the reports prepared on this matter,⁶ related to the provision of financial and technical support to developing country Parties for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;

10. *Requests* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and the Adaptation Committee to consider how they can provide more information on accessing funding from the Green Climate Fund for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans and to include such information, as appropriate, in their reports;

11. *Also requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to assess progress made in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans at its forty-eighth session (April–May 2018), with a view to making recommendations thereon to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate;

12. *Decides* on the following actions and steps necessary for the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to initiate the assessment referred to in paragraph 11 above:

(a) To invite Parties and relevant organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 1 February 2018, information on their progress made towards the achievement of the objectives of the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, experiences, best practices, lessons learned, gaps and needs, and support provided and received in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;

(b) To invite Parties to provide information, guided by a questionnaire,⁷ on an ongoing basis through NAP Central;

(c) To request the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report on the progress made towards the achievement of the objectives of the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, experiences, best practices, lessons learned, gaps and needs, and support provided and received in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, taking into account information contained in national reports under the Convention, the information referred to in paragraphs 12(a) and (b) above, information

⁵ Decision 3/CP.17, annex.

⁶ FCCC/SBI/2015/INF.6, FCCC/SBI/2015/INF.11 and FCCC/SBI/2015/INF.14.

⁷ Based on the questions contained in document FCCC/SBI/2015/10, annex II.

from relevant events, including the NAP Expos, and information from other relevant sources;

(d) To request the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, in collaboration with the Adaptation Committee, to organize a meeting of Party experts, at which the report referred to in paragraph 12(c) above would be considered, with a view to providing a summary of progress made in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;

(e) To request the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, in collaboration with the Adaptation Committee and with the support of the secretariat, to prepare a report on the meeting referred to in paragraph 12(d) above, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its forty-eighth session in its assessment of progress made in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;

13. *Also decides* that the assessment referred to in paragraph 11 above should take into account all the guiding principles of the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans contained in decision 5/CP.17, paragraph 3;

14. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat pursuant to the provisions contained in paragraph 12 above;

15. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

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